

## Things to do in the Büdingen, Erlensee, Gelnhausen, and Hanau areas

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### Useful Information

#### Traffic rerouted in the Lamboy area of Hanau/delays to be expected

Wilhelmsbrücke ("Wilhelm Bridge") on Lamboystrasse in Hanau will be blocked for all vehicle and pedestrian traffic beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 16. The construction at the Lamboystrasse/Nordstrasse intersection will take about 15 months until Oct. 2005. Traffic from Lamboystrasse to the downtown area will be rerouted with signs (follow the "UMLEITUNG" signs). Pedestrians are requested to use the footbridges at the former Messeplatz ("Fair Square") and at the Heinrich-Fischer swimming pool to cross the Kinzig River. The Hanau Traffic Authority recommends, if at all possible, avoiding the area all together by using B8 and Leipziger Strasse.

In case you don't know how to travel to a certain destination there are various route planners available on the Internet. Many of them are even in the English language. For example: [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com), [www.map24.de](http://www.map24.de); [www.viamichelin.com](http://www.viamichelin.com). A very useful website for people who like to travel by train is [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de); the English version you find by clicking on "International Guests".

### Current Events

#### Schelmenmarkt (traditional annual fall fair), Gelnhausen, Oct. 8-11

On the market places „Obermarkt“ & „Untermarkt“ as well as on the fairgrounds „Bleiche“, „Müllerwiese“, „Seestraße“ and in the fest tents. Many crafts booths and rides. Market will close with a great fireworks display.

#### Plastic modeling exhibition, Gelnhausen-Meerholz, Oct. 9-10

Plastic model dealers, information exchange, model contest, teenager model contest, people's choice award for "best of show" model, raffle, cold and warm meals and drinks, coffee and cake. Opening hours: Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.;

Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sport- und Kulturhalle Gelnhausen-Meerholz (Am Viadukt, 63571 Gelnhausen). Admission fee: children are free, adults: €2.

### 'Fly in' - Aero Club Gelnhausen Open House, Oct. 10

At the Gelnhausen airfield, starting at 10 a.m.

### Industrial exhibition, Erlensee, Oct. 9-10

At the "Erlenhalle" civic center and Erlensee fairground. Opens at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

### Büdingen Culture Night, Oct. 9

From 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the historical part of town. This year with a big get-together of the night watchmen at the market square for the grand opening at 7 p.m. Highlights: Picture galleries featuring over 40 artists; cabaret; street theater; music; song; readings. The four Büdingen museums will be open, as well as the Cultural Center "Oberhof" which will feature different exhibitions and performances. Marienkirche church also opens its doors to be turned into a concert venue; the towers of the historical city will be open for the first time to be used for different exhibitions. Come on out and follow the night watchmen through historical Büdingen and enjoy the variety of cultural expression offered.

### Apple pressing festival, Maintal-Hochstadt, Oct. 9

From 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Landkellerei Höhl (apple juice and apple wine production site) with live music.

### Hanau Grimm Brothers Theme Week "Ab in die Mitte", Oct. 2-10

During the Grimm Brothers festival week, Nürnberger Strasse will turn into **Puss-In-Boots Alley**; Rosenstrasse into **Sleeping Beauty Alley**; Hammerstrasse into **Hansel & Gretel Lane** and Freiheitsplatz into **Bremen City Musicians' Square** (kids from the Hanau schools and childcare centers helped decorate the downtown area with illustrations from the respective fairy tales). **Sunday, Oct. 10, starting at 10 a.m.:** the biggest fairytale buffet ever ('All you can eat' buffet for €15) at the VIP tent on Marktplatz (market square). **From 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.:** Big entertainment program on the stages at Marktplatz and Freiheitsplatz. The stores in the Hanau city center will be open **Sunday afternoon from 1-6 p.m.;** FREE parking in the public parking garages on this occasion. From **3-3:30 p.m.** the Grimm Brothers Fairy Tale Festival cast will take the stage on Marktplatz to present excerpts from the musicals "Jorinde & Joringel"; "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Frau Holle". **At 6:30 p.m.** Gotthilf Fischer, a famous German choir director, will lead the festival visitors into song, proving that "Hanau sings and sounds magically." **At 7:30 p.m.** the Grimm Brothers will climb back on their pedestal in front of City Hall to get a better view of the lights parade that will follow at **8 p.m.** (glowing

lights [chemlites] will be passed out to the kids). The parade will march from Marktplatz to Freiheitsplatz where the festival will close with a spectacular fireworks display.

