

# Highlights: where to go, what to see and when

June

- June 5 - 14 Hessentag 2009, Langenselbold:** Hessentag is a regional celebration of the culture, lifestyle, costumes and customs of the area. This state fair attracts more than one million visitors from around the world every year. The 10 day festival includes a variety of events and activities including live music, sports, political discussions and a wide range of exhibitions. [www.hessentag2009.de](http://www.hessentag2009.de)
- June 11 - 13 32th Wilhelmstraßenfest "Theatrium", Wiesbaden:** The first "Theatrium" festival was held in 1977 for the re-opening on the newly renovated State Theater. The splendid shopping street Wilhelmstraße is the backdrop of one of the largest and most exclusive street festivals in Germany. A highly original arts and crafts market is one of the attractions. [www.wiesbaden.de](http://www.wiesbaden.de)
- June 11 - 14 Zeltfest im Brühl, Aarbergen:** on Friday a dance festival begins at 20, a Bavarian evening on Saturday at 19 and a morning pint with raffle on Sunday at 10:30 all takes place at the festival tent "Im Brühl", the district of Michelbach. [www.aufreisen.de/hessen](http://www.aufreisen.de/hessen)
- June 11 - 14 Magic Bike, Rüdesheim/Assmannshausen:** An international motorcycle meeting for "Harley-Davidson and other fine bikes" at the event area at Brömserburg. One of the largest Harley Davidson meetings with live music on three stages, a motorcycle parade and stunt show, US car show, Harley test drives and fireworks. [www.magic-bike-ruedesheim.de](http://www.magic-bike-ruedesheim.de)
- June 11 - 14 Rosen- und Lichterfest, Palmengarten, Frankfurt:** The Rosenfest has taken place since 1931. The queen of the flowers is illuminated by a variety of lights and complemented by music. The high point of the weekend is the Festival of Light on Saturday from 15:00 to midnight. In the evening tee lights create images in light spread out over the garden, with fireworks as the crowning touch. [www.palmengarten-frankfurt.de](http://www.palmengarten-frankfurt.de)
- June 12 - 15 Altheinfest, Ginsheim:** A home town festival on the bank of the old Rhein with a light entertainment program, live music and culinary treats, ending with fireworks on Monday at 22:30. Free Entrance. [www.skg-ginsheim.de](http://www.skg-ginsheim.de)
- June 13 - 14 Feldbahnfest, Frankfurter Feldbahn Museum:** Experience the museum in action with steam and diesel locomotive rides from 10 to 17:30 plus museum exhibits, programs for kids and snacks and drinks. [www.feldbahn-ffm.de](http://www.feldbahn-ffm.de)
- June 13 - July 13 Höchster Schloßfest, Altstadt Frankfurt-Höchst:** A cultural- folkloristic event in the historic Altstadt of Höchst, this festival opens in the Bolongaro garden and the castle serves as the center of the festivities. Amusement park rides, summer evenings at the castle and a diverse array of concerts on the castle terrace are some of the attractions in this month-long event, which closes with fireworks on the last night. [www.vereinsring-hoechst.de](http://www.vereinsring-hoechst.de)
- June 17 17th JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge, Frankfurt:** Frankfurt's most popular run takes place for the 17th time, having grown from 500 participants in 1993 to around 73,000 runners from 2200 businesses expected this year. The 5.6 km route begins at Hoch- and Börsenstraße and winds through the city center to the finish line in the Senckenberganlage. [www.jpmorgancc.de](http://www.jpmorgancc.de)
