



# göttingen guide

# life in göttingen

There is hardly any other German city, of comparable size, with so many universities and prestigious scientific institutions. Almost 50,000 people are employed here in research and teaching on a daily basis.

You can look forward to a rich cultural life. You can take advantage of the many opportunities for leisure activities that Göttingen has to offer. Discover a small, friendly German city full of life, between the Harz Mountains and Solling.

**göttingen, the heart of germany**





## mobility

Göttingen has a good and reliable public transportation network. There are numerous airports that are close to Göttingen, such as Hannover Airport. Frankfurt airport can also be reached within two hours by a direct train. You can move through Göttingen with one of the numerous bus lines or simply by bicycle. As a car driver, you should be prepared for traffic jams and - as in all German city centers - high parking fees.



# facts about göttingen

## 1. Every fourth Göttingen resident is a student

The Georg August University is the oldest and largest in Lower Saxony. The university has existed since 1734, there are almost 32,000 enrolled students, the second highest number after 1992, plus about 2,500 students from other universities.

## 2. First electromagnetic telegraph in the world

Carl Friedrich Gauss and Wilhelm Eduard Weber built the world's first electromagnetic telegraph in 1833.

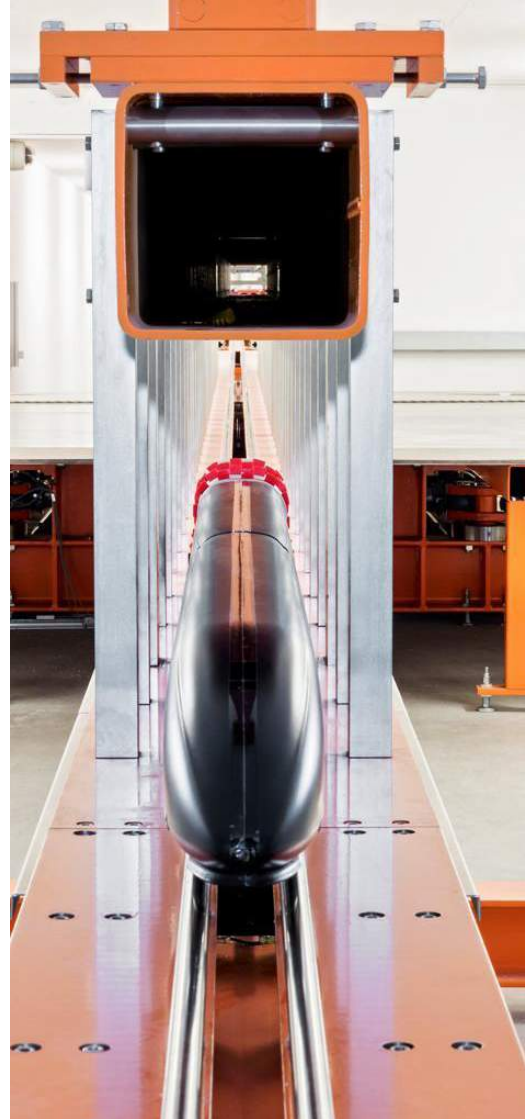
The line ran across the roofs of the city of Göttingen. It connected the two scholars' places of work and facilitated their communication.

The Gauss-Weber telegraph served as a model for other telegraphs. Today, a green laser beam commemorates the revolutionary technology.

### 3. The world's unique tunnel simulation facility

The Deutsche Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR) in Göttingen has built a unique test track for high-speed trains.

The facility is designed to help determine the aerodynamic behavior of trains in tunnel sections. These findings are to be used to enable even faster trains in the future. Air turbulence is made visible by laser and there is also a crosswind test facility.



#### 4. Otto von Bismarck

„And soberly, the Reich Chancellor usually replied nothing.“

In the case of Reich Chancellor Otto von Bismarck, at least not in his Göttingen student days.

For Bismarck, who matriculated as a law student in Göttingen on May 10, 1832, was known above all for his drinking bouts. Allegedly, it was partly because of these carousals that he had to move from his first apartment at what is now Rote Straße 27 to the „Bismarck-Häuschen,“ an old fortress tower on the Leine Canal on the outskirts of the city.

#### 5. Göttingen Nobel Prize Miracle

At least that was the name of an exhibition held in the old Paulinerkirche in 2002.