### Medieval Life at Ronneburg Castle, Oct. 9-10

From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on both days several reenactment groups will demonstrate medieval life against the historical backdrop of Ronneburg castle which dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Every half hour there will be a changing program featuring knights, traveling entertainers, musicians, fools and jesters, magicians, tightrope walkers, fire spitting artists, beggars and medicos. Simultaneously, there will be a historical market and a knights' camp. The event will take place rain or shine. Entrance is € 9 for adults and € 5 for children age 5 and older; families with one child pay € 20; families with two or more children pay €24. To view pictures of the castle go to [www.burg-ronneburg.de](http://www.burg-ronneburg.de) and click on Museum (website only available in German). Ronneburg castle is located between Langenselbold and Büdingen. From Hanau take autobahn A66 direction Fulda and get off at the Langenselbold exit; from there follow the signs to Ronneburg castle (please note that the adjacent village is also called Ronneburg).

### Exhibition "Needlework - from the thread to the work of art", Michelstadt, Oct. 9-10

Sat: noon to 6 p.m.; Sun: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Exhibition in five historical buildings of the old city, i.e. Odenwaldmuseum (museum); Schenkenkeller; Stadtkirche (church); historical city hall; Löwenhof. About 70 exhibitors will present antique lace, patchwork, traditional Hessian embroidery and much more. This year's special guest is the "Heidelberg Hearts & Castle Quilters Guild." Michelstadt is a quaint town set within the wooded hills of the Odenwald region, south of Hanau. Go to [www.michelstadt.de](http://www.michelstadt.de) for pictures of the town and click on the Touristik button for a map (pages only available in German). When using a route planner insert 64720 Michelstadt.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Kiting Festival, Bebra-Iba, Oct. 9-10

The event opens at 10 a.m. on Saturday with free kiting. The official opening will be at 11 a.m. followed by a show of historical kites, giant kites, "animals in the sky"; throwing of candy from the kite shuttle (only for the kids!). At 5 p.m.: Auction of kiting items. Starting at 7 p.m.: Night kiting - the theme is "kites and fire" (15 white 'veil deltas' and lots of surprises). At 8 p.m.: Spectacular fireworks display by a professional pyrotechnist. The schedule of events on Sunday is similar to that on Saturday, without the fireworks display. The official end of the event is at 5 p.m. followed by free kiting. Barbecue food, beverages, coffee and cake will be available on site. For more information (including directions) go to [www.drachenfest-iba.de](http://www.drachenfest-iba.de) (pages only available in German).

### Apple pressing festival for kids, Alsbach Castle, Oct. 10

Alsbach Castle is one of the castles scattered on the hilltops along the picturesque 'Bergstrasse' region that can be seen when traveling along A5 from Darmstadt to Heidelberg. At this special event kids can learn how to make juice from apples and a glass of freshly pressed apple juice will be their reward! The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Go to [www.schloss-alsbach.org](http://www.schloss-alsbach.org) for a picture of the castle (pages only available in German). To plan your route: Alsbach Castle is located on Odenwaldstrasse 17 in 64665 Alsbach.

### Fall Market, Nidderau-Windecken (greater Bruchköbel area), Oct. 15-18

Market opens Friday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the center of Windecken and at Willi-Salzman-Halle (civic center); the grocery/arts & crafts market opens Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. on the historical market square with a concert by the fire brigade marching band.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 'Frankfurt International Choir', Frankfurt, Oct. 16

At the Alte Oper, Großer Saal (concert venue), beginning at 7:30 p.m.

### Mehrzweckhalle (multi-purpose hall), Fasaneriestraße, Klein-Auheim, Oct. 16

Beginning at 8 p.m. country night hosted by the Country & Western Club 'Longriders', featuring the country bands Arizona and Sixgun.

