

WINTERSEMESTER 2026/27

Great Things to Do in Göttingen

Welcome to the Wonderful City of Göttingen

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I hope in Göttingen ...

Focus on the fun aspects of life in Göttingen



I hope in Göttingen ...

**I'll learn how to
play tennis.**



I hope in Göttingen ...

**I can go to the
theater for free!**



I hope in Göttingen ...

**I can go on hikes
and spend time in
nature.**



I hope in Göttingen ...

**I will meet cool
people to party
with!**



I hope in Göttingen ...

**I can volunteer
for a good cause.**

What's in store today



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Soul**



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Fanatics**



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Göttingen Experience for the Adventurous Soul

The city, the lakes and the region around it

In and Around the City



Innenstadt

City center: cute coffee shops, cosy bars, very lively when the weather is nice



Christmas Market

Don't miss it! Expected 23 Nov – 29 Dec 2026 (closed 24–26 Dec)



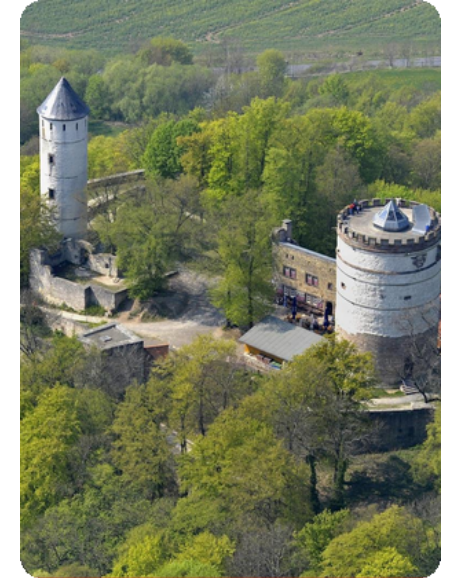
Schillerwiesen

Best for picnics, barbecues and long walks



Bismarckturm

Historical tower, short hike from Schillerwiesen



Burg Plesse

Beautiful hike in the north, amazing sunset views

Lakes in and around Göttingen



Baggersee

5 km outside the center, reachable by bike in 30 min · swimming forbidden



Kiessee

Man-made lake in the south of Göttingen, ideal for long walks and jogging · swimming forbidden



Wendebach-Stausee

8 km outside the center, reachable by bike in 40 min, amazing view · swimming allowed

Towns and Cities to Visit around Göttingen



Goslar

Cute medieval town, famous Christmas market



Hann. Münden

Cute town, lovely canoe trip



Hannover

Capital of Lower Saxony



Kassel

GRIMMWELT Museum,
Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe



Harz Mountains

Scenic hiking trails

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Göttingen Experience for Gym Rats and Sport Fanatics

Where to Work Out



ZESG

University Sport Center: great variety at reasonable prices, basic and premium memberships, guided courses and free practice times



FIZ

University gym, separate membership required



ASC

One of the biggest sports clubs in Lower Saxony, monthly membership fee

Typical Athletic Experiences in Göttingen



Swimming

Badeparadies Eiswiese

Indoor, open all year

Parkbad Weende

Beach volleyball

Freibad Brauweg

Open-air cinema

Naturerlebnisbad Grone

Outdoor pools: summer only (May – early Sept)



Bouldering and Climbing

RoXx

Bouldering and climbing, cheaper option

BiG!

Only bouldering, more expensive



Basketball

BG Göttingen

Cheer for Göttingen's team in Bundesliga 2 (ProA), for free with the Kulturticket!

03

Göttingen Experience for the Culture Vulture

Museums, theaters and cinemas

Museums and Exhibitions



Forum Wissen

Informative and interactive permanent and temporary exhibitions



Städtisches Museum Göttingen

City history museum · open during renovation, with a reduced exhibition area



Kunsthaus Göttingen

Contemporary art, photography and works on paper · open, with changing exhibitions

Cinemas and Theaters in Göttingen



Deutsches Theater

Normally free with the Kulturticket



Theater im OP

Free with the Kulturticket



CINEMAXX



Lumière and Méliès

Alternative movies



Unikino

Fun atmosphere, don't miss their Christmas event



Openair Kino

Freibad Brauweg, in summer

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Göttingen Experience for the Social Butterflies

Meet people, make friends, practice languages

Where to Meet People



Foyer International

Ideal for meeting other international students. Regular workshops such as Typisch Deutsch, Drawing & Painting, Baking & Cooking, plus country evenings, cooking evenings and board game evenings



ESN Göttingen

Erasmus Student Network: ideal for meeting new people; organizes parties, kiosk crawls, hikes, etc. Not exclusive to Erasmus students



Janun

Offers gardening workshops, mostly in German



Sprachcafé

Good opportunity to meet new people and practice languages every Wednesday evening

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Göttingen Experience for the Foodie and the Party Animals

