

Events in Northern Germany 2025

Lübeck

Date: 21/03/2025

Re-Opening of Kolk 17 Puppet Theatre & Museum

At Kolk 17 two institutions are dedicated to the art form of puppet theatre in all its facets. What makes Kolk 17 Puppet Theatre & Museum unique is the combination of a collection of over 20,000 puppet theatre exhibits and a permanent venue for regular performances.

Link: <https://kolk17.de/en/start-page/>

Date: 3. – 11/05/2025

33rd Brahms festival

Classical music wafts through the alleys of Lübeck's old town every year when the city's University of Music hosts the Brahms Festival. Lecturers and students present symphonic and chamber music by Brahms and his contemporaries at the highest artistic level.

Link <https://www.mh-luebeck.de/en/home/>

Date: 6. – 8/06/2025

Whitsun weekend – Thomas Mann's 150th Birthday

To mark the 150th anniversary of Thomas Mann's birth, St. Anne's invites you to a special Whitsun weekend. With the exhibition 'My Time. Thomas Mann and Democracy' and a varied programme of events will provide an exciting insight into the life of the author and his democratic convictions.

Link <https://st-annen-museum.de/english-information>

Date: 14. – 16/06/2025

FehmarnbeltDays

An open forum for the exchange of ideas and cooperation in the Fehmarnbelt region and beyond. An outdoor celebration around the Music and Congress Hall. Two music stages will be set up with both Scandinavian and local artists. Gastronomy will be offered with a focus on Scandinavian cuisine. Films about the future tunnel will be shown in the Infinity Dome. The festival ends with a community sing-along.

Link visit-luebeck.com/culture/fehmarbeltdays

Date: 5. July – 31/08/2025

Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival

Founded in 1986, the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival (SHMF) is one of the largest regional festivals in the world. It takes place in Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg, as well as in parts of Denmark and Lower Saxony. The focus is on classical music, but other genres such as pop, jazz, theatre, electro, klezmer, comedy, readings and others are also performed. Next summer, the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival will focus on the city on the Bosphorus. With its rich history, Istanbul has been a melting pot of cultures for thousands of years.

Link shmf.de/en/home

Date: 18.–27/07/2025

Travemünde Sailing Week

Once a year, sailing champions compete on the waves in the strong winds of the Baltic Sea. For ten days, a huge regatta draws the world's attention to

Travemünde. The sailing is accompanied by lively festivities on land culminating in huge fireworks display at the end of the week.

Link <https://www.travemuender-woche.com/en/>

Date: 14. – 24/08/2025

Wide World Festival Travemünde

Welcome to the summer's smallest and perhaps most charming beach culture festival! Go barefoot to the opera? Chill out on the sand to a literary reading? The line-up is open, tolerant and diverse. The stylish beach bar and food trucks provide cool drinks and tasty treats to the sound of the sea.

Link visit-travemuende.com/events/wide-world

Date: 11. – 14/09/2025

TraveJazz Festival 2025

This live music event is all about jazz, funk and soul. Well-known artists, as well as bands with a special relation to Lübeck perform all over the city.

Link travejazz.de

Date: 5. – 9/11/2025

Nordic Film Festival Lübeck

The Nordic Film Festival Lübeck is considered the most important screening of Nordic films outside Scandinavia. For many directors it has been the first step on the international stage towards world fame. Screenings take place all over the city and offer a breathtaking insight into the Nordic cinematic world.

Link nordische-filmtage.de/en/

Date: 24/11 – 30/12/2025

Lübeck Christmas Markets

Pay a pre-Christmas visit to this UNESCO World Heritage Site. The glow of festive decorations in the streets of the Old Town creates a magical atmosphere. Advent Lighting on 27 November marks the start of the Christmas season, a tradition first mentioned in records dating back to 1648.

Link visit-luebeck.com/culture/christmas-city-of-the-north

Date: 25/11 – 14/12/2025

Lübeck's Craft indoor craft market at St. Peter's church

Every day from 10am to 7pm, artisans from northern Germany display their work in the historic setting of St Peter's Church, which was built some 800 years ago. There are plenty of quality gift ideas for Christmas. Relax and stroll through the beautiful nave with its lovingly decorated craft stalls.

Link visit-luebeck.com/culture/christmas-city-of-the-north

Date: 28/11– 07/12/2025

Indoor Craftsmen's Christmas Fair at the Hospital of the Holy Spirit

Around 150 craftspeople from Germany, Scandinavia, Great Britain and the Baltic States will be demonstrating a variety of old and new techniques in the church hall, in the small cottages that were inhabited until the 1970s and in the vaulted cellar of the medieval hospital from the 12th century.

Link visit-luebeck.com/culture/christmas-city-of-the-north

Niedersachsen

Date: 01/01/2025

New Year's Day dip in the North Sea

Traditionally on 1 January, intrepid locals and visitors take to the chilly waters of the North Sea in various coastal resorts in Niedersachsen to welcome the new year. Afterwards, hot drinks, live music, and barbecues warm up participants and spectators, making it a festive start to the year.