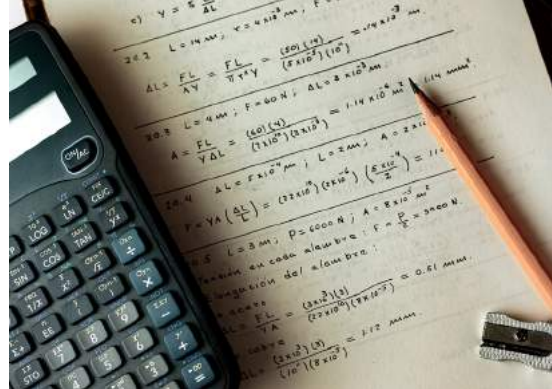
Background: Almost 50 of the people who have been awarded the famous Nobel Prize so far are biographically linked to Göttingen.



Fourteen of them actually achieved the results that led to the award in Göttingen.

Göttingen is primarily known for its awards in the fields of physics and chemistry. Most recently, Prof. Dr. Stefan W. Hell was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2014.

In the first half of the 20th century, Georg-August-Universität was thus even the university most frequently associated with the Nobel Prize.



## 6. Göttingen was considered a Mecca of mathematics from 1895 until 1933.

In this time, the most creative mathematical minds came together in Göttingen. This resulted in 1929 in the building of the new mathematical institute, financed among others by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Even today, the library of the Mathematical Institute is considered one of the most important in the world.



## 7. bicycles

Visitors to the city are amazed, Göttingen residents just shrug their shoulders: The flood of bicycles in front of

Göttingen's train station is as conspicuous as ever. This is unlikely to change much in the future. And this even though the city council has 400 to 500 junk bikes removed at the end of each year.

Göttingen is truly a bicycle city. But despite 2450 parking spaces for bicycles at the train station, finding a free spot for one's bike is always an exciting journey.



## 8. A kiss at the end

The most kissed girl in the world? That comes from Göttingen, of course. It is the Gänseliesel, a statue that has adorned the fountain in front of the Old Town Hall for more than 100 years.

The kissers are mainly the doctoral students of Göttingen University. Following the tradition, the newly graduated doctoral students are pulled through the city in

handcarts by family, friends and fellow students, climb the fountain, put a bouquet of flowers in the protective canopy of the Gänseliesel and finally give her a kiss on the cheek.

On some days, up to 60 new doctors celebrate the completion of their studies in this way.



# restaurants & bar guide

your opportunities close to the life science factory

## **Freigeist**

Sartorius Quartier

## **Le Feu**

French, European  
Weender Landstraße 23

## **Amavi**

Italian, Mediterranean  
Guterbahnhofstr. 10

## **restaurants**

### **Vapiano**

Italian, Mediterranean  
Weender Landstraße 1

### **Cafe & Bar Celona**

Weender Landstraße 3

### **Döner Haus**

Kebab, Imbiss  
Theodor-Heuss-Straße 66

## cafés & bars

**Hemingway Café Bistro Bar**

Weender Landstraße 46

**Kaffeehus**

Weender Straße 87

**Bäckerei Küster**

Weender Straße 106

**Cafe & Bar Celona**

Weender Landstraße 3

**Freigeist**

Sartorius Quartier

## supermarkets

**Rewe**

Weender Landstraße 76

**Lidl**

Annastraße 36c

**Aldi Nord**

Weender Landstraße 59





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more recommendations for  
göttingen

## Fellini

Italian, Mediterranean  
Groner-Tor-Straße 28

## Nudelhaus

Italian, European  
Rote Straße 13

## Taco Fresh

Mexican, Fast Food  
Theaterstraße 4

## restaurants

### Hans im Glück

burger, fast food  
Goethe-Allee 8

### Bullerjahn

German  
Markt 9



## cafés

### Birds Café

Nicolaistraße 8

### Café Bar Esprit

Lange-Geismar-Straße 19

### Café Cortes

Kurze-Geismar-Straße 27

### Cron und Lanz

Weender Straße 25

## bars

### Nautibar

Theaterstraße 8

### Thanner's

Barfüßerstraße 1

### Sausalitos

Hospitalstraße 35

### Villa Cuba

Zindelstraße 2

göttingen traditional house, known for their  
>>Baumkuchen <<, perfect for souvenirs



# Cultural offerings

## theater

With three permanent theaters and many performance venues, Göttingen offers a rich selection.