- June 19 - 22 42th Mainzer Johannisnacht, Mainz:** This festival honors Mainz's most famous son, Johannes Gensfleisch, a.k.a. Gutenberg, and has developed in the last 40 years into the largest festival in Mainz. Typical Johannisnacht attractions include the *Buchdruckertaufe*, the baptism of former printing apprentices who become full fledged printers after being dunked in a tub of water. For four days music, theater, folklore groups, and brass bands fill the city center as well as a large antique book market on Schillerplatz, an art market on the banks of the Rhein and another for vintners from Mainz at Leichhof. Traditional fireworks on the Rhein close the event on Monday at 22:30. [www.mainzer-johannisnacht.de](http://www.mainzer-johannisnacht.de)
- June 20 26. Schweizer Straßenfest, Sachsenhausen, Frankfurt:** Every summer Schweizerstraße invites the rest of Frankfurt to Sachsenhausen, to one of the city's largest street festivals. Stands with culinary specialties and other wares line the street with live music on several stages and an open-air fashion show all entertain from 11 to midnight. [www.die-schweizerstrasse.de](http://www.die-schweizerstrasse.de)
- June 20 - 21 23th Mainuferfest, Offenbach:** A festival of clubs in Offenbach with colorful culture, music, and sport programs. Around 150 Offenbach clubs put on displays and booths between the Büsing Palais and Isenburger Schloß. Open Sat 10-24 and Sun 10-20. [www.offenbach.de](http://www.offenbach.de)
- June 20 - 21 Rosenfest, Bad Nauheim-Steinfurth:** Attractions such as culinary rose creations and lectures are part of this festival in the blooming rose garden in the district of Steinfurth. [www.rosenfest.de](http://www.rosenfest.de)

# June, July

- June 25 - August 02** **Burgfestspiele, Dreieich-Dreieichenhain:** Performances and theater take place throughout the summer at Burg Hayn in Dreieichenhain (Kreis Offenbach). The program includes Opera, comedy and drama, as well as cabaret and concerts. This includes "Robin Hood", "The Magic Flute", "The Barber of Seville", "Comedian Harmonists" and others. For prices and schedules visit the website. [www.burgfestspiele-dreieichenhain.de](http://www.burgfestspiele-dreieichenhain.de)
- June 26 - 28** **Deutsch-Russisches-Festival, Bad Nauheim:** The festival travels back in time to 1910 when many prominent Russians traveled to Bad Nauheim's famous spa retreats. The theme this year is "100 years of Alexandr Blok in Bad Nauheim", celebrated with tours, lectures, and concerts related to the well-known Russian author. [www.bad-nauheim.de](http://www.bad-nauheim.de)
- June 26 - 29** **Kiedricher Rieslingfest, Kiedrich:** A celebration of Riesling in Marktplatz and Oberstraße with live music. [www.kiedrich.de](http://www.kiedrich.de)
- June 26 - July 5** **Opernplatzfest 2009, Opernplatz:** Originally started to celebrate the new Lucae Fountain, this event has developed into a culinary summer festival in front of the Alte Oper. Live music, theater productions and piano concerts round out the program. Open daily 11:00 - 23:00. [www.opernplatzfest.de](http://www.opernplatzfest.de)
- June 27** **Stadtteilfest Lauterborn, Offenbach:** This new festival in Lauterborn is designed to bring together all the different nationalities and generations that live in the area. In Richard-Wagner-Straße a street festival includes sport and cultural clubs, youth programs, local businesses mixing together for a program of music, food, children's entertainment and games for every age group.
