

## Part I – The Grimms In Göttingen

The historical center of Göttingen did not change drastically over the centuries. Come to live at the places where the Grimms passed the years and feel the romance of the ancient times still alive.

# The Grimms' places still exist - come and live your fairy tale

A **fairy tale** place or situation is so wonderful that you can hardly believe that it is real.

(Collins Dictionary)

## Göttingen - Your Fairy Tale Is Alive

Once upon a time, the Brothers Grimm came to Göttingen, the famous collectors of fairy tales. They were Professors at the Georg-August-University between 1829 and 1837/38.

From 1806 on, the Brothers Grimm wrote down the fairy tales from the people who lived in the valleys and forests of the rivers Main, Werra, Weser and the Harz, Rhön and Solling mountains. They listened to the stories and used their knowledge of literature to load them with words and pictures and impressive descriptions of the story plot. The third edition of Grimms' Fairy Tale collection was edited during their time in Göttingen.

You don't know which part of a fairy tale is true or only added from the narrator. A fairy tale's core may be true. It's magic lives from the images of the time and the place where the story is from. The Grimms have been influenced by the images and experiences they once made in Göttingen – now it is your turn to load your imagination.

The city of science is the ideal place to study in a modern and international surrounding of the Göttingen Campus. Here you can meet students and scientists from all over the world since 1737.

**Follow us to the places where the fairy tale might have happened - let it's magic become reality.**

**The Göttingen Campus** is an alliance between the University of Göttingen, including the University Medical Centre Göttingen and eight non-university, local research institutions, five of which are Max Planck Institutes. The Göttingen Campus partners foster research, teaching, and the training of early career researchers.

<https://goettingen-campus.de/>



University main campus

Old Botanical Garden

Waageplatz



train station

Goetheallee

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1

Weender Straße

5

Wilhelmsplatz

Jüdenstraße

Alte Rathaus

Cheltenhampark

Groner Straße

Wochenmarkt

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Neue Rathaus

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Renhäuser Landstraße

Geismar Landstraße

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### Map legend

1. Groner Tor Straße 16 – Arrival of the Grimms
2. Paulinerkirche – Historical University Library and place of work for the Grimms
3. Goetheallee 6 – Residence of the Grimms 1730 - 1737/38
4. City Wall - 3km long green park, surrounding the historical city center
5. Wilhelmsplatz, University main building
6. Accouchierhaus - Historical University gyneacological hospital
7. Gauß observatory - place of work of the Grimms' friend and Gauß assistant Weber

## 1. Groner Tor Straße 16

The Brothers Grimm: Arrived between Christmas and New Years Eve 1929 in Göttingen. During the first month, they lived in this street at a friend's apartment and met Göttingen citizens.

You: The streets at Groner Tor are a perfect example of the multicultural Göttingen. Have an Indian dinner, buy food at an Asia market, enjoy the silence of the Marienchurch or visit the synagogue.





## 2. Paulinerkirche - University Library

The Brothers Grimm: They worked here as librarians for the University of Göttingen and revised the 3rd edition of their fairy tale collection.

You: Did you know, that the historical library is still in use? The reading room is open daily from Monday to Friday. The building also hosts a lot of exhibitions and events.

<https://www.sub.uni-goettingen.de/en/locations-facilities/locations-and-opening-hours/historical-building/>

### 3. Goetheallee 6

The Brothers Grimm: Lived here from 1930 until 1937 (Jacob) respectively 1938 (Wilhelm), and also held lectures on the ground floor in the same house.

You: Do it like the Grimms and stroll around. Bars, cafés and clubs can be found here - enjoy!

If you have the chance to be here in late August, it is also the starting point of the rubber duck racing:

<https://www.goettinger-entenrennen.de>





#### 4. City Wall

The Brothers Grimm: They complained that it was almost impossible to enjoy the calm of the 3km walk on the old city wall due to other professors they met and had to have scientific talks with.

You: The old defence construction is nowadays a wonderful green park surrounding the whole historical city center. Use the GPS coordinates 51.529956, 9.931606 and you will stand in front of the Bismarckhäuschen where the first German chancellor lived during his law studies in Göttingen.

## 5. Wilhelmsplatz

The Brothers Grimm: Jacob and Wilhelm often came to see the progress of the new construction of the Aula. It was opened in 1837 and is still today the main building of the University.

You: The Aula is used for representative events. If you know a little German, come and visit the interdisciplinary Ringvorlesung: Professors from diverse faculties often also from other universities present their scientific results to the public audience.

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/571206.html>





## 6. Accouchierhaus

The Brothers Grimm: During the ancient times, maternal death was high. Only the wealthy had private medical support to have the accouchement at their residence. In 1791, the University opened one of the first hospitals for the poor to give birth under medical surveillance and was at the top of gynaecology science. The Grimms gave notice to this improvement due to private reasons: Two of Jacob's three children were born in Göttingen.

You: The University of Göttingen maintains one of the most important academic collections in Germany. Spread across 30 locations on the Göttingen campus, over 70 subcollections reflect the variety of subjects covered at the University of Göttingen. The Accouchierhaus hosts the Collection of Musical Instruments.  
<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/521325.html>

## 7. Gauß observatory

The Brothers Grimm: Wilhelm Weber, a friend of Jacob and Wilhelm, was the congenial assistant of Carl Friedrich Gauß - their contribution on the fields of science and mathematics set standards we are now accustomed with. Did the Grimms learn also some astronomy from them?

You: Feel the aura of this historical place. The Ph.D. students of business and economics have lectures here. The on-site restaurant Kepler offers you German regional food from all Bundesländer.

