

German Fairy Tale Route

... where fairy tales come alive



A journey through fairyland

It begins at the national monument of the Brothers Grimm in Hanau, the German Fairy Tale Route - and with it your journey through a land of fairy tales.

Follow the unique route through different landscapes, remote villages, and cosy half-timbered towns all the way to Bremen. Legendary castles, enchanting palaces and countless fairytale fountains line the way. In castle hotels as well as in rustic hermitages, your pillows shall be plumped up and the table set in abundance. Storytelling evenings, costume tours and stage programmes round off the fairytale travel offer.

Whether in fairytale parks or museums, on romantic forest paths or enchanting lantern paths, as part of group tours or on your own, your goal is always the same: the gateway to a world where fairy tales can be personally experienced.





♪ ... so he stayed a few days
 and in the meantime he explored
 all of the nature of the fairy wood. ♪



... from Main to the sea



... experience and enjoy

Countless **events** invite young and old to explore the treasure trove of the Brothers Grimm. Great festivals, groovy musicals, and exciting fairytale days take you straight to the realm of tales, sagas and legends. Many places along the route regularly invite you to celebrate and relax in a fairytale atmosphere: from Easter to Christmas, from Fairytale Week in Bad Sooden-Allendorf to fairytale summer festivals in Bad Wildungen and Heilbad Heiligenstadt to the atmospheric Advent and Christmas markets in Fritzlar and Kassel and in almost every town along the way.

Sleeping Beauty is not a part of every meal on the German Fairy Tale Route. But if you're looking for a frog cake, a fairytale dinner with Rapunzel, a meal in the birthplace of Dorothea Viehmann or other fairytale treats, you've come to the right place. Especially our partner companies **welcome** you cordially!

Many wishes also come true for **motorhome travellers** on the German Fairy Tale Route: an attractive route through different landscapes between the Main River and the sea; attractive lots at many stations and a motorhome guide with important information and fairytale tips make unforgettable tours possible.

When you suddenly meet Little Red Riding Hood in Alsfeld's old town, the whole family is surprised - and perhaps spontaneously comes up with the idea of visiting the wolf in the Knüll Game Park. Or would you prefer the Sababurg Zoo? From there it would not be far to „Fat Berta“ in the jungle, to the all-year swimming pool of the „Sleeping Beauty City“ Hofgeismar or to the documenta exhibition city of Kassel.

In short: the German Fairy Tale Route offers a variety of experiences for **families** – from the Cinderella games to the Easter Wheel Race and the summer toboggan run to the Dwarf Christmas.



Along the German Fairy Tale Route:

Many of our partner companies have charging stations!



In the footsteps of the Brothers Grimm.

Since 1975, the German Fairy Tale Route has invited visitors to follow in the footsteps of the famous brothers from Hanau, the birthplace of Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, to the Bremen Town Musicians.

They lived in Hanau and Steinau an der Straße (both today officially designated „Brothers Grimm Town“), Marburg, Kassel and Göttingen as well as Berlin. Apart from Berlin, these stages in life are connected by the German Fairy Tale Route and open up a variety of access points to an impressive life's work. Every year Hanau invites you to the Brothers Grimm Festival and in Steinau you can get a feel for how the Grimms lived as children. The GRIMMWELT Kassel shows Jacob and Wilhelm as worldwide networked linguists and presents an immeasurable treasure: their personal copies of the „Children's and Household Tales“, part of the UNESCO „Memory of the World“. The university city of Marburg takes us back in time to a romantic exploration of the world, while in Göttingen the two brothers are above all to be met as politically committed scholars.

Traces of the Grimms and important contemporaries can also be found in many other places along the German Fairy Tale Route. Ludwig Emil Grimm, for example, helped shape the painters' colony of Willingshausen. Jacob was often abroad on foot at the Meißner, in today's Geo-Nature park Mother-Hulda-Land. And the Schauenburg Fairy Tale Guard reminds us of Wachtmeister Krause, who told the Grimms fairy tales in exchange for „discarded legwear“.

We could also tell some stories here. But set off on a fairytale journey of discovery yourself in the footsteps of the Brothers Grimm.



GRIMMWELT Kassel (top);
Brüder Grimm-Haus in Steinau (middle);
GrimmsMärchenReich in Hanau (bottom)



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