- June 28** **GWH Fest Farbräume zum Leben, Palmengarten, Frankfurt:** A family festival organized around the theme of color with tours, presentations, games and workshops in an afternoon event for all ages. Events runs from 13:00 to 19:00. [www.palmengarten-frankfurt.de](http://www.palmengarten-frankfurt.de)
- July 2 - 6** **74th Sekt- und Biedermeierfest, Eltville am Rhein:** Eltville, the city of Sekt, wine and roses hosts this yearly festival on the first weekend in July along the banks of the Rhein, at the Kurfürstliche Burg and Entenplatz. Entertainment includes classical music on Thursday evening with a wide variety of foods, stalls and drinks, as well as a carousel, a theater and children's program and fireworks on Monday evening. [www.eltville.de](http://www.eltville.de)
- July 2 - 6** **Heinerfest, Darmstadt:** A large festival in the city center of Darmstadt around the castle. Includes a program of cultural and sporting events as well as a variety of live music on several stages. [www.heinerfest-darmstadt.de](http://www.heinerfest-darmstadt.de)
- July 3 - 6** **Gibber Kerb, Wiesbaden-Biebrich:** This yearly fun fair in Wiesbaden boasts a parade, market and high-tech amusement park rides. Open daily from 13:00 to midnight. [www.gibber-kerb.info](http://www.gibber-kerb.info)
- July 3 - 5** **Sommerfest, Flörsheim am Main, Rheingau:** A summer festival with a variety of live music and international culinary delicacies in the old city center and next to St.-Gallus-Church. Starts Friday at 20:00, Sat at 15 and Sun at 11. Flörsheim am Main, Eddersheimer Str. 4, 65439 Flörsheim am Main Tel. +49 (0) 61 45 / 95 59
- July 3-5** **Hugenottenmarkt, Friedrichsdorf:** A traditional city festival with live music, a program of events and market stands open all day on Hugenottenstraße. Förderverein Hugenottenmarkt e.V., Tel. +49 (0) 6171 / 622966
- July 3 - 5** **Altstadtfest im "Alten Ort", Neu-Isenburg:** A fair in the old part of town with stages in Marktplatz. Open Fri & Sat beginning at 20:00. Hugenottenhalle - Bürgerhaus, Frankfurter Str. 152, 63263 Neu-Isenburg, Tel. +49 (0) 61 02 / 7 47-4 11
- July 4** **Australian Street Festival, Frankfurt:** Beginning at noon next to the stock exchange, Börsenplatz will be filled with Australian themed food, music and drinks.
- July 4** **Rheingau-Musik-Festival 2009, Oestrich-Winkel:** A summer festival with fireworks and the motto "I got rhythm!" with music from Nicole Cabell (Soprano) and the German Philharmonic of Rheinland-Pfalz conducted by Ari Rasilainen. Held in the Cuveehof of Schloss Johannisberg at 18:00. [www.rheingau-musikfestival.de](http://www.rheingau-musikfestival.de)
- July 4** **Rhein im Feuerzauber - around the Binger Loch, Rüdesheim:** The cities of Rüdesheim and Bingen celebrate "the Rhein in the magic of fire". To begin the high summer season flames, spotlights and fireworks light up the river. A fleet of around 55 ships travel up the Rhein to view „burning“ castles, fountains of fire, and a „rain of stars“ before the firework finale at 23:30. Wine stands line the river and musicians play in Marktplatz in Rüdesheim for spectators not on the ships. Ship rides start at 18:00 and tickets cost 35 euro. [www.ruedesheim.de](http://www.ruedesheim.de); [www.rhein-im-feuerzauber.de](http://www.rhein-im-feuerzauber.de)
- July 4 & 5** **Amazing Thailand, Bad Homburg:** Enjoy the exotic and colorful from Thailand with art, culture and cuisine, beginning at 11:00 in the Sala-Thai in the Kurpark. [www.amazing-thailand.bad-homburg.de](http://www.amazing-thailand.bad-homburg.de)
- July 4 & 5** **Altstadtfest, Niddatal:** A full entertainment program and culinary specialities from the area in the district of Assenheim from 11 to 22:00.. [www.niddatal.de](http://www.niddatal.de)

# July, August

- July 4 & 5** **Feldbergfest, Schmitten im Taunus:** A mountain festival since 1844 with historic sport competitions on Großen Feldberg. [www.feldbergfest.de](http://www.feldbergfest.de)