### Concert at the Langenselbold castle, Oct. 17

Concert for flute and cembalo, beginning at 5 p.m.

### 35<sup>th</sup> German Jazz Festival, Frankfurt, Oct. 22-24

Festival starts at 7 p.m. on all three days. This year's motto is "...very, very circus" – combining music with circus artistry. The jazz festival features, among others, Willem Breuker, Bobby Previte and Gary Lucas (musicians) and a couple of world famous circus artists at the big circus tent adjacent to the Hessischer Rundfunk (HR) Building on Bertramstrasse. Tickets for € 27 per night can be purchased through the hr-ticketcenter at 069-155-2000.

### Frankfurt Marathon, Oct. 31

For runners and skaters (separate courses). There is also a "mini-marathon" for children (distance is 4.2 kilometers). Registration until Oct. 10; late registration only possible in person and on site on Oct. 29 & 30. For more information go to [Frankfurt-marathon.com](http://Frankfurt-marathon.com) (English pages available).

### BAD ORB, steam train season until October 31

Enjoy a ride on the historical steam train on Sundays or German holidays. The train departs from the City of Bad Orb train station at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. The travel time is about one hour. Reservations for groups can be made as well. For more details check out: [www.bad-orb.de/dampfkleinbahn](http://www.bad-orb.de/dampfkleinbahn)

### **SKATETOWN HANAU NEWS & EVENTS:**

Skatetown roller rink on Kinzigheimer Weg 115, across from the "Hornbach" do-it yourself store, is celebrating its first anniversary with a big party **Oct. 30**. Join the birthday bash of Germany's biggest rollerblading & inline skating disco (1,000 square meter-dance floor; beer garden; bar; comfortable chairs & movie screen & in the relaxation area). Schedule of events: **Open House from 1-4 p.m.** (free entrance); beginning at 8 p.m. (open end) special evening program, champagne reception (€5 admission fee).

The Skatetown roller rink has new opening hours and admission fees. **New: Now open on Wednesday** from 6-10 p.m. (ages 11 and younger: €3; ages 12 and older: €4). **Every first Thursday** of the month from 7-11 p.m. **"Groove Music"** party for ages 16 and above (€4 admission fee). **New: Every last Thursday** of the month from 7-11 p.m. **"Best of the 70's and 80's"** for skaters ages 16 and above (€4 admission fee). **Friday, 7-7:45 p.m.:** **Roller skating class** with Jerry; info and registration: [rolling@skatefamily.de](mailto:rolling@skatefamily.de); **Friday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. is Ladies' Night.** 'Happy Hour' from 9-10 p.m. with free admission for all ladies, plus a welcome drink (admission outside happy hour: €5). **New: Saturday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.:** **Inline skating class** with Rolf & Michael; info & registration: [www.skatefamily.de](http://www.skatefamily.de) (click on the 'Kurse' button). **New: Saturday, 3:30-6:30 p.m.:** **Saturday afternoon special: "New School" - music from the charts** (admission for kids and adults: €3). **Saturday, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.:** **"Old School" - Soul, funk and electro of the 80's** (€5 admission fee). **Sunday, 2-6 p.m.:** **"Family Day" - Games and fun for the entire family** (€3 admission fee for ages 12 and younger/€5 for ages 13 and older). More info available at [www.skatefamily.de](http://www.skatefamily.de) (pages only available in German).

### **Frankfurt Horse Races**

The Rennclub Frankfurt hosts several horse races during the year. Go just to watch or bet on your favorite. You'll find a detailed race schedule in local newspapers or on their website at [www.renn-club-frankfurt.de](http://www.renn-club-frankfurt.de). To reach the track, travel on A3 towards Frankfurt Airport and take the Frankfurt Süd exit towards Stadion. Follow the signs for Parkplatz Isenburger Schneise. A free shuttle service will take you to the main gate and back on race days.

The last race day of the current season will be **Nov. 2 (1 p.m.)**. Entrance fees are €6 for adults, €5 for children, and €10 for families. No entrance fees for Wednesday races. Group races are €8 for adults, €6 for kids and €12 for families.

