



1 HERRENHAUSEN – THE BRODERIE PARTERRE WITH THE GALLERY AND ORANGERY IN THE BACKGROUND

Hannover – City of Gardens

Hannover has been a city of gardens for almost 350 years; since the Great Baroque garden was laid out in the 18th century, the Hanoverians' enthusiasm for gardens has made sure that vibrant green spaces are an important part of their town.

Half of Hannover is woodland, fields, lakes and rivers and, of course, gardens all over the city. The fine historic gardens in Herrenhausen, Marienwerder and the city centre, parks, private greenspace and over 20,000 'Kleingarten' allotment gardens are all part of Hannover's reputation as a city of gardens.

In Expo City Hannover you'll find many wonderful and unique places spanning three and a half centuries of the garden arts.

We invite you to explore these places - their atmospheres and their ideas - in our 'City of Gardens'.

The Royal Gardens

Herrenhausen has always been the pride of Hannover; parts of the Royal Gardens - Grosser Garten, Berggarten, Georgengarten and Welfengarten - date from the end of the 17th century. Along with the Rain Forest House, Wilhelm Busch Museum, Herrenhausen Museum and the Grotto, built in 1776 and recently restored with new interiors by the artist Niki de St. Phalle, they are some of the city's leading attractions and part of the international garden heritage. In summer they provide a charming setting for festivities and cultural events such as the 'Little Festival in the Great Garden' and the international fireworks competition.

Grosser Garten (1)

The Great Garden was begun in 1666 and extended by Electress Sophie and her master gardener Martin Charbonnier into one of the finest Baroque gardens in Europe. Her moated garden of around 50 hectares has remained essentially unchanged until today. The highlights are the Great Parterre, water features including the Great Fountain, and a Baroque garden theatre. The summer evening illuminations with Baroque music create an unforgettable atmosphere.

Berggarten and Rain Forest House (2, 3)

Over the centuries many new species of plant have been discovered and described for the first time in this 12-hectare botanical garden, with one of the world's largest orchid collections, astonishing cacti, exotic flora of the tropical rain forest and Canary Islands, and magnificent trees, ornamental and wild herbaceous shrubs in the grounds. The new Rain Forest House sends visitors on an expedition into the South American jungle with its extraordinary plants and animals.

Herrenhäuser Strasse 4; open in summer 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., admission charge, in winter 8 a.m. - 4.30 p.m., admission free; No. 4 or 5 tram to 'Herrenhäuser Gärten'

Herrenhäuser Strasse; open in summer 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., glasshouses 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; in winter 8 a.m. - 4.30 p.m., admission charge; No. 4 or 5 tram to 'Herrenhäuser Gärten'

The Historic Gardens and Parks



2 THE LIBRARY PAVILION AND ORNAMENTAL COURTYARD IN BERGGARTEN



3 THE NEW RAIN FOREST HOUSE IN BERGGARTEN



4 LEIBNIZ MEMORIAL IN GEORGENGARTEN, A POPULAR MEETING PLACE FOR YOUNG AND OLD

Georgengarten (4)

Around 1835, several country house estates were combined by Royal Master Gardener Christian Schaumburg to form Georgengarten, a landscape garden in the English style. Linking the city with the Great Garden, Herrenhausen Allée runs for almost two kilometres through Georgengarten's expansive meadows and lakes, and at the heart of this fine park is the Georgenpalais, now the Wilhelm Busch Museum.

Maschpark and Town Hall (5)

The city's first municipal park was laid out around 1900 in the 'mixed style' together with the imposing new town hall. Planned by Hannover's first Garden Director, Julius Trip, the park's formal and landscaped garden spaces are grouped around the gently curving shores of a lake with waterlilies.

Maschsee (6)

In the 1930s this artificial lake was dug in the low-lying 'Leineaeue' river plain, its strict, formal lines offering a strong contrast with the adjoining landscape. Today, Hannover's most popular leisure area is a place for pleasant strolls into the countryside starting from the city centre, and the 'Maschseefest' attracts well over a million visitors to the lakeside every year.

