

Hesse -- Spas & Money In The Heart Of Germany

With an area of 21,110 km² and a population of a bit over 6 million, Hesse (German: *Hessen*) is one of 16 German Federal States. It lies right in The Heart of Germany and consists of 21 districts and 5 vibrant urban districts, with [Wiesbaden](#) as its capital. (No, it's **not** [Frankfurt](#). ;-))

Hesse Map

Rural Districts (Counties) in Hesse

- [Bergstraße District](#)
- [Darmstadt-Dieburg](#)
- [Fulda District](#)
- [Gießen District](#)
- [Groß-Gerau District](#)
- [Hersfeld-Rotenburg](#)
- [Hochtaunuskreis](#)

- [Kassel District](#)
- [Lahn-Dill-Kreis](#)
- [Limburg-Weilburg D.](#)
- [Main-Kinzig-Kreis](#)
- [Main-Taunus-Kreis](#)
- [Marburg-Biedenkopf](#)
- [Odenwaldkreis](#)

- [Offenbach District](#)
- [Rheingau-Taunus-Kr.](#)
- [Schwalm-Eder-Kreis](#)
- [Vogelsbergkreis](#)
- [Waldeck-Frankenberg](#)
- [Werra-Meißner-Kreis](#)
- [Wetteraukreis](#)

Urban Districts in Hesse

- [Darmstadt](#)
- [Frankfurt](#)

- [Kassel](#)
- [Offenbach](#)

- [Wiesbaden](#)
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The name Hesse is the modified form of the master name of the Germanic Chatten. In 1803, Hesse-Kassel was selected as Electorate after a long struggle. In 1806, the country was taken over by the Kingdom of Westphalia but it was by some means restored to the Elector in 1813.

The name Hesse-Kassel survived in the term Kurhessen and it depicted the region around [Kassel](#). In 1866, it was again annexed by [Prussia](#) along with the trade Free City of Frankfurt, Hesse-Homburg and the duchy of Nassau.

Finally, the federal state was created on September 19, 1945 and became the first of the Federal Republic of a new democratic condition.

Nowadays, Hesse is a typical holiday “county” full of entertainment. Its large cities are very imposing. For example, [Kassel](#) is a recent and a modern city, which was also a hub for the arts and home of the Brothers Grimm during their days of gathering folk tales from the nation.

The old university city of [Marburg](#) with the early Gothic Elisabethkirche draws the attention of visitors from all over the world.

Or [Wiesbaden](#) in the southwest — the state’s capital — with its healthy baths, is a worldwide well-known spa location. [Rüdesheim](#) on the banks of the [Rhine river](#) is a well-liked wine city, while Erbach and Michelstadt in the [Odenwald \(Forest of Odes\)](#) are precious old cities hidden away among attractive woods.

By the way, Miltenberg — with its cathedral — is probably the most beautiful location to be visited.

And then [Frankfurt am Main](#), lovely called “Mainhatten,” a profitable and manufacturing city which offers you, besides countless banks of course, a lot of really fascinating museums.

All in all, Hesse offers plenty of golf, roaming, cycling and tennis locations, therefore is a great state for comforting and mountaineering.

And its small villages with half-timbered houses are a masterpiece to explore. Enormous forests and clear lagoons make this state perfect for family travels, including extensive and reliable public transport.

By the way, did you know that Hesse is the home to numerous high-quality Manufacturing Practice production services constructed for the pharmaceutical industry? Even more, these plants are being retooled for biomanufacturing to satisfy worldwide order for such products as antibodies, hormones and healing proteins.