## Flea Markets   Flea Markets   Flea Markets   Flea Markets

### CURRENT FLEA MARKETS:

#### Nostalgia Market, Seligenstadt, Oct. 7

At the Marktplatz (market square), from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Flea Market, Darmstadt, Oct. 9

At the parking lot on Pallaswiesenstrasse (near heating plant) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Antique & Handicrafts Market, Biebergemünd (greater Gelnhausen area), Oct. 9-10

Featuring live music at the Festplatz (fairground) and Bürgerhaus (civic center) in Biebergemünd-Kassel on Sat & Sun from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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#### Fall Bazaar, Großkrotzenburg (Hanau area), Oct. 10

At the Heimatmuseum (museum) on Breitestrasse, featuring a variety of handcrafted products, such as handmade (bobbin) lace items and many more.

#### Flea Market, Rodenbach (Hanau area), Oct. 10

At the Rodenbachhalle (civic center), from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Flea Market, Maintal-Dörnigheim (greater Hanau area), Oct. 10

At the Real hypermarket parking lot, Industriestrasse 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Flea Market, Altenstadt (greater Büdingen area), Oct. 10

In Altenstadt-Oberau at the hypermarket parking lot, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Flea Market, Bad Nauheim, Oct. 10

At Schwalheimer Strasse, starting at 6 a.m.

#### Antique & Flea Market, Karben (greater Friedberg area), Oct. 10

Address: Am Warthweg, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Flea Market, Babenhausen (greater Darmstadt area), Oct. 10**

Consumer market parking lot on Siemensstrasse, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Flea & Antique Market, Darmstadt, Oct. 10**

At the hypermarket parking lot on Rheinstrasse, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Flea Market, Frankfurt, Eissporthalle (ice rink), Oct. 10**

Fairground on Ratsweg, adjacent to the ice rink, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Flea Market, Frankfurt (Bornheim), Oct. 10**

At the Saalbau civic center on Arnsburger Strasse 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Model Train, Model Car and Toy Market, Egelsbach (greater Offenbach area), Oct. 10**

At Saalbau Eigenheim (civic center), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**International Toy Market (antique toys), Mühlheim (Offenbach area), Oct. 10**

At Willy-Brandt-Halle (civic center), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Flea Market, Offenbach, Oct. 10**

At the RingCenter shopping complex on Odenwaldring, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Fall Flea Market, Schöneck-Büdesheim (greater Erlensee area), Oct. 10**

At the gymnasium and parking lot on Vilbeler Strasse in Büdesheim, beginning at 9 a.m.

**Antique Market, Wiesbaden-Biebrich, Oct. 10**

Parking area of fashion store, Äppelallee, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Antique & Flea Market in Wiesbaden-Dotzheim**

Westcenter shopping complex on Flachstrasse, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Flea Market, Wiesbaden, Oct. 10**

Address: Mainzer Strasse 110, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**REGULAR FLEA MARKETS:**

**Frankfurt:** Every Saturday flea market in Frankfurt-Sachsenhausen on the banks of the Main River ("Schaumainkai")

**Offenbach:** Every Saturday on the Main River adjacent to the bridge (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

**Maintal:** Every Saturday in Maintal-Dörnigheim adjacent to the railway station.

**Seligenstadt:** Every Thursday, Nostalgia & Antique Market at the Historischer Marktplatz (historical market square) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Hanau:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, flea market at the IKEA parking lot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Hanau/Steinheim:** Every Thursday, flea market at the furniture store ERBE in Hanau-Steinheim, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Erlensee:** Every Friday at the Erlensee fairground (Festplatz), 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; info at civ (0661) 240015.

### **SPECIAL FLEA MARKETS:**

#### **Antique Market Frankfurt, Hessen Center Mall:**

**Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Entrance fee is € 2. Vendors and customers have the opportunity to receive advice from two independent antique experts who are willing to give price/value recommendations and other tips. The Hessen Center is a mall located at the end of A66 (Frankfurt). Just turn right where the Autobahn ends and you are right at the parking lot (10 minutes of driving on the Autobahn leaving from Hanau).