Link: www.die-nordsee.de/neujahrsschwimmen (DE)

Date: 8– 9/02/2025

Upper Harz dog sled race in Clausthal

Clausthal-Zellerfeld's annual dog sledding event attracts thousands of winter enthusiasts and dog lovers. Alongside some top competitors from the German and Dutch national dog sled teams, the race also draws in many amateur 'mushers'. As usual, only purebred sled dogs can enter the race.

Link: www.oberharz.de/en/events/events-in-the-oberharz/sled-dog-adventure

Date: 28 /02–9/03/2025

SUPERFLY – Feuerwerk der Turnkunst

In several cities in Niedersachsen, the show "Feuerwerk der Turnkunst – SUPERFLY" takes the audience into a spectacular world of acrobatics, dance, and light. With breathtaking stunts and a captivating performance, guests experience an exciting show that lights up the sky with impressive fireworks moments.

Link: www.feuerwerkderturnkunst.de/shows/2025/superfly/superfly.php (DE)

Date: 7 – 9/03/2025

Mystica Hamelon in Hamelin

A medieval fantasy market brings to life knights in armour, medieval craftspeople, jugglers, and musicians, with myths and legends unfolding. Clad in traditional costumes, enthusiasts from across Europe make their annual pilgrimage to the town of the Pied Piper to join the festivities on the marketplace.

Link: www.hameln.de/de/veranstaltungen/mysticahamelon (DE)

Date: 17 – 27/04/2025

9th Wilhelmshaven Schweinswal-Tage porpoise festival

The southern coast of Wilhelmshaven provides the backdrop for a unique spectacle of nature: Each spring, pods of porpoises gather in Jade Bay. For seven days, boat and land excursions offer porpoise-watching, while 'porpoise criers', photo walks, nature documentaries, and presentations by researchers complete the programme.

Link: www.schweinswaltage.de (DE)

Date: 23 – 27/04/2025

38th European Media Art Festival in Osnabrück

Since the 1980s, EMAF has been a key hub for international media art, bringing together artists, curators, and enthusiasts. The festival shapes the future of media art with a programme featuring experimental films, installations, performances,

digital formats, and hybrid forms, offering both contemporary and historical perspectives.

Link: www.emaf.de/en/

Date: 30/04/2025

Walpurgis Night in the Harz Mountains

The Walpurgis Festival, a traditional European celebration with pre-Christian roots, dates back over a thousand years. Originally celebrated by the Harz mountain inhabitants to welcome spring by offering various sacrifices, it is now marked in over 20 towns, with Bad Grund, Braunlage, Sankt Andreasberg and others as the festival's heart.

Link: en.harzinfo.de/festivals-events/walpurgis-night

Date: 3 – 4/05/2025

Altes Land Blossom Festival in Jork

In Altes Land region, cherry trees blossom first, followed by apple trees, turning Germany's largest fruit-growing region into a pink and white fairytale. The Blossom Festival (Altländer Blütenfest) features half-timbered buildings, traditional costumes, dances, and the highlight: the crowning of the Blossom Queen.

Link: www.altesland-entdecken.de/altlaender-bluetenfest-bluetenkoenigin/
(DE)

Date: 16 – 25/05/2025

Göttingen International Handel Festival

The International Handel Festival in Göttingen is the world's oldest festival of Baroque music. The concerts will take place in different locations across the town and whole region, at both covered and open air venues, featuring well-known stars from the Baroque music scene as well as talented newcomers.

Link: www.haendel-festspiele.de/en/

Date: 17/05 – 20/ 09/2025

33rd International Fireworks Competition in Hanover

Every year, visitors to the Fireworks Competition are mesmerised by the beautiful works of art in the sky created by the world's leading pyrotechnicians, set to atmospheric music. Germany's first fireworks competition has long since become a classic in its field.

Link: www.feuerwerk-hannover.de/en/

Date: 22/05– 8 /06/2025

KunstFestSpiele in Hanover Herrenhausen

The international KunstFestSpiele is a performing arts festival featuring music theatre, concerts, theatre, performances, and installations. Over 20 productions will be presented at around 60 events in the Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen and the city of Hanover, offering a diverse mix of installations, premieres, and more.

Link: kunstfestspiele.de/en/

Date: 29/05– 1/06/2025

34th Emden Matjestage herring festival

The Matjestage festival in Emden celebrates over 450 years of herring fishing tradition. Boats from Germany and abroad moor in the inland port and Ratsdelft harbour basin, bringing with them a touch of maritime nostalgia. Live bands and the Matjeslauf (herring run) provide fun entertainment.

Link: www.matjestage.de/ (DE)

Date: 1/06/2025

UNESCO World Heritage Day

Since 2005, World Heritage Day is celebrated annually in Germany on the first Sunday of June at all World Heritage Sites. In Niedersachsen, these include the Fagus Factory in Alfeld, St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Michael's Church in Hildesheim, the Rammelsberg Mines, the Upper Harz Water Management System, Goslar's Old Town, and the Wadden Sea.