- July 5** **8th IRONMAN European Championship 2009, Frankfurt:** Ironman Frankfurt has long been the mega-sport event in the metropolis. In 2009, over 2,000 athletes from more than 40 countries will fight for 120 qualifying places in the Ironman Worldcup in Hawaii. After a 3.8 km swim in the Langener Waldsee, the 180 km bicycle route winds through Frankfurt and the Main-Kinzig-area. The marathon then follows the north and south banks of the Main before ending at the finish line at Römerberg. The NightRun-Party begins on July 2 at 19:00 with DJs from station hr3 and a fun run along the river, then continues after the award ceremony into the night. [www.ironman.de](http://www.ironman.de)
- July 10 - 12** **Stadtfest 3-Tage, Marburg an der Lahn:** This three day festival in Marburg covers the entire city in music, crafts and market stands. Shops are open on Sunday, there are dragon boat races and fireworks. [www.marburg.de](http://www.marburg.de)
- July 10 - 13** **Burgfest 2009, Königstein im Taunus:** The festival begins on Friday with a non-denominational worship service, then a goodbye to the old "Burgfräulein" or castle maiden and crowning of the new with fireworks in the evening. On Saturday the mayor presents the new castle maiden with the key to the city and on Sunday there is a historic parade and early drinks on Monday. Each evening includes entertainment in the castle ruins. [www.koenigstein.de](http://www.koenigstein.de)
- July 10 - 13** **61st Schiersteiner Hafenfest, Wiesbaden-Schierstein:** Each year on the second weekend in July the Schiersteiner Harbor Festival takes place on the promenade. An amusement park and 500 meter »Fressgass« with a dragoon boat regatta are the high points of the fair, which also includes live entertainment and music, and market and fireworks. [www.schierstein.com](http://www.schierstein.com)
- July 12** **Moorspektakel, Bad Schwalbach, Taunus:** Traditional celebration of stories and superstitions related to the moor in the area where a „moor ghost“ and „moor goblin“ are chosen. At the Moorbadehaus beginning at 11:00. [www.bad-schwalbach.de](http://www.bad-schwalbach.de)
- July 13 - 29** **Mainspiele, Museumsufer, Frankfurt:** This summer celebration for kids has filled the Sachsenhausen side of the Main with rides and games since 1994 and is open from 11 to 19:00 every day.
- July 17 - 19** **17th Christopher Street Day (CSD), Frankfurt:** A gay and lesbian festival with a parade on the 18th through the city of Frankfurt and a large entertainment program. The parade starts at Römerberg and ends at Goetheplatz where it turns into a huge party. [www.frankfurt.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=3940&ffmpar\[\\_id\\_inhalt\]=8381](http://www.frankfurt.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=3940&ffmpar[_id_inhalt]=8381)
- July 17 - 19** **Schlangenbader Schlangenfest, Schlangenbad:** Music and numerous stands from regional exhibitors as well as bicycling, swimming and running competitions make this a fun event held in the historic Cafehalle. [www.verkehrsverein-schlangenbad.de/schlangenfest/index.html](http://www.verkehrsverein-schlangenbad.de/schlangenfest/index.html)
- July 18** **Welterbe-Feier, Rüdesheim am Rhein:** A world heritage festival with cultural events held around the Niederwalddenkmal with an open air concert, light display and fireworks. [www.ruedesheim.de](http://www.ruedesheim.de)
- July 30 - August 3** **Rheinisches Fischerfest, Gernsheim** A large fair between the Rhein and harbor in Gernsheim, south of Darmstadt, with fireworks and an angling competition. [www.rheinisches-fischerfest.de](http://www.rheinisches-fischerfest.de)
- July 31 - August 2** **Open-Air-Veranstaltung, Trebur:** For three days rock bands fight it out on two stages in the hessen marsh. [www.treburopenair.de](http://www.treburopenair.de)
- July 31 - August 3** **Mainfest, Altstadt, Frankfurt:** A traditional inner city festival since the middle ages when the German emperors were crowned in Frankfurt. Around 120 summer gardens, carousels, rides and games stretch from Paulsplatz through the Römerberg and continue down the bank of the Main. A fair for the family with live music and fireworks on Monday evening. [www.frankfurt.de](http://www.frankfurt.de)
- July 31 - August 3** **Winzerfest, Oestrich-Winkel:** An atmospheric wine festival with entertainment in the district of Hallgarten. The wines of local Hallgarten vintners and connoisseurs will be presented. [www.rheingau.de](http://www.rheingau.de)