### **Concerts/Opera/Theater**

**Tickets for concerts, theater performances and sports games are available at CD Tickets, Hanau, market square Tel. 06181-258555 (open Mon-Fri 10.00 - 18.30, and Sat from 9-14 hrs) more info also at [www.cd-tickets.de](http://www.cd-tickets.de) In order to obtain more information about the three major concert halls of Frankfurt (Alte Oper, Jahrhunderthalle und Festhalle visit our website at [www.hanau.army.mil](http://www.hanau.army.mil)**

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| Oct. 10    | Lionel Richie, Frankfurt, Festhalle   |
| Oct. 12    | Status Quo, Offenbach, Stadthalle   |
| Oct. 12    | Irish Folk Festival, Frankfurt, Alte Oper   |
| Oct. 18    | Harlem Globetrotters, Frankfurt, Ballsporthalle                                     |
| Oct. 22-24 | Jazz Festival, Frankfurt, Tent at Hessischer Rundfunk (HR) Bldg.,<br>Bertramstrasse |
| Oct. 30    | Opera Gala, Hanau, Congresspark   |
| Oct. 31    | Al Jarreau, Frankfurt, Alte Oper  |
| Nov. 3     | Celtic Tenors, Frankfurt, Alte Oper   |
| Nov. 5-7   | „I will rock you“, Frankfurt-Höchst, Jahrhunderthalle                               |
| Nov. 11    | Lord of the Dance, Aschaffenburg, Unterfrankenhalle                                 |
| Nov. 13    | Sting, Frankfurt, Festhalle   |
| Nov. 17    | Canadian Brass, Frankfurt, Alte Oper  |
| Dec. 4     | Bryan Adams, Frankfurt, Festhalle   |
| Dec. 5     | Abbamania, Frankfurt-Höchst, Jahrhunderthalle                                       |
| Dec. 8     | Abbamania, Aschaffenburg, Stadthalle  |

Dec. 22	Chinese Circus Hebei, Neu Isenburg, Hugenottenhalle
Dec. 26	Magic of the Dance, Niedernhausen, Rhein-Main-Theater
Dec. 29	Nabucco (opera), Frankfurt, Festhalle
Dec. 30	Night of the Five Tenors, Aschaffenburg, Stadthalle
Dec. 31	Night of Musicals, Frankfurt-Höchst, Jahrhunderthalle

### Looking for relaxation at a SPA?

There are several spas around the area. Their

name, like Bad Orb or Bad Nauheim, are spread over the Taunus region. Just to name one very popular spa: The Taunus Therme. For more information about the "Taunus Therme" look at the website. The Taunus Therme is a complete world in itself: Experience a versatile experience in which the elements are combined, for example: Water, Fire, Air and Earth. Water therapy pool, salt water cave, ionic wells, swimming lake.

Fire: Various saunas and steam baths for ladies' area (in Germany people visiting the

Air and Earth: Fitness room, water and spine gymnastics, gym work, massages.

Additional services include restaurants, cinemas, etc. The Taunus Therme is open daily from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. and on Wed, Fri and Sat until midnight. You reach the spa by traveling on A 661 taking the Bad Homburg exit (exit # 3). Additional information is available at [www.taunus-therme.de](http://www.taunus-therme.de)

Weekend prices: Day ticket € 26; 4-hour ticket € 19; 2-hour ticket € 14.40; special prices for students, early birds and night owls.

This special exhibition is open daily from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tickets are € 10 for adults and € 5 for children. Discount rates are available for school classes.

The Palmengarten is located next to the US Consulate on Siesmayerstrasse 63 in Frankfurt. The flora and fauna at the Palmengarten offer a great backdrop for these unique models.

### Thermal brine pool 'Therma Sol', Bad Soden-Salmünster

Enjoy the large thermal brine pool, the outdoor swimming pool with artificial waves, the intensive brine pool and the bistro. Opening hours Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

### Main-Kinzig-County: Sunday Morning Skate starts on June 6

The traditional Sunday Morning Skate kicks off at 10 a.m. at the Freigerichthalle in Altenmittlau. The County Commissioner will be among the skaters during the first skate which will be of a distance of about 16 km. Roads will be blocked and the skaters are accompanied by police and first aid vehicles.

