



THE ROYAL HOUSE OF HANNOVER

**FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF THE GUELPHS**





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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS TRACING THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE GUELPHS!

The former Kingdom of Hannover and modern-day Lower Saxony were shaped by the Hanoverian monarchy over the course of centuries. The coronation of George Louis, Prince of Hannover, as the British King in 1714 laid the foundations for 123 years of Hanoverian rule in Great Britain. During their reign, THE GUELPHS, the oldest royal house in Europe, shaped the history of Europe, America and the entire world.

To this day, there remains a multitude of evidence of their reign in and around Hannover. Marienburg Castle, the state capital of Hannover with the Herrenhausen Gardens, and the royal seat of Celle offer insights into life at court in centuries past.

Embark on a ROYAL JOURNEY of discovery themed around the cultural treasures of the Kingdom of Hannover and visit various events and royal sites. We have made some special arrangements for this. We'll be happy to make a special offer for you or your travel group.

We hope you have a great time and some unforgettable experiences on your trip!

ELECTRESS SOPHIE OF THE PALATINATE (OF HANNOVER) 1630–1714

*Mother of George I, King of Great Britain
Creator of the Great Garden in Herrenhausen*



GEORGE I 1660–1727

*Duke of Braunschweig-Lüneburg, Prince of Braunschweig-Lüneburg from 1698 (Electorate of Hannover),
King of Great Britain from 1714*

GEORGE II 1683–1760

*Prince of Hannover and
King of Great Britain and Ireland*



SOPHIE DOROTHEA OF HANNOVER 1687–1757

*Daughter of George I, wife of
Frederick William II of Prussia
and mother of Frederick the Great*

GEORGE III 1738–1820

*Prince of Hannover and
King of Great Britain and Ireland*



CAROLINE MATHILDE 1751–1775

*Wife of Christian VII, Queen of Denmark and
Norway. She was banished to Celle in 1772, where she
lived until her untimely death at the age of just 23.*

GEORGE IV 1762–1830

*King of Hannover and King of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland*



WILLIAM IV 1765–1837

*King of Hannover and King of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
☞ 1837 End of the personal union*

ERNST AUGUSTUS 1771–1851

*Duke of Cumberland,
King of Hannover from 1837*



GEORGE V 1819–1878

*King of Hannover
☞ 1866 Dissolution of the Kingdom of Hannover*



MARIE 1818–1907

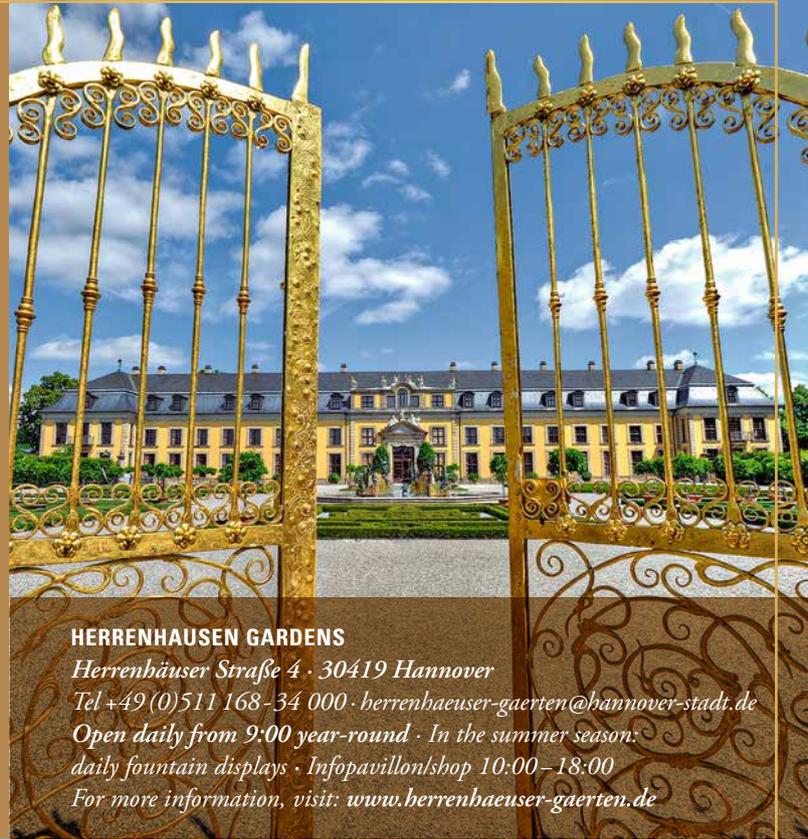
*Queen of Hannover. She was given Marienburg Castle
by George V as a gift for her 39th birthday.*