The >> **Deutsches Theater** << is the oldest theater in Göttingen. The theater season is September through July. The program offers classical and contemporary plays as well as guest performances by other renowned German theaters. Every September, the Deutsches Theater hosts the „Theater im Innenhof“ festival, featuring well-known actors from all over Germany.

The >> **Junges Theater** << was founded in the 1960s and presents contemporary plays.

The performances in the >> **ThOP** << - the unique theater in the old operating theater - are produced and performed by students. There is a competition for aspiring playwrights every September.



## museum

The >> **Städtisches Museum** << collects, preserves, researches and presents evidence of the history and cultural history of the city and region of Göttingen.

The building of the Municipal Museum in the so-called Hardenberger Hof, dating from 1592, is the only preserved aristocratic palace from the Renaissance period in Göttingen.



## music

### Göttingen International Handel Festival

The Göttingen Festival, the world's oldest early music festival, is held annually around Whitsun.

### Göttingen Symphony Orchestra

With its musicians from 24 nations and an extensive guest performance schedule, the Göttingen Symphony Orchestra

is a cultural beacon for the city of Göttingen and the state of Lower Saxony.

### „Musik in the forest“ Open Air in the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Park (KWP)

In a good tradition, the festival in the forest is a special setting with a unique atmosphere and a sought-after performance venue every year, not only for the prominent bands, but especially for Göttingen's musicians.



## Göttinger Jazzfestival

At the Göttingen Jazz Festival, visitors can enjoy a flurry of activity on numerous stages featuring a variety of jazz styles and artists from around the world.



## NDR 2 Soundcheck Festival

You can hear the latest from the national and international music scene on NDR 2 Soundcheck. The city of Göttingen and NDR 2 are jointly

aiming for a new edition of the NDR 2 Soundcheck Festival in 2023. Together, the city and NDR 2 plan to get to work over the next few months and offer people a new Soundcheck highlight.





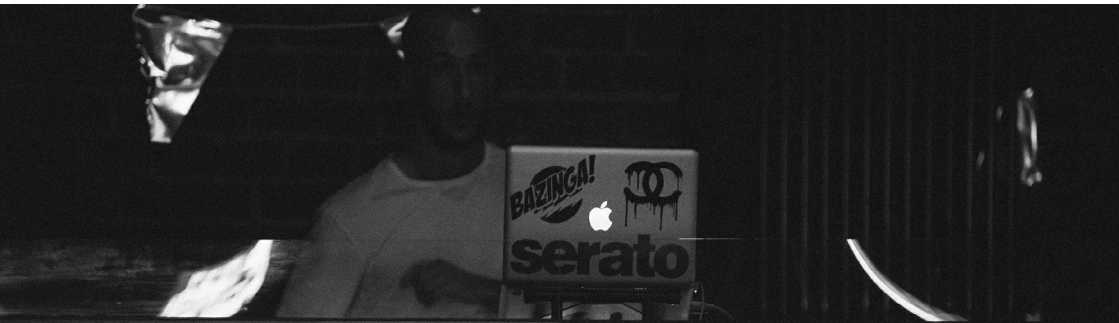
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### Musa

The Musa is both the largest event center in Göttingen and the largest music center in southern Lower Saxony. In addition to an extensive course and workshop program, concerts, parties and various other events take place here.

### Amavi WILD

A completely new concept offers the amavi restaurant, bar and club in one. Under the name amavi WILD the club with changing parties in one of the most modern locations in Göttingen.



# amavi



## Nörgelbuff

Lots of live music and stage programs are at home in this historic vaulted cellar with an eventful past.

## EXIL

In addition to the regularly recurring club nights, the Exil is especially known for its live concerts. From rock to punk, there is something for every taste, and offers such as swing dance evenings complete the weekly schedule.

## cinemas

The **Lumière** sees itself as an alternative to commercial cinema and shows artistically outstanding films and film

series, often in cooperation with other cultural institutions and initiatives in Göttingen.

The **CinemaxX** with newly released films.

The **Méliès** is a new Göttingen program cinema. Thanks to the grandiose half-timbered construction of the old nave, the new cinema hall is reminiscent of the time of film pioneer Georges Méliès.





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