- July 31 - August 3** **Laternenfest, Schöneck:** A fair with dancing and music in the festival tent, a lantern parade on Saturday and Sunday, fireworks and a variety of live bands at the Festplatz Wiesenau, in the district of Büdesheim. [www.buedesheimer-laternenfest.de](http://www.buedesheimer-laternenfest.de)
- August 1 - 2** **Burgfest, Waldbrunn:** A musical event in the ambience of the castle in the district of Ellar starting Saturday at 19:00 and Sunday at 10:00 with a *Frühshoppen*, music and food. [www.waldbrunn-westerwald.de/ortsteile/ellar/index.htm](http://www.waldbrunn-westerwald.de/ortsteile/ellar/index.htm)
- August 1 - 3** **Mainfest, Altstadt, Frankfurt:** The Mainfest dates back to 1340 and is one of Frankfurt's oldest festivals. With a large summer garden and refreshment area along the Main, the festival ends with fireworks. [www.frankfurt-tourismus.de](http://www.frankfurt-tourismus.de)
- August 5 - 23** **Opernspiele, Opernplatz:** A fair with games and rides for kids during the summer holidays in Opernplatz open daily from 11 to 19:00. <http://frankfurt-interaktiv.de/frankfurt/freizeit/sommerferienprogramm.html>

# August

- August 7-9** **Fischerfest, Hattersheim am Main:** A water festival with dragon boat races and Fischerstechen or jousting from boats in the streets and gardens of Eddersheim. [www.hattersheim.de](http://www.hattersheim.de)
- August 7-12 & 16** **402nd Bernemer Kerb, Bornheim:** This fun fair in Bornheim is full of traditions dating back to its beginning in 1608. It takes place every year on the second weekend in August around the Bernemer Johanniskirche. [www.bernemer-kerb.de](http://www.bernemer-kerb.de)
- August 8** **Schlossgartenfest, Usingen:** Some 2,000 visitors enjoy cocktails, food and drinks, accompanied by live music in the soft lighting of the castle garden. [www.usingen.de](http://www.usingen.de)
- August 8-9** **Dippe- und Brunnenfest, Friedrichsdorf:** A city festival rich in traditions with a market with handmade wares, lots of music and a large raffle in the district of Seulberg. [www.taunus.info](http://www.taunus.info); [www.friedrichsdorf.de](http://www.friedrichsdorf.de)
- August 13-16** **8th European Elvis Festival, Bad Nauheim:** On August 16, the anniversary of Elvis' death, the king of rock'n roll will be honored for the 31st time in the town he lived in from 1958 to 1960. An exhibit of memorabilia, a parade of Cadillacs, tours of the city and Elvis films are some of the attractions this year. [www.bad-nauheim.de](http://www.bad-nauheim.de)
- August 14-17** **Rüdesheimer Weinfest, Rüdesheim:** This traditional wine festival offers the coziness of local wineries, Rheingau hospitality and the culture of wine, as well as the crowning of the Rüdesheimer "wine queen" of 2009, dancing and live music. [www.ruedesheimer-weinfest.de](http://www.ruedesheimer-weinfest.de)
- August 14-23** **34th Rheingauer Weinwoche, Wiesbaden:** The longest wine bar in the state stretches between Schloßplatz and Dernschem Gelände for ten days. More than 1,500 wines and sekts are presented at some 115 stands, along with food to match and a program of entertainment on three stages. [www.wiesbaden.de](http://www.wiesbaden.de)
- August 15** **Luftschiffparade, Bad Homburg:** This parade of blimps and airships takes place every two years in remembrance of the parade of blimps here in 1910. The parade takes place around the Hofgut Kronenhof and includes exhibitions, information stands and a fun fair as well. [www.bad-homburger-luftschiffparade.de](http://www.bad-homburger-luftschiffparade.de)
- August 15** **Sommernachtsfest, Bad Soden:** A high point in Bad Soden, this festival starts at 15:00 with over 150 market stands and more than ten bands playing dance, pop and rock music. At 23:00 the event closes with fireworks. [www.bad-soden.de](http://www.bad-soden.de)
- August 15-16** **11th Mittelaltermarkt, Offenbach-Rumpenheim:** The life and culture of the Middle Ages in re-created in the castle garden of Rumpenheim with jugglers, fire-eaters, and music, as well as over 100 stands displaying traditional crafts such as candle and button-making. Open Sat 14-22:00, Sun 10-19:00. [www.offenbach.de](http://www.offenbach.de).