Link: www.unesco-welterbetag.de/en

Date: 6 – 8/06/2025

Norderney White Sands Festival

Traditionally, the Whitsun weekend marks a special date in the calendar for sports fans and party-goers on the island of Norderney. Thousands of visitors flock to the North Sea island to watch Germany's best windsurfers and beach volleyball players. At night, the festival grounds on the beach transform into a party animal's paradise.

Link: www.whitesandsfestival.de (DE)

Date: 11 – 18/06/2025

35th Emden-Norderney Film Festival

The International Film Festival by the North Sea is one of Germany's most respected, attracting industry representatives from Germany and Northwestern Europe. With 100 films shown on seven screens, the festival draws around 24,000 visitors who value the warm, personal atmosphere and the chance to see filmmakers up close.

Link: www.filmfest-emden.de/en/

Date: 20 – 22/06/2025

Hurricane Festival in Scheeßel

Three days of the finest bands: around 65,000 fans are expected at this indie, rock, pop, electronic and hip-hop festival every year. International stars, German acts and emerging artists will be there to rock the four stages again this year.

Link: www.hurricane.de/en/

Date: 21/06/2025

Fête de la Musique in Hanover

The world's largest music festival is free and open to all, even in Hanover. With a variety of musical styles, anyone can join in, whether as a soloist or ensemble, spontaneously or planned. With many locations in the city centre, the festival offers a truly communal experience, Northern Germany's biggest Fête de la

Musique.

Link: www.hannover.de/Kultur-Freizeit/Freizeit-Sport/Feste-Saisonales/Fête-de-la-Musique

Date: 4 – 13/07/2025

Marksmen Festival (Hanover Schützenfest)

The command "Im Doubliertritt, Marsch!" ("In double step – march!") traditionally opens the world's longest procession of marksmen, a festival highlight since 1529. On the first Sunday, around 10,000 members of marksmen, folklore, and carnival groups march through the Old Town. Over ten days, the world's largest marksmen festival offers thrilling rides, lively marquees, Bruchmeister (ceremonial stewards), shooting skills, and Hannover's iconic Lüttje Lage – beer and a shot, served separately but drunk together!

Link: www.schuetzenfest-hannover.de (DE)

Link: www.hannover.de/Kultur-Freizeit/Freizeit-Sport/Feste-Saisonales/Sch%C3%BCtzenfest-Hannover (EN)

Date: Tba

Summer festival in the Autostadt

The summer festival in the Autostadt features 20 national and international artists, creating a vibrant festival atmosphere. A lively supporting programme with workshops, play areas, and climbing towers round off the event. A special highlight is the Cool Summer Island, an offshore floating island at the harbour basin's sand terraces.

Link: www.autostadt.de/en/events

Date: 17 – 20/07/2025

Deichbrand Festival at Cuxhaven Sea Airport

This popular four-day rock festival welcomes all ages, with discounted admission for children aged between eight and twelve years old accompanied by an adult. Around 60,000 fans of indie, rock, pop, electronic, and hip-hop beats are expected. A dedicated festival supermarket offers everything attendees need during the event.

Link: www.deichbrand.de/en/

Date: 30/07 – 3/08/2025

Summertime @ Norderney

This music festival is held on Norderney's north beach. A festival of different genres in a maritime setting. There's something to suit every musical taste – pop, rock, party music and even classical feature every year.

Link: www.summertime-norderney.de/ (DE)

Date: 30/07 – 17/08/2025

Maschsee Festival in Hanover

Niedersachsen's largest local festival offers a 19-day experience of holiday vibes and maritime flair. Visitors can enjoy international cuisine, free concerts, water sports activities, open-air dance evenings, and a fun program for children,

ensuring a non-stop holiday feeling for everyone.

Link: www.maschseefest.de/en/

Date: 1 – 3/08/2025

13th International StreetArt Festival in Wilhelmshaven

The International StreetArt Festival in Wilhelmshaven transforms the city into a vibrant open-air gallery every year. International street artists create impressive graffiti, murals, and sculptures. Visitors can watch the artwork come to life and enjoy a unique atmosphere of creativity and culture.

Link: en.streetart-wilhelmshaven.de/

Date: 6 – 10/08/2025

ConQuest of Mythodea in the grounds of the Rittergut Brokeloh manor

Since 2004, Brokeloh has hosted the ConQuest of Mythodea, a live action role-playing event. Held at Rittergut Brokeloh, a 100-hectare feudal estate 50 km west of Hanover, the event brings the mythical continent of Mythodea to life. This major event attracts around 6,000 players and 1,500 spectators every year.

Link: mythodea.de/en/

Date: 8/08 – 10/09/2025

Magic of Light in the Park of Gardens in Bad Zwischenahn

From 8 PM to midnight, the park shines in a spectrum of colours under the theme "Illumination – Magic of Light in the Park." A blend of garden light design, event lighting, and creative light objects creates a unique experience, featuring light sculptures, projections, and captivating patterns.

Link: www.park-der-gaerten.de/en/

Date: 9 – 10/08/2025

M'era Luna Festival Hildesheim

M'era Luna is a metal, gothic rock and industrial music festival in Hildesheim, attracting around 25,000 fans in quirky dress every year. Held at the Drispentstedt airbase, the festival features 40 bands, readings, a vibrant market, and the iconic Gothic Fashion Show, making it a key event in the dark music scene.