Protective gear is required. The tour is not recommended for beginners and children under the age of 8.

### Ronneburg Castle

Ronneburg castle dates back to the 16th century. The entrance fee is €3.50 for adults and €2.50 for children age 5 and older. For pictures of the castle & its

interior, go to [www.burg-ronneburg.de](http://www.burg-ronneburg.de) and click on Museum (website only available in German). Ronneburg castle is located between Langenselbold and Büdingen. Drive on autobahn A66 direction Fulda and take the Langenselbold exit; from there follow the signs to Ronneburg castle (please note that the adjacent village is also called Ronneburg).

New at Ronneburg Castle is a falconry which is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. except for Mondays. Daily shows at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (except Mondays) featuring various raptors, falcons and owls.

The restaurant at Ronneburg Castle opens at 11 a.m.; Mondays and Tuesdays it is closed. Besides the traditional "Burggrafenmahl" (medieval dinner) you can also rent a special room for your activities. Dates for medieval dinners are: September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 16. The medieval dinner including the ceremony costs € 52 (drinks are not included). Special dinners for groups can be arranged as well. For details and reservations call 06048-7130 or check their website at [www.restaurant-ronneburg.de](http://www.restaurant-ronneburg.de)

Program:

October 9/10	Medieval Life 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
October 30	Halloween Night starting at 7 p.m.
November 6/7	Medieval Life
November 27/28	X-MAS Market
December 4/5	X-MAS Market
December 11/12	X-MAS Market
December 18/19	X-MAS Market

### **OUTLET SHOPPING VILLAGE OPENED ITS DOORS**

Discover the Wertheim Outlet Shopping Village located on A3 between Aschaffenburg and Würzburg (Exit 66 Wertheim/Lengfurt). Clothes, shoes, accessories, sports gear, jewelry of various brands are sold at reduced prices. The shopping village is open from Mon until Sat from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. For more information visit their website at [www.WertheimVillage.com](http://www.WertheimVillage.com) which is also available in English. The area around Wertheim is also great for hiking, dining and discovering the "Spessart Mountains."

### **FRANKFURT, TUESDAY NIGHT SKATING 2004 is back**

For 6 years this weekly event has been taking place in the city of Frankfurt. The Tuesday Night Skating Frankfurt (TNS) is a free weekly group skating event with up to 5,000 participants in the summer. It starts at 8:30 p.m. at the "Deutschherrnufer" in Frankfurt-Sachsenhausen. The TNS covers a distance of 35-45 kilometers in about 2.5 hours (finish and starting point are the same

location). About halfway through the TNS is a 15-minute brake where you can refresh yourself with some "Apfelsaftschorle" (apple juice mixed with water). Please follow the instructions of the TNS-Team members at all times. You will recognize them by their orange vests. It is required to be able to brake and turn very well. The TNS is not recommended for beginners! You should also be able to keep up with the pace of the group, skate on downhill passages and deal with different road surfaces. Never pass the front row or drop behind the back. If you drop behind you are no longer part of the group and you must stay on the sidewalk. Always skate on the right side. Please wear protective gear (for hands, elbows, knees plus a helmet) and some reflective clothing. Before and after the TNS the skaters meet at the bar "Zwischendurch", Dreieichstraße 34, just 300 meters from the start. Join them there and have some famous "Apfelwein". You will find the "Zwischendurch" also on the map on their website which is also available in English: [www.t-n-s.de](http://www.t-n-s.de)

### **Natural History Museum "Senckenberg"**

After a complete renovation the science and nature museum will open its doors again. The attraction is eleven new dinosaurs. The museum is located on "Bockenheimer Anlage".