Stadtpark (7)

Behind Hannover Congress Centrum and the imposing Stadthalle concert hall lies the Stadtpark, completed for the first national garden show in 1951; as one of the few gardens of this era to survive it represents a unique part of the garden heritage. With a wealth of trees, herbaceous perennials and seasonal plantings, water features, a rose garden and a Japanese tea garden, the Stadtpark is one of the most refined gardens in Hannover.

Nienburger Strasse; open all year round, admission free; No. 4 or 5 tram to 'Schneiderberg/ Wilhelm-Busch-Museum'

Am Maschpark; open all year round, admission free; No. 1,2,4,5 or 6 tram to 'Aegidientorplatz', No. 120 bus to 'Rathaus'

Rudolf-von-Bennigsen-Ufer; open all year round, admission free; No. 131 or 132 bus to 'Sprengel Museum'

Clausewitzstrasse/ Stadthalle; open in summer 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., in winter 8.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.; No. 6 tram to 'Congress Centrum (Stadthalle)'



5 LOOKING ACROSS THE MASCHPARK FROM THE ROCKY PROMONTORY TO THE TOWN HALL



6 LOOKING ACROSS THE MASCHSEE TO THE TOWN HALL



7 THE ROSE GARDEN AND GREAT LAWN IN THE STADTPARK



8 VIEW ACROSS THE CENTRAL MEADOW IN HINÜBERSCHER GARTEN



9 MAGNIFICENT OLD TREES IN TIERGARTEN

The New Gardens



10 FROM 'EXPO-PARK SÜD' TO THE 'PARC AGRICOLE' ON KRONSBURG

*Am Hinüberschen Garten;
open all year round,
admission free;
No. 4 tram to
'Marienwerder/
Wissenschaftspark'*

Hinüberscher Garten (8)

The 40-hectare Hinüberscher Garten was one of the earliest landscape gardens in Germany, laid out in 1766 beside the Marienwerder convent. In recent years restoration work has revealed the original structure of this idyllic park.

Hermann-Löns-Park and Tiergarten (9)

With sports fields, an open-air swimming pool, sunbathing meadows and allotment gardens, Hermann Löns Park is a typical public park of the 1930s - but also a unique creation of a quintessential Lower Saxony landscape, planted with mainly local trees. The neighbouring Tiergarten was originally the court hunting grounds and has been popular with Hanoverians for excursions and recreation for over 200 years.

*Hermann-Löns-Park/
Tiergartenstraße;
open all year round,
admission free; No.
5 tram to 'Annastift'*

*north side: No. 6
tram to 'Zoo', No.
3,7 or 9 to 'Lister
Platz'; south side:
No. 1,2 or 8 tram to
'Döhrener Turm',
4 or 5 tram to
'Kantplatz'*

Eilenriede City Forest (11)

A very special part of Hannover is this 700-hectare forest, which has belonged to the city for over 600 years. Reaching almost into the city centre, it offers a wonderful contrast to its urban surroundings for people, animals and plants.

*Chicago Lane;
open all year round,
admission free;
No. 6 tram to
'Expo-Ost'*

EXPO Parks (10)

After the EXPO 2000 World Exposition the 'Gardens in Transition' designed by landscape architect Kamel Louafi were retained as an important example of contemporary garden arts, with their varieties of coloration and garden elements. This 'band of gardens' carries over into the 'EXPO-Park Süd' and the 'Parc Agricole', creating a link into the Kronsberg countryside.



11 A SPRINGTIME CARPET OF WOOD ANEMONES IN THE EILENRIEDE

'The Open Gate' and 'Green Hannover' (12)

The culture of gardens is supported in Hannover by several initiatives including the 'Open Gate' scheme of private gardens open to the public, the Parks and Greenspace Division's 'Green Hannover' series of guided tours, and the 'Hannover Plant Days' fair at the end of May.



12 GARDEN CULTURE IN HANNOVER: GREENERY ON THE DOORSTEP

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Hannover

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