Link: meraluna.de/en/

Date: 17/08/2025

89th Duhnen mudflat racing in Cuxhaven

The world-famous horse race on the seabed, held since 1902 in the Wadden Sea off Duhnen, is one of the most spectacular events in the racing calendar. It's a unique equestrian spectacle, where racehorses and harness racers compete against the backdrop of one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

Link: www.duhner-wattrennen.de/ (DE)

Date: 23/08 – 10/09/2025

Burgplatz Open Air in Brunswick

One of the highlights in Brunswick is the annual music theatre open air event at Burgplatz, set against the impressive historic backdrop of the Cathedral and

Dankwarderode Castle. Giuseppe Verdi's La Traviata, arguably his most famous work, is performed outdoors, delighting music lovers.

Link: [staatstheater-braunschweig.de/fileadmin/Pressemitteilungen/PM_2024-09-12_Burgplatz2025.pdf](https://www.staatstheater-braunschweig.de/fileadmin/Pressemitteilungen/PM_2024-09-12_Burgplatz2025.pdf) (DE)

Link: [staatstheater-braunschweig.de/](https://www.staatstheater-braunschweig.de/) (DE)

Date: 5 – 6/09/2025

Pflasterzauber in Hildesheim

At Pflasterzauber (Pavement magic), nine venues in central Hildesheim host performances by German and international artists. Niedersachsen's biggest street art festival has been held annually since 2008, captivating thousands of visitors with fantastic, whimsical, and astounding performances of the highest standard.

Link: www.pflasterzauber.de/ (DE)

Date: September 2025

32nd International Film Festival in Oldenburg

Every autumn, the International Film Festival brings a touch of Hollywood glamour to the former royal seat. As one of Europe's largest independent film festivals, it showcases innovative cinematic contributions. Celebrities like Nicolas Cage, Til Schweiger, and Veronica Ferres have attended in previous years.

Link: www.filmfest-oldenburg.de/en/

Date: 26–28/09/2025

Sailing-CUP in Wilhelmshaven

Every year in late September, the oldest regatta for traditional sailboats on the German North Sea coast takes place. One of the highlights is the closing parade through the Kaiser Wilhelm swing bridge, offering a spectacular photo opportunity. There's fun both on the water and onshore for all to enjoy.

Link: www.wilhelmshaven-sailing-cup.de (DE)

Date: 3 – 5/10/2025

Sülfmeistertage salt festival in Lüneburg

Once a year, Lüneburg hosts a medieval festival honoring the town's historic salt pan owners of last year, who contributed to the town's prosperity. The Sülfmeister market, with vagabonds, jugglers, and soothsayers, and the annual parade around St. Johannis Church, gives the event a unique, traditional flair.

Link: www.suelfmeistertage.de (DE)

Date: 11 – 19/10/2025

17th Annual Migratory Bird Days at the Wadden Sea National Park of Niedersachsen

For nine days in October on the North Sea coast of Niedersachsen and on the East Frisian Islands, everything revolves around the migratory birds that flock to the Wadden Sea from the far North. Thousands of bar-tailed godwits, dunlins and other wading birds stop off here to gather strength for their onward flight to their wintering grounds in Southern Europe and Africa.

Link: www.zugvogeltage.de/english-outline/

Date: November 2025

39th Brunswick International Film Festival

Founded by 20 university students dissatisfied with local cinema offerings, the Brunswick International Film Festival is the oldest in Niedersachsen. Over seven days, it showcases new films, classics, and documentaries. One highlight is the presentation of ten film awards and special honours for debut films and acting.

Link: www.filmfest-braunschweig.de/en/

Date: December 2025

Christmas Garden at the Hanover Adventure Zoo

Visitors embark on a magical journey at the Christmas Garden Hanover, where sparkling lights brighten the dark season. A two-kilometre trail through the Erlebnis-Zoo showcases dazzling illuminations, inviting guests to relax, breathe, and savour the festive anticipation of Christmas in a glowing winter wonderland.

Link: www.christmas-garden.de/en/hannover/

Date: December 2025

Winter wonderland in the Autostadt Wolfsburg

In the run-up to Christmas, the Autostadt in Wolfsburg transforms into a magical winter wonderland. Visitors can enjoy a winter market, snowy fun for kids, and a spacious play area. The illuminated stalls offer winter decorations, culinary treats, and unique gift ideas for all.

Link: www.autostadt.de/en/events

Bremen

Date: 13 – 15/06/2025

LA STRADA Bremen

Every year in the summer, the street-art festival La Strada puts on a breath-taking show in the public spaces of Bremen. And the whole thing is free of charge. For three fun-filled days, onlookers can experience theatre, dance, and acrobatics up-close in a way seldom otherwise possible. The Marktplatz, Domshof, and Wallanlagen are transformed into performance spaces for various artists.