HERRENHAUSEN GARDENS

STROLL IN 17TH CENTURY STYLE

It's one of Europe's most beautiful parks and, for over 300 years, the HERRENHAUSEN GARDENS have represented the highest level of garden design and culture. "The garden is my life," said Electress Sophie, whose son George Ludwig ruled as Prince of Hannover and King of Great Britain (George I). The Russian Czar Peter the Great danced in Herrenhausen; not only that, but Herrenhausen once played host to Georg Friedrich Händel making music and polymath Leibniz pondering the endlessness of God's creation. The former summer residence of the Guelphs still gives a sense of the royal lifestyle to this day.

An authentic Baroque garden still exists in the form of the GROSSER GARTEN, with its formal layout, magnificent parterre, historical Garden Theatre, fountains and the Grotto designed by Niki de Saint Phalle. Since 2013, the rebuilt Herrenhausen Palace has housed a museum. Temporary exhibitions showcase Baroque treasures and present famous figures from the history of Hannover.



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Horticulture enthusiasts will find plenty to discover in the BERGGARTEN. This botanical garden is home to over 12,000 different flourishing plant species as well as various greenhouses, one of which contains one of Europe's largest orchid displays.

The Berggarten is also the site of the mausoleum of the Royal House of Hannover. Electress Sophie and King George I of Great Britain are buried here along with their descendants.

It is well worth taking a stroll to the Wilhelm Busch Museum while visiting the GEORGENGARTEN, with its English-style design and idyllic scenery. The garden is also home to the Leibniz Temple, with 12 ionic columns and a marble bust, which honours the memory of the Hanoverian polymath.

Beginning in May, the Herrenhausen Gardens transform into a ballroom. Adorned with thousands of summer blossoms and potted plants, the gardens host various events such as the International Fireworks Competition and the Garden Festival in the Georgengarten.

Guided tours of the Herrenhausen Gardens reveal their lush diversity and history.



Now having finally woken from a long, deep sleep, Marienburg Castle has become what Queen Marie always dreamed it would be: a hub of music, art and culture. In the high season, there are daily castle tours leading through the fully furnished rooms, which have been maintained in an almost original state. Themed tours and evening tours add depth to the various historical and modern aspects of the castle.

The Castle Restaurant housed in the converted stables and the large inner courtyard invites visitors to enjoy the historical atmosphere. The ceiling-high columns, metre-high mirrors and hand-forged brass chandeliers create a sense of refinement and charm. Top-class concerts and events for all age groups complete the diverse programme.

MARIENBURG CASTLE

A MONUMENT TO LOVE

When King George V of Hannover gave the gift of Marienburg Castle to his wife, Queen Marie, all those years ago, he could not have suspected that this demonstration of his love would one day be among Germany's most impressive neo-Gothic architectural monuments. This neo-Gothic-style palace held a special place in the heart of its owner, who nicknamed it "my little El Dorado". It was constructed between 1858 and 1867 on the legendary Marienberg mountain, which was said to be inhabited by dwarves.