### **Additional Info about the: Natural History Museum "Senckenberg"**

The Senckenbergische Naturforschende Gesellschaft is named in commemoration of Dr. Johann Christian Senckenberg. The Frankfurt physician and patron had the wish to set up a place of education for the natural sciences. In 1817, following an appeal by Goethe, a group of committed Frankfurt citizens of various professions under the leadership of Philipp Jacob Cretzschmar founded the Senckenbergische Naturforschende Gesellschaft. The SNG is patron of the Natural History and Research Institute, newly built in 1907. It includes the disciplines zoology, botany, geology, paleontology and paleo-anthropology and the related scientific collections and laboratories. The Natural History Museum and the Research Institute regard themselves as a center for biodiversity research with the objective of describing, understanding and preserving the diversity of life. Research keynote is systematic, i.e. the classification of organisms into various categories, moreover ecology, biogeography and nature protection. The Naturmuseum Senckenberg is one of the largest natural history museums in Europe. On a surface area exceeding 6000 m<sup>2</sup> visitors can wonder at the spectacular and valuable exhibits on such themes as the historical development of the Earth and life, fossils from the world famous Grube Messel, dinosaurs - giants of primeval times. The Museum also offers numerous supervised educational programs for adults and youngsters.

More details also available in the English language [www.senckenberg.de](http://www.senckenberg.de)

### **"Sunday Swing Session" at the Culture Club in Hanau**

Every **first Sunday** of the month the traditional "Sunday Swing Session" will take place at the Culture Club in Hanau-Wolfgang starting at 8 p.m.

### **Restaurant pass for the Hanau area**

Several regions offer a restaurant pass that means that you can order your pass that allows you to eat in one of the participating restaurants with two people and pay only € 22.50 (beverages have to be paid separately). So if you visit a restaurant with your partner or friend the pass is valid for the person eating the main course dish (Hauptgericht) that is lower in price. For example one person is ordering Filet Mignon and the other person is eating a Schnitzel, the dish that is lower in price, in this case the Schnitzel, is free. If you order 4 restaurant passes you pay only for three, or if you order 5 you pay only for 4. This year's pass is valid until December 31, 2004, but there will be a new one next year. More information is available at [www.hu.respass.de](http://www.hu.respass.de) You can either order your pass online or just go downtown Hanau to the Hanauer Anzeiger print shop at Hammerstrasse 9, tel. 06181/29030. Please make reservations prior to visiting the restaurant.

Hotel-Restaurant **Römerhof**, Roemerstr. 20, 63450 Hanau, tel. 06181/9278-0, [www.roemerhof-hanau.de](http://www.roemerhof-hanau.de) (Specialties: Steak, Fish, Dalmatian food)

**Dos Amigos** - Hotel Grahn, Landwehr 1, Hanau, Tel. 06181/93350 (Mexican).

**Restaurant Brasserie**, Muehlstrasse, 63450 Hanau, Tel 06181/1890835.

Landhaus **Herrnmühle**, Herrnmuehle 4, 63755 Alzenau, Tel. 06023/5080 (German and gourmet meals in various price classes, includes hotel; great for weddings, family celebrations and conferences).

**Irish Pub**, Industrieweg , 63450 Hanau, Tel. 0162/8667064, [www.irishpubhanau.de](http://www.irishpubhanau.de) (Fri and Sat live music; specialties are fish and chips, spare ribs, Dublin salad).

**Weinhaus Hagenfeld**, Hauptstrasse 26a, 63546 Hammersbach-Markoebel, Tel. 06185-2220, [www.weinhaus-hagenfeld.de](http://www.weinhaus-hagenfeld.de) (specialties are truffles, fish, lamb, lobster and venison).

**Cape Town Lounge**, Hessen-Homburg-Platz 1, 63450 Hanau-Lamboy, Tel. 06181/1807780, [www.mundart-gastro.de](http://www.mundart-gastro.de) (South-African cafe, bar, bistro, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner).

**Weinhaus am Markt**, Friedrich-Ebert-Strasse 6, 61130 Nidderrau-Windecken, Tel. 06187-22011, (cosy atmosphere, excellent wines, traditional German and international cuisine).

Hotel-Restaurant **Dreisnitz**, Offenbacher Strasse 86, 63165 Mühlheim, Tel. 061-8-90980, [www.dreisnitz-hotel.de](http://www.dreisnitz-hotel.de) (German seasonal food).