Link: bremen.eu/la-strada

Date: 09 – 13/07/2025

Breminale

The Breminale is a five-day open-air festival on Bremen's Osterdeich, taking place every summer. The festival offers a wide-ranging programme for everyone. The programme includes live music in circus tents, art, jugglers and jesters, games for kids, as well as theatre, dance and readings. Numerous food stands sell delicious international specialities. A day out at the Breminale can easily carry on into the night.

Link: bremen.eu/breminale

Date: 16/08 –/06/2025

Musikfest, Bremen

The festival Musikfest Bremen was founded in 1989 by Prof. Thomas Albert and is since then a highlight of the cultural life every August and September in the Hanseatic city and selected venues all over north-western Germany. At the end of every summer, both up-and-coming and established stars of the classical music scene come together in Bremen and the surrounding area for the Musikfest.

Link: bremen.eu/musikfest

Date: 17/10 – 02/11/2025

Freimarkt, Bremen

„Ischa Freimaak!“ The biggest carnival of the north attracts as many as four million happy customers every year. Over 300 carneys arrive every October with their booths, stands, and rides to ensure the fair stays rich in tradition - and rich in fun! There's plenty to explore on the fairgrounds of the Bürgerweide as well as at the "Kleinen Freimarkt" (little Freimarkt) in the city centre.

Link: bremen.eu/freimarkt

Date: 24/11 – 23/12/2025

Bremen Christmas Market

The area around the Town Hall and the Roland statue (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) is transformed into a festive wonderland. With over 170 decorated stalls, the atmospheric Bremen Christmas Market is an ideal place for a leisurely browse. The historic setting, lovingly decorated stalls and stands, and romantic Christmas lights create a very special atmosphere.

Link: bremen.eu/tourism/culture-and-events/christmas-markets/christmas-market

Date: 24/11 –23/12/2025

Schlachte-Zauber

Every year for the advent season, the Weser promenade is transformed into a magical maritime winter market: The Schlachtezauber. In cosy wooden huts delicacies from various regions await you. When the sun goes down, the Schlachte becomes bathed in a blue light. The rustic atmosphere transports visitors to a bygone time.

Link: bremen.eu/tourism/christmas-market-and-schlachte-magic

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

21 - 30/03/2025

Festspielfrühling Rügen

From March 21 to 30, 2025, the "Festspielfrühling Rügen", initiated by the Festspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, will kick off the 2025 season on Germany's largest island with music. Under the artistic direction of percussionist Alexej Gerassimez, a total of 22 events will be held on the island, including spa, chamber and orchestral concerts at unusual venues such as Ulrichshusen Castle, the Sellin pier and the Kurhaus in the Baltic seaside resort of Binz.

Link: www.festspiele-mv.de/en/

01- 30/04/2025

Rügen Wanderfrühling

Numerous themed guided tours will be offered at the 13th Rügen Hiking Spring from April 1 to 30, 2025 on Germany's largest island. Those interested can go on a photo safari, take part in guided tours of the island or let the island's residents show them their favorite places. The full program will be published in spring 2025 at www.ruegen.de

Link: www.ruegen.de/aktiv-und-natur/wandern/wanderfruehling

15/05/2025

Schwerin Castle Festival celebrates premieres

Every year, the Schwerin Castle Festival enchants its visitors with unforgettable theater and concert moments in the open air. The Schlossfestspiele 2025 will kick off with the ballet gala Connexion#4 on May 15 in the Great House, where international dancers will perform under the direction of ballet director Xenia Wiest. On June 20, the open-air museum for folklore in Schwerin-Mueß will stage the play "De Moorkatenoper" for the first time, which was considered the cult play on Bavarian dialect stages in the 1980s. In addition, Conchita Wurst will be performing her breathtaking program From Vienna With Love live in the courtyard of Schwerin Castle on 11 July.

Link: www.mecklenburgisches-staatstheater.de/schlossfestspiele

23/5 – 01/06/2025

Environmental Photo Festival "horizons zingst" 2022

From 23 May to 1 June 2025, the 18th edition of the "horizonte zingst" environmental photography festival will be held in the Baltic Sea resort of Zingst on the Fischland-Darß-Zingst peninsula. Participants can practise their photography skills in workshops, visit exhibitions or attend lectures on climate change, the dangers of plastic waste in the oceans and the protection of biodiversity.

Link: www.horizonte-zingst.de

29/05 -01/06/2025

Müritz Sail in Waren (Müritz)

From May 29 to June 1, 2025, the largest maritime festival in the Mecklenburg Lake District will be celebrated for the 23rd time in Waren (Müritz) - the Müritz Sail. The program includes sailing competitions, sightseeing flights with a

seaplane, a jet ski show and a pleasure mile. The full program will be published in spring at www.muertzsail.eu.

31/05/2025

"Mecklenburg Lakes Tour"

The eleventh edition of the "Mecklenburger Lakes Tour" will be held from 30 to 31 May 2025, with around 5,000 cycling enthusiasts expected to take part. With the 300-kilometre cycle tour for everyone via Mirow and Penzlin and the 100-kilometre women's tour in the Feldberg lake district, there are a total of two routes for sports enthusiasts. The so-called "Mini Mecklenburg Lakes Tour" is offered for children and is two to six kilometers long, depending on age.