- August 15-23** **Bad Vilbeler Markt:** A large fun fair with amusement park rides, market stands, and live music in the festival tent, as well as an animal show and other entertainment on Büdinger Straße. Ending with fireworks on Sunday. [www.bad-vilbel.de](http://www.bad-vilbel.de)
- August 21** **Offenbacher Lichterfest:** Illumination with over 50,000 lights and an open air concert (from classical to rock) with the Frankfurt New Philharmonic in front of Büsingpalais, in Büsingpark at 19:00. [www.offenbach.de](http://www.offenbach.de)
- August 21-23** **Sommerschein Festival, Hofheim am Taunus:** A musical mix with rock, pop, punk, alternative and electro, as well as workshops, culinary specialties and children's entertainment, in the Sportpark Heide, in Marxheim. [www.sommerschein.de](http://www.sommerschein.de)
- August 21-23** **Bürgerfest, Mörfelden-Walldorf:** A festival with music and amusements at the Festplatz in Walldorf starting Fri. at 17.30, Sat. at 14, and Sun. at 11:00. [www.moerfelden-walldorf.de](http://www.moerfelden-walldorf.de)
- August 22** **Bat Night, Niddatal:** A night all about bats with tours, games, and entertainment at Wettermündung, in Assenheim from 17-23:00. Nabu Umweltwerkstadt Wetterau, Tel. +49 (0) 6034 / 6119
- August 27-30 & Sept 3-6** **77th Mainzer Weinmarkt, Mainz:** Wine lovers gather on summer evenings starting at 15:00 in the Volkspark and Stadtpark for this yearly festival that draws some half a million visitors. An arts and crafts market, amusement park and ending fireworks are all part of the festivities. [www.mainzer-weinmarkt.de](http://www.mainzer-weinmarkt.de)
- August 28-30** **Burgfest auf Burg Eppstein, Taunus:** Food, drinks and a good atmosphere with music rule at this festival in the castle starting Saturday at 18:00. [www.eppstein.de](http://www.eppstein.de)
- August 28-31** **Laternenfest, Bad Homburg:** A traditional festival in the ambience of lanterns and lamps decorating the houses and streets. Music and performances, carousels and market stalls are included along with a parade and greyhound races in Jubiläumspark. [www.laternenfest.de](http://www.laternenfest.de)
- August 28-31** **Düdelheimer Markt, Büdingen:** A market with music, fireworks, a horse show, amusement park at Markt- and Festplatz in Düdelheim, Fri at 19:00, Sat-Mon at 10:00. [www.buedingen.net](http://www.buedingen.net)
- August 29-30** **Karusellfest, Hanau:** A colorful fair in the Staatspark Wilhelmsbad with live music and a variety of food. *Förderverein für das Karussell im Staatspark*, [www.hanauonline.de](http://www.hanauonline.de)