**Cubaña Cantina Y Bar**, Grosse Dechaneistr. 24, 63450 Hanau, Tel. 0700/11100999, [www.cubana-hanau.de](http://www.cubana-hanau.de), (Cuban and Mexican cuisine, more than 200 cocktails, daily lunch buffet, Sat and Sun Mexican brunch, daily except Fri and Sat cocktail happy hour).

**Culture Club**, Vor der Pulvermuehle 11, Hanau-Wolfgang, Tel. 06181/520520, [www.cultureclub-hanau.de](http://www.cultureclub-hanau.de) (bar, restaurant & club with special parties and themes and a special shuttle service).

**Ratskeller**, Hauptstrasse 52, 63486 Bruchköbel, Tel. 06181/76650, (various fish meals, Mondays Schnitzel night)

**Trattoria Al Camino**, Burgallee 15, Hanau-Kesselstadt, close to Philippsruhe Castle, Tel. 06181/23675 (original Italian food).

Hotel **Villa Stokkum**, Steinheimer Vorstadt 70, Hanau-Steinheim, Tel. 06181/6640, [www.villastokkum.bestwestern.de](http://www.villastokkum.bestwestern.de) (Sunday brunch, steaks, oriental wraps, fish, pasta); also a great place to celebrate family festivities or conduct conferences.

Ristorante **La Taverna**, Brentanostrasse 14, 63755 Alzenau, Tel. 06032-5342 (Italian food).

Restaurant **EL Toro**, Forellenstrasse 6, 63452 Hanau-Nord, at „Birkensee“ swimming lake, Tel. 06181/13501 (Spanish restaurant, tapas, paella, sea food).

**Engel am Zollturm**, Alte Langgasse 32, 63457 Hanau-Großauheim, Tel. 06181/52868, [www.engelamzollturm.de](http://www.engelamzollturm.de), (German food, Thursday Schnitzel Day).

**Steffen's** Restaurant, Indaginestrasse 2, 63456 Hanau-Steinheim, Tel. 06181/670789, (German food).

Gaststätte **Alte Schule**, Orleshaeusener Hauptstrasse 66, 63654 Buedingen-Orleshausen, Tel. 06042-979300. Restaurant is located in a former school building which was built in 1769, nicely decorated interior with many antiques, German food, (specialty is Schnitzel).

Hotel **Barbarossa**, Somborner Strasse, 63517 Ober-Rodenbach, Tel. 06181/95850, [www.barbarossa-hotel.de](http://www.barbarossa-hotel.de), (German restaurant, good wines, fresh fish and venison).

**Dampflok**, Am Hauptbahnhof 14, 63450 Hanau, Tel. 06181/31405, [www.Dampflokhanau.de](http://www.Dampflokhanau.de) (cozy interior design, most beautiful "Biergarten in Hesse", Live Country & Western music, Sunday brunch, regional food, moderate prices).

**China-Bistro U12**, Umgehungsstrasse 12, 63796 Kahl am Main, Tel. 06188/9141080.

**Crazy Cactus**, Hanau Klein-Auheim, at the River Main next to "Alemannia-Sportplatz", Tel. 06181/60025, [www.crazycactus.de](http://www.crazycactus.de) Mexican Restaurant & Cocktailbar, Sunday brunch "All you can eat" from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Ristorante **Roma**, Kahler Strasse 6, 63538 Grosskrotzenburg, Tel. 06186-2273, (Italian food, homemade pasta).

**Zum Goldenen Stern**, Alte Langgasse 16, 63457 Hanau-Großauheim, Tel. 06181/992662, [www.goldener-stern-gra.de](http://www.goldener-stern-gra.de) (German food).

Ristorante **La Piazzetta**, Hauptstrasse 63, 63486 Bruchköbel, Tel. 06181/907676 (Italian restaurant; specialties are fish, homemade pasta and homemade bread).

For more information about shopping districts, zoos and parks, museums, swimming-pools and other "things to do" in the area visit our website [www.hanau.army.mil](http://www.hanau.army.mil)