

Hanover -- Fair City With A Huge Oktoberfest

In its early days, Hanover (German: *Hannover*) was just a small ferryman and fisherman village but slowly it started growing. In the 13th century, it became a comparative large town.

On July 26, 1757, in the Seven Years' War, the **Battle of Hastenbeck** took place here and its Army was defeated by the French Army, leading to the occupation by Napoleon. In 1866, the city was even annexed by [Prussia](#) despite winning the battle of Langensalza. During [World War II](#), two third of the city was destroyed.

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The city is known for hosting the huge Hanover Fair, the **CeBIT** (world's largest computer fair), the *Schützenfest* (world's largest Marksmen's Fun Fair), as well as the world's second largest Oktoberfest, the Oktoberfest Hanover. It had also hosted the world fair **Expo 2000**, which was the largest in the world.

This metropolis is well-known for its university and educational institutions, beautiful parks and gardens, and its zoo, which is considered Europe's best and most spectacular animal park. (It had received the Parc Scout Award two times.)

One of its famous gardens is the Grobe Garden which has a huge garden theater, waterfall, and stack is one of the gorgeous baroque gardens in entire Europe.

Other important gardens in this place are the Eilenriede Park which is a huge public space, which joins both forest and area of grassland; and Herrenhauser Gardens which contributes scenery on an impressive scale, with a cave and well-known Grosser Garden.

By the way, since 2007, the historical Leibniz Letters in the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Library is an UNESCO World Heritage Site.