Link: www.mecklenburger-seen-runde.de/en

07 – 09/06/2025

"KunstOffen" in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

On the Whitsun weekend from 7 to 9 June 2025, several hundred artists between the Baltic Sea and the Lake District will open their workshops and studios to visitors during the state-wide "KunstOffen" campaign, which will be held for the 31st time in 2025. Traditionally, artists use a yellow umbrella above the entrance or a blue and white flag to indicate that they are offering an insight into their creative spaces.

Link: www.auf-nach-mv.de/kunst/kunstoffen

From 14/06/2025

State-wide "Open Gardens" campaign in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

On the weekends of June 14 to 15 and September 13 to 14, 2025, interested parties can visit more than 120 gardens and show gardens during the state-wide "Open Gardens" campaign. Visitors will be able to admire individually designed gardens and talk directly to the gardeners.

Link: www.offene-gaerten-in-mv.de

From 21/06/2025

"MidsummerRemise - The Long Night of Nordic Manor Houses"

To mark the summer solstice, numerous estates and manor houses in Mecklenburg and Western Pomerania are opening their doors to culture vultures for the "MidsummerRemise". It starts on June 21, 2025 in Mecklenburg, when numerous estates are open to the public from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The following day, the estate and manor house owners in Western Pomerania will welcome the summer in a stately manner between 10:00 and 17:00.

Link: www.auf-nach-mv.de/schloesser/mittsommerremise, www.mittsommerremise.de

00/06-00/09/2025

Open-air series "Naturklänge" on Fischland-Darß-Zingst

From June to September 2025, visitors can look forward to the 24th season of the "Naturklänge" open-air series on the Fischland-Darß-Zingst peninsula. Visitors will experience open-air concerts in front of special natural backdrops, including at the harbor of Wieck on the Darß, on the Hohe Ufer between the Baltic Sea resorts of Ahrenshoop and Wustrow and in Graal-Müritz Rhododendron Park.

Information on the program will be published in spring 2025 at

<https://www.fischland-darss-zingst.de/en/activities/kunst-und-kultur/theater-konzerte-festivals/>

From mid-June – mid September 2025
Festspielsommer Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

With the three-month Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Festival Summer from mid-June to mid-September 2025, the Festival will bring music to manor houses, churches, castle parks and industrial halls from the Baltic Sea coast to the Lake District.

Link: www.festspiele-mv.de/en/

28/07 – 13/09/2025
Störtebeker Festival

The play “Buccaneer of the Seas” will welcome visitors to the 31st season of the Störtebeker Festival from June 28 to September 13, 2025 on the Ralswiek natural stage on the island of Rügen. Tickets for the festival about the legendary buccaneer Klaus Störtebeker are available at www.stoertebeker.de, by phone on 03838 31100 and at all known advance booking offices.

25/06 – 16/08/2025
"Plau am See Castle Festival - Theatre for Everyone"

Under the title “Burgfestspiele Plau am See - Theatre for Everyone”, numerous open-air theatrical performances will be staged in Plau am See from the end of July to mid-August 2025. From musicals for children to song recitals and summer revues, visitors can look forward to a colorful program for young and old.

Link: www.burgfestspiele-plau-am-see.de

07 – 10/08/2025
34th Hanse Sail in Rostock

The Hanse Sail, the largest maritime festival in the northeast, will attract numerous visitors to Rostock and Warnemünde from August 7 to 10, 2025 in its 34th edition. More than 100 traditional sailing ships will sail along the Warnow from Warnemünde to Rostock and offer the opportunity to take a ride. In addition, numerous concerts are held throughout the city and guests can visit exhibitions and markets. Information on public boat tours and sailing opportunities can be found at www.hansesail.com and www.hansesail.com/mitsegeln or directly from the Hanse Sail Association's booking office on 0381 38129 74.

14 – 17/08/2025
Sweden festival in Wismar

With the 24th Sweden Festival from August 14 to 17, 2025, the Hanseatic city of Wismar commemorates its 155-year affiliation with the Swedish kingdom (1648 to 1903). The largest Swedish festival outside the Scandinavian country is celebrated every year from the Old Town to the Old Harbour with numerous stage programs, sporting events and a historical parade.

Link: www.wismar.de

Early fall 2025
Velo Classico

When cyclists in retro clothing take to the start line in Rumpshagen in the Mecklenburg Lake District in early fall 2025, it will be time for the tenth edition of the Velo Classico cycling event. A total of four routes are on the program, leading past typical Mecklenburg villages, old manor houses and tranquil lakes. Those

who want to take it a little easier can opt for the 30-kilometre “Happinez Tour” or the 50-kilometre “Genießer-Runde”. There are also two longer tours on offer: the
Link: www.veloclassico.de

00/09 – 00/10/2025

Usedom Music Festival

The Usedom Music Festival, one of the cultural highlights of the country, will be held from September to October 2025. Classical sounds can be heard almost everywhere on the vacation island during this period, for example in atmospheric churches, in villas in the style of spa architecture or in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern's largest industrial monument, the Peenemünde power plant.