But fate had other plans: the King, who was blinded at a young age, would never set eyes upon his gift and his beloved wife Marie would never really live there. In 1866, before the Castle was completed, the Prussians forced King George V and his son into exile in Austria. Shortly afterwards, the queen moved into Marienburg with her two daughters, but then in 1867, she found herself torn between her home, her husband and political pressure and joined the King in Austria. She would never see her "El Dorado" again.



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THE ROYAL SEAT OF CELLE

GUELPHS, HALF-TIMBERED HOUSES AND FLAIR

Celle is one of the most important royal seats in Lower Saxony. For almost 300 years, it served as the residence of the dukes of Braunschweig-Lüneburg and the seat of government of the most significant Guelph principality. With the biggest unified collection of half-timbered houses in Europe as well as various classical and modern museums, Celle is without doubt the highlight of any trip to Lüneburg Heath. Celle also surprises visitors with its Bauhaus architecture and light art as well as its variety of shops, restaurants and accommodation, making the compact town perfect for both young and old.

RESIDENCE MUSEUM AT CELLE PALACE

Located in the idyllic half-timbered city, the palace still exhibits traces of its time as a royal palace in the Middle Ages, as a Baroque RESIDENCE until 1705 and as a summer abode of the Kings of Hannover in the 19th century. See the history of the palace and its residents brought back to life. The Baroque

rooms of the last Duke of Celle, George William, represent an architectural highlight with their splendid stuccos. The Königsaal (King's Hall) contains impressive paintings and selected royal treasures.

TOUCHING WOMEN'S FATES

The last Duchess, the Huguenot Eléonore d'Olbreuse, is the ancestor of various European royal houses. She brought French esprit to North Germany in the 17th century and, in doing so, enriched courtly and urban life in Celle. Her daughter, Sophia Dorothea, had a tragic fate: after her separation from Prince George Louis, later to be named King George I of Britain, she was forced to spend the rest of her life in exile. Sophia Dorothea's great-granddaughter, the Danish Queen Caroline Mathilda, suffered a similar fate. Following the Struensee affair, the divorced sister of King George III spent the last three years of her life in Celle Palace, where she died in 1775.

THE GUELPHS AND HANNOVER

From 1636 to 1866, Hannover was the royal seat of the Guelphs. The most famous remnant of this period is the Herrenhausen Gardens. However there were many other buildings constructed in this period which still define the cityscape of Hannover to this day.

The modern-day seat of the Lower Saxon State Parliament, the LEINE PALACE, was built in 1637. It served as the residence of the Hanoverian Kings from 1837 to 1866. The WELFENSCHLOSS never acted as a palace. Guelph rule came to an end before its completion and in 1879 it became the main building



of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz University. The ERNST AUGUST STATUE, dedicated to the memory of King Ernst Augustus, was erected on Ernst-August-Platz in front of Hannover Central Railway Station in 1861.

The STATION BUILDING, the WATERLOO COLUMN and the OPERA were also built during the reign of the Guelphs. A visit to the Museum of History will reveal a lot about the Royal House of Hannover. A highlight here is the golden carriages, including the one in which George I rode to London for his coronation in 1714.

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INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS COMPETITION

IN THE ROYAL GARDENS OF HERRENHAUSEN



The Guelphs used the Grosser Garten as the stunning backdrop for various festivals, concerts, theatrical performances and illuminations. In honour of this tradition, the Herrenhausen Gardens host the International Fireworks Competition. On five Saturdays from May to September, the world's best pyrotechnicians light up the night's sky above this gem of Baroque garden design. The fireworks are complemented by a colourful accompanying programme featuring theatre, cabaret, live music and culinary specialties all based on the participating country.

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EVENTS IN THE ROYAL GARDENS OF HERRENHAUSEN

MAY: Herrenhausen KunstFestSpiele

WHITSUN: Garden Festival

JULY: Little Festival in the Great Garden

SUMMER: Illumination in the Great Garden

LATE NOVEMBER UNTIL MID-JANUARY:

Wintervarieté in the Orangerie

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TRAVEL PACKAGES



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Marienburg Castle, the state capital of Hannover with the Herrenhausen Gardens, and the royal seat of Celle offer insights into life at court in centuries past.

