

Part II - Excursions To The Surroundings

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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/>

Part II – The Grimms in the countryside

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Map legend

1. Geismar - Part of Grimms' Dictionary
2. Frau-Holle-Teich - Nature park
3. Brauhaus Knallhütte - Where the brothers met friends
4. Immenhausen - Origin of Hans in luck
5. Trendelburg - The tower inspired the editing of Rapunzel
6. Sababurg - The roses and the castle of Sleeping Beauty
7. Burg Plesse - Castle in the very close surrounding of Göttingen and popular excursion now and then



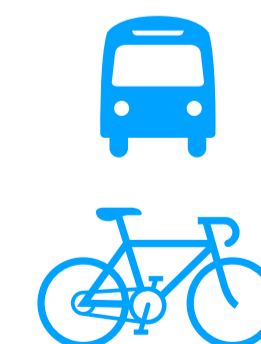
1. Göttingen-Geismar

The Brothers Grimm: The water source of this Göttingen district is described in the German dictionary of the Grimms. The phrase “Geismar” stands for a place of natural springs.

You: Take your bike or the bus to enjoy the green and the fields of the southern end of Göttingen. You will find trails, the Leine river and beautiful nature.

How to get there:

Take the bus 12 to Kampstraße or 22 to Mittelbergstraße (semesterticket) and take a short walk to “Im Kolke 2”.
Bus: <https://www.goevb.de/>



2. Meißner - Frau Holle Teich

The Brothers Grimm: Between Göttingen and Kassel, the Meißner Mountain is a beautiful natural reserve to relax, observe animals and go hiking.

You: Do it like the Grimms. Take the bus from Eschwege train station to wherever you want - the length of your trail can be easily adjusted to your preference. At the Mother Holle Teich (pond) you will find a statue of her figure. The Holle-Labyrinth is fun and close by!



How to get there:

Take the local train to Eschwege-Stadtbahnhof (semesterticket). From there, take bus 290 to the stop "Hoher Meißner, Abzweig Jugenddorf" (pay ticket). Navigate to "Frau Holle Teich" and take a short walk. The seasonal bus 202 is an alternative on weekends.

Train: <https://www.bahn.com/en/>

Bus: <https://www.nvv.de>





3. Knallhütte Baunatal

The Brothers Grimm: The Knallhütte pub has been brewing for over 250 years! It was the home of Dorothea Viehmann, a friend of the Grimms who met them often and told a lot of the collected fairy tales to the brothers.

You: Open from Tuesday to Sunday, you can enjoy good food and craft beer. Or come for one of the diverse events e.g. Fairy Tale Sunday, Bierfest or book a guided tour through the brewing facilities.

How to get there:

Take the local train to Kassel-Hauptbahnhof (semesterticket). From there, take RT 5 to the station "Baunatal-Rengershausen" (pay ticket). Navigate to "Parkplatz Knallhütte" to arrive at the brewery after a 1.9 km walk.

Train: <https://www.bahn.com/en/>



4. Immenhausen

The Brothers Grimm: Jacob and Wilhelm knew people from this little city and collected fairy tales, specifically “Hans in luck”, here.

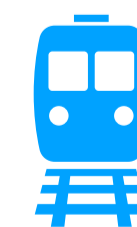
You: The charming historical town with a small Hans statue close to the Eulenturm (owl tower) is worth a visit - or buy a ticket for the glass museum, located directly at the train station.

How to get there:

Take the local train to Kassel-Hauptbahnhof (semesterticket).

From there, take RT 1 to Immenhausen (pay ticket).

Train: <https://www.bahn.com/en/>





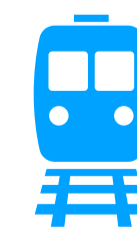
5. Trendelburg

The Brothers Grimm: The mystical and well preserved castle is impressive and the view, wide into the landscape, gave the Grimms the archetype of a real magical place.

You: After having some ice cream and coffee in the castle's café, take a photo and start hiking from Trendelburg to Sababurg - and pass a beautiful old, unmanaged forest - very rare to find one in Germany or even Western Europe!

How to get there:

Take the local train to Bad Karlshafen (semesterticket).
From there, take Bus 180 to Trendelburg (pay ticket).
Train: <https://www.bahn.com/en/>
Bus: <https://www.nvv.de>



6. Sababurg

The Brothers Grimm: During their life, the Sababurg was an ancient ruin and thus inspired the creativity to tell mystical stories about the past of the nobilities who lived here. It seems very realistic to find a sleeping princess here, doesn't it?

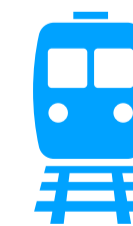
You: The castle is currently under renovation and only open to public during summer weekends. Open all year round: The Tierpark Sababurg (animals with a focus on European species). The entry fee is only 4,50 EUR for students. www.tierpark-sababurg.de



How to get there:

Take the local train to Hann.
Münden (semesterticket).
From there, take Bus 190 to
Sababurg (pay ticket).

Train: <https://www.bahn.com/en/>
Bus: <https://www.nvv.de>





7. Plesseburg

The Brothers Grimm: It was a very popular destination for Göttingen students and citizens to visit the Plesseburg, especially during the weekends. In the 19th century. The Plesse was a property of the Elector of Hessen for a short period. Visitors were allowed to buy goods with reduced sale taxes.

You: Close to Göttingen, it can be easily reached by bus and foot or by bike. Enjoy a delicious meal there after a short hike up the tower, or relax in the green silence of the old forest around the castle.

How to get there:

Take the bus 62 (semesterticket) to Bovenden, Liegnitzer Straße (final destination) and have a 3.8 km walk (50 minutes) to "Burgschänke Plesse".

Bus: <https://www.goevb.de/>