Restaurants, Eateries and Cafés



Restaurants and Eateries

Dönermeile

The only option after 11 pm

German: Kartoffelhaus, Zum Szültenbürger

Italian: Tante Giulia, L'Osteria, Fellini

Indian: Goa India, India Haus

Cafés

Birds · P-Café · Hoffnung · Kaffeehus

Clubs, Parties and Bars



Clubs and Parties

Exil

Savoy

ZHG Party

Once every semester, the biggest university party in Germany

Nörgelbuff

Latino parties

Bars

Thanners · Nautibar · Dots

Barracuda

Student bar, only every Tuesday

Monro's Park

Live football matches, book in advance

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Göttingen Experience for the Intellectual Souls

Languages, volunteering and certificates

Learn, Engage, Get Certified



ZESS

Learn languages for free and get credits for them. Many languages, but not German



Lektorat

Learn German for free and get credits for it



Volunteering

[Student Societies](#)

[General \(Caritas BONUS\)](#)

[Environmental and Climate Groups](#)

[Queeres Zentrum Göttingen](#)



Zertifikat Internationales

Intercultural competence training and voluntary intercultural activities; signed by the Head of the International Office. [Apply here](#)

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Everyday Life Experience in Göttingen

Campus, food, shopping and two tips to make life easier

Two Campuses



Zentralcampus

Humanities, social sciences, SUB library, ZHG and most canteens



Nordcampus

Natural sciences and research institutes

Important University Buildings



SUB

Biggest library on Zentralcampus



ZHG

Zentrales Hörsaalgebäude: central lecture hall on Zentralcampus



LSG

Learning and Study Building: book rooms for up to 8 people, very popular in exam season



VG

Verfügungsgebäude: for seminars on Zentralcampus

University Canteens and Cafés



Zentralmensa

Z-Campus · biggest variety



Mensa am Turm

Z-Campus · only vegan and vegetarian options



Café Central

Z-Campus · popular hangout



Café SUB

Z-Campus · nice view, practical



Café Campus

Z-Campus



CGiN (Nordmensa)

Nordcampus · very modern



UMG Gastronomie

At UMG hospital

Supermarkets

€ Relatively cheap



ALDI

limited variety



Lidl

limited variety



PENNY

limited variety



Kaufland

very good variety

€€ Not too expensive



REWE

very good variety

€€€ Expensive



EDEKA

very good variety



tegut ...

very good variety

Buying Clothes in Göttingen



H&M

Affordable, decent quality



New Yorker

Affordable, not the best quality



DEICHMANN

Footwear: shoes, sandals, flip-flops, socks etc.



SCHUH CENTER

Affordable footwear



Zalando

Online: free returns, huge variety

Other Important Stores in Göttingen (and Germany)



WOOLWORTH

Cheap household items:
bedsheets, blankets, decorations,
etc.



ACTION

Cheap household items: dishes,
cutlery, pots, mops, etc.



dm

Cosmetics: shampoo, face masks,
food supplements, etc.



Thalia

Books and stationery items (also:
Hugendubel)



IKEA

Affordable household items;
closest in Kassel, delivery to
Göttingen possible



BAUMARKT

Tools, plants, drying racks, etc.



Media Markt

Electric items: chargers, speakers,
hairdryers, etc.



ALIMAN MARKT

Halal products, Asian products
(also: Go Asia and Sinem)

Secondhand Stores in Göttingen



Klamotte Second Hand

Clothes, small household items, etc.



Lucy's Vintage and 2nd Hand

Vintage clothes, more expensive



Brockensammlung

Furniture: beds, closets, tables, desks, dishes, clothes, books, etc.



KiM Second-hand Shop

Clothes, dishes, etc.



Möbelino

Furniture, dishes, household items, etc.

Two Tips for Everyday Life



1. Get a bicycle!

Kleinanzeigen

The “German eBay”: great for second-hand bikes

Swapfiets

Rental bikes with free repairs, ideal for exchange students



2. Make the best of the Semester Fee!

Kulturticket

Your student ID gets you free or reduced entry to theaters, concerts, museums, clubs, basketball and more

Deutschlandsemesterticket

Buses and regional trains all over Germany are included

Current conditions: asta.uni-goettingen.de/beiblatt-zum-semesterticket

Helpful Instagram Accounts



[@unigoettingen](https://www.instagram.com/unigoettingen)

University of Göttingen



[@ugoe.international](https://www.instagram.com/ugoe.international)

Göttingen International Office



[@esn.goettingen](https://www.instagram.com/esn.goettingen)

Erasmus Student Network



[@deutschestheatergoettingen](https://www.instagram.com/deutschestheatergoettingen)

Deutsches Theater



[@fiz.goettingen](https://www.instagram.com/fiz.goettingen)

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[@goewasgeht](https://www.instagram.com/goewasgeht)

Events in Göttingen

Thank You for Your Attention

Wishing you a wonderful time in Göttingen!

Questions?