Link: www.usedomer-musikfestival.de

00/10 -00/11/2025

Castle Autumn

An autumnal highlight in the north-east is the state-wide Schlösserherbst series, during which numerous castles between the Baltic Sea and the Lake District open their doors and gates. The planned events include guided tours, concerts, exhibitions and theater performances in venerable walls.

Link: www.auf-nach-mv.de/schloesserherbst

02/10 – 05/10/2025

"Kühlungsborn dances!" again

After the event format “Kühlungsborn tanzt!” was launched for the first time in 2022, those interested can once again look forward to the dance event in the Baltic seaside resort of the same name from October 2 to 5, 2025. Participants will then have the opportunity to learn various dances such as samba, salsa, waltz, tango and Zumba under the guidance of professional instructors at Kühlungsborn hotels, including the Morada Resort, the Hotel Upstalsboom and the Travel Charme Ostseehotel.

Link: www.kuehlungsborn-tanzt.de

Schleswig-Holstein

Datum: 26-29/06/2025

JazzBaltica

JazzBaltica is one of the most famous jazz festivals in the world. Every year in June, world-famous jazz musicians and up-and-coming talents play and offer an unforgettable experience. Several thousand listeners flock to Timmendorfer Strand year after year to enjoy the concerts by the sea, which is overseen by Swedish trombonist and singer Nils Landgren as artistic director.

Link: <https://jazzbaltica.com/startseite>

Datum: 26/05-01/06/2025

Flensburg Rum regatta

Once a year, Flensburg visits the Caribbean – when the “historic commercial vehicles with sails” meet in the Museumshafen and recall the old tradition of maritime trade with harbour festivals and regattas.

There will be many opportunities for joint celebrations for all guests, whether on land or water, with live music and selected delicacies in the port and on the ships.

Link: <https://www.flensburger-foerde.de/en/events/events/FLE/49719f47-1479-4235-abc2-23faa5eb39d0/flensburger-rumregatta>

Datum: 11/07 – 15/08/2025

“Flensburger Hofkultur”

Flensburger Hofkultur is a special annual summer festival, that transforms the historic merchants' and craftsmen's courtyards into a stage during these summer weeks. Musicians and bands come from all over the world to make summer in Flensburg a very special experience.

Link: <https://www.flensburger-foerde.de/en/events/events/FLE/22a19d95-cbc1-4007-9a56-a21b4d3ac793/flensburger-hofkultur>

Datum: 21-29/06/2025

Kiel Week

It is the largest sailing event in the world and, with around 3 million guests every year, the largest summer festival in northern Europe - Kiel Week. Around 2,000 events from the fields of entertainment, culture, science, politics, business and sport merge for nine days to create a unique experience. During Kiel Week, the world's elite and recreational sailors compete in sailing regattas and engage in exciting races. Visitors can book accompanying trips to the windjammer parade, sailing trips on traditional sailing ships and regatta accompanying trips and be there up close.

Link: <https://www.kieler-woche.de/en/index.php>

Datum: 28/08-14/09/2025

NORDEN – The Nordic Arts Festival

In Schleswig, on the idyllic beach of the Baltic Sea fjord Schlei, an open-air festival has been taking place in late summer since 2018 that is unique in Northern Europe due to its design, its cross-genre, topical cultural programme and its family and sustainable orientation. With a view of the Schlei, the site is embedded

in the park landscape of the Königswiesen.

The NORDEN offers a creative and exciting cross-section of current pop music, street theatre, literature, DIY courses, film and sporting activities for culture enthusiasts, families and students at small prices.

Link: <https://www.norden-festival.com/en/Home>

Datum: 30/07-02/08/2025

Wacken Open Air

Every year on the first weekend in August, the world changes in the small community of Wacken. With its 240 hectares, it is now internationally renowned. For over 30 years, more than 85,000 people have visited the Wacken Open Air to experience one of the biggest heavy metal festivals in the world, with more than 150 artists performing on the festival's nine stages.

Link: <https://www.wacken.com/en/>

Datum: 10 – 14/09/2025

Green Screen Film Festival

The GREEN SCREEN International Nature Film Festival is the most popular festival for nature documentaries in Europe and an important international industry meeting place for professionals. Every year, thousands of nature-loving film lovers watch the best films from all over the world at GREEN SCREEN. A diverse youth programme rounds off the festival days in September.

Link: <https://www.greenscreen-festival.de/en/>

Datum: 06/06 – 05/10/2025

NordArt, Schleswig-Holstein

Hardly any art exhibition shows modern Nordic art in such a special atmosphere as NordArt in Büdelsdorf. Since 1999, Nordic works of art have been presented in large production halls on an old industrial site. In the meantime, it has become the largest art fair in Northern Europe. The purist industrial design and the imaginative art become a cultural experience for art lovers.

Link: <https://www.nordart.de/en/>

Datum: 23 – 25/05/2025

Baltic Soul Weekender

The legendary soul festival returned to Weissenhäuser Strand in 2018. Soul music, as the name suggests, is music for the soul. It makes people happy. All over the world. The Baltic Soul Weekender offers a music festival with a unique line-up on five separate indoor dance floors in an incomparable location.