Includes:

- ✦ 1 or 2 nights in a 4-star hotel in Hannover incl. half-board
- ✦ Tour of Marienburg Castle (incl. admission)
- ✦ Lunch at the Castle Restaurant
- ✦ Travel to Herrenhausen Gardens and tour of the Grosser Garten (incl. admission)

The next day:

- ✦ Travel to Celle and classic tour of Celle Palace
- ✦ Coffee & cake in a selected cafe in Celle

Price per person in double room: € 119 for one night; € 185 for two nights. Price per person in single room: € 149 for one night; € 245 for two nights

Participation is free of charge for the bus driver.

Optional: Admission to the International Fireworks Competition (on selected Saturdays from May to September) in the Herrenhausen Gardens: € 17 per person

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CULTURE AND PLEASURE IN CELLE AND HANNOVER (for groups of 15+)

Two nights in Celle's Old Town and a day trip to Hannover. Familiarise yourself with the various epochs of Europe's oldest royal house at Celle Palace, the Herrenhausen Gardens and Marienburg Castle.

Includes:

- ✦ 2 nights in a 3-star hotel in the centre of Celle incl. breakfast
- ✦ Classic tour (1 hour) of Celle Palace incl. admission
- ✦ Coffee and cake: Hot drink and a slice of cake at Museumscafé Baxmann in Celle
- ✦ Specialty platter at Der Ratskeller restaurant in Celle
- ✦ Admission to the Herrenhausen Gardens in Hannover
- ✦ Classic tour (1 hour) of Marienburg Castle, Pattensen, incl. admission

Price per person in double room: € 145

Price per person in single room: € 193

Participation is free of charge for the bus driver.

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TOURS

HERRENHAUSEN GARDENS, HANNOVER

☞ *Royal garden splendour*

Stroll through the Grosser Garten in Herrenhausen, home to over 300 years of history on a guided Herrenhausen tour.

Group price*: German: €95; other languages: €105.

Prices do not include admission. Duration: 90 minutes

☞ *Tour of the Herrenhausen Palace Museum*

The museum presents Baroque treasures and famous figures from Hannover's history.

Group price*: German: €95; other languages: €105.

Prices do not include admission. Duration: 1 hour

Optional audio guide: €2 per person.

Admission*: Combined ticket for Grosser Garten, Berggarten and Herrenhausen Palace Museum: April to October €8 per person; groups of at least 15 people: €7 per person; November to March €6 per person; groups of at least 15 people: €5 per person

For more information and bookings, visit:

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CELLE

☞ *Tour of the residential city of Celle*

Experience the charm of a young city with a historical cityscape and discover quaint lanes and courtyards.

Group rate*: €75 for up to 25 people; Foreign-language surcharge: €15 per group (English, Dutch, French, Italian, Russian, Swedish and Danish); Duration: 90 minutes

☞ *Palace tour*

Palace tour with a visit to the castle kitchen, the Protestant chapel with its Renaissance interior and the Residence Museum.

Prices* from €8 per person; Foreign-language surcharge: €15 per group (English, Dutch, French, Russian, Swedish and Danish);

Duration: 1 hour

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MARIENBURG CASTLE, PATTENSEN

☞ *Classic castle tour*

On a tour of the former summer residence of the Guelphs, you'll learn all about Marienburg Castle, its inhabitants and the history of the House of Hannover.

☞ *Castle tour in historical dress*

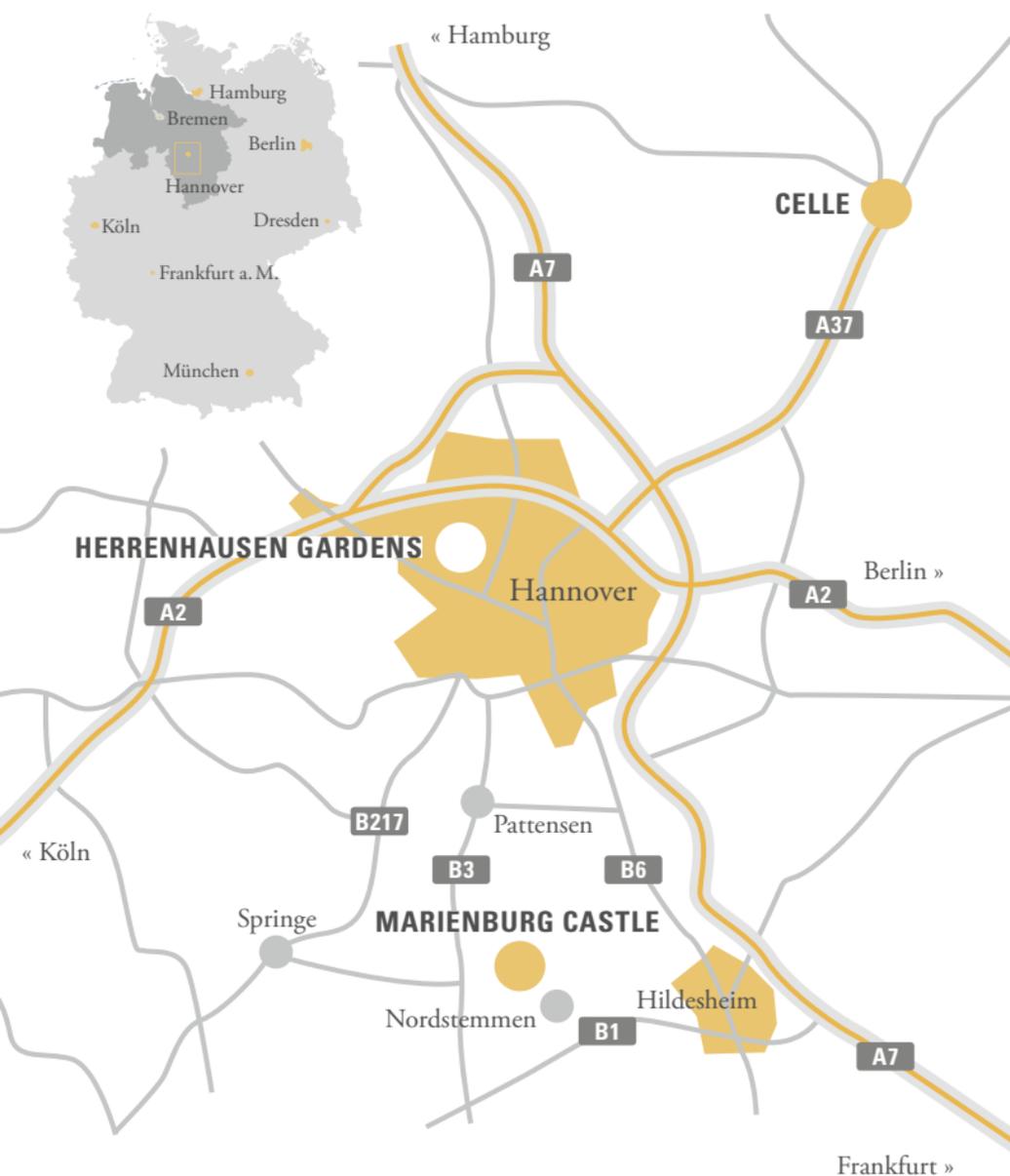
Enjoy the classic castle tour with a guide in historical dress.
Group price*: Classic castle tour: €8; Tour in historical dress: €8;
Exhibition: €6.50; Castle tour and exhibition combi ticket: €12; all prices per person, valid for group bookings, minimum participants: 20; Foreign-language surcharge: €30;
Tower visit: €4

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