Link: <https://www.weissenhaeuserstrand.de/en/events/festivals/baltic-soul-weekender>

Datum: 05/07-31/08/2025

Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival

Founded in 1986, the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival (SHMF) is one of the largest area festivals in the world. It plays in Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg as

well as parts of Denmark and Lower Saxony. The focus is on classical music, but other genres such as pop, jazz, theatre, electro, klezmer, comedy, readings and others are also performed.

Link: <https://www.shmf.de/en/home>

Datum: 06/08 – 10/08/2025

The Ocean Race Europe 2025

From 6 to 10 August 2025, The Ocean Race Europe will be hosted in Kiel, making the state capital the starting point for the challenging regatta, which starts on 10 August. Visitors will be sure to enjoy a varied entertainment programme on both water and land with cultural, sporting and environmental protection activities that allow attendees to get involved and experience the action – all free of charge and outdoors.

Link: <https://kiel-sailing-city.de/e/the-ocean-race-europe-2025/o-e8650ee6-b8d3-42ba-860b-e00c854e99a7>

Datum: End November -31/12/2025

Christmas Markets in Germany's true North

The true north is always worth a visit - especially at the end of November and in December, Schleswig-Holstein is unique. Because everywhere - in the countryside and in the cities - sparkling Christmas markets open their doors. It smells of pine cradles, roasted almonds and mulled wine. Festively decorated stalls with beautiful handicrafts offer countless gift ideas for Christmas. With Christmas music in your ears and cheerful people around you, the pre-Christmas season by the sea is a real joy!

Link: <https://www.sh-tourismus.de/en/christmas-and-new-years-eve>

Datum: 01/01 – 31/12/2025

Regional events in Schleswig-Holstein

Throughout the year, Schleswig-Holstein delights locals and guests with small, fine events. Whether culinary regional specialities at the Husum Crab Days or Dithmarsch Cabbage Days, torch-lit walks or festivals of light, events that celebrate nature, such as the Crocus Blossom Festival in Husum or the Garden Romance in Mölln. Anyone on holiday here will find something very special at any time of year.

Link: <https://www.sh-tourismus.de/en/holidays-in-schleswig-holstein/events>

Hamburg

Date: 28 February - 26 October 2025

Art exhibition: Glitter

Glitter is everywhere, but the MK&G is the first museum in the world to dedicate an exhibition to it. Around 40 works of art and design by international artists show glitter as a symbol of visibility, belonging and resistance - from social movements to pop culture.

Link: <https://www.mkg-hamburg.de/en/exhibitions/glitter>

Date: 21. March - 21 April, 25 July - 4 August, 07 November - 07 December 2025

Frühlingsdom, Sommerdom, Winterdom - Folk festival with tradition

The Hamburg DOM takes place three times a year, in spring, summer and winter! It is considered the largest public festival in the north and attracts millions of visitors. Over 200 showmen offer attractions, rollercoasters and nostalgic rides for the whole family on the 1.6 kilometre-long DOM mile.

Link: <https://www.hamburg-travel.com/see-explore/events/hamburger-dom>

Date: 26 April 2025

Night of the Museums

During the Night of the Museums, culture enthusiasts can discover over 50 exhibitions and special programmes in Hamburg with just one ticket. In addition to guided tours, workshops and a children's programme, events in various languages ensure an unforgettable experience.

Link: <https://www.hamburg-travel.com/see-explore/events/long-night-of-the-museums/>

Date: 09. - 11. May 2025

836. Hamburg Port Anniversary

Every year, Hamburg's Port Anniversary opens with a grand entry parade. When tugboats dance ballet on the Elbe, this is the only place in the world where you can experience it. Watching ships from the inside and outside at the "Open Ship" event makes many a light sailor dream of the seven seas. Along the colourful harbour mile, you can enjoy music and culinary delights, from typical fish sandwiches to delicious cocktails.

Link: <https://www.hamburg-travel.com/see-explore/events/hamburg-port-anniversary>

Date: 02 August 2025

Christopher Street Day

Every year, the colourful and diverse HAMBURG PRIDE demonstration marches through Hamburg's city centre. It is the highlight of PRIDE WEEK and a spectacular parade with more than 15,000 participants that attracts thousands of people along the route. The event concludes with the annual CSD street festival on Jungfernstieg and Ballindamm along the Binnenalster.

Link: <https://www.hamburg-travel.com/see-explore/events/christopher-street-day>

Date: 12 - 14 September 2025

Hamburg Cruise Days

A maritime spectacle on the water and on land: the Hamburg Cruise Days attract visitors with an impressive parade of magnificently illuminated cruise ships and a varied supporting programme along the Elbe. Visitors can look forward to spectacular light shows, musical highlights and a maritime festival.

Link: <https://www.hamburg-travel.com/see-explore/events/hamburg-cruise-days/>

Date: 17. - 20. September 2025

Reeperbahn Festival

The Reeperbahn Festival is Europe's largest club festival and platform for international pop culture. For four days in September, the Reeperbahn becomes a meeting place for artists, audiences and the industry.

Link: <https://www.hamburg-travel.com/see-explore/events/reeperbahn-festival/>