

TOWN HISTORY

815 Louis the Pious founds the Diocese of Hildesheim.

872 Bishop Alfried consecrates the first stone cathedral.

11. TH CENTURY Construction of St. Michael's Church by Bishop Bernward (993-1022).

1022 Consecration of St. Michael's Church.

Hildesheim becomes pilgrim destination after sanctification of Bishop Bernward and his successor Bishop Godehard.

1196 Establishing of a rival settlement in the west of the city for Flandrian colonists: Dammstadt.

AROUND 1215 Founding of the Neustadt.

1345 Participation of guilds in the city government.

1367 Hildesheim becomes a member of the Hanseatic League.

1460 End of the internal constitutional conflicts.

1583 Joining of old and new town (final union in 1806).

1802-03 Secularisation of the former Stift Hildesheim.

1813 Hildesheim falls to the Kingdom of Hanover.

1911 Opening of the Pelizaeus Museum with internationally acclaimed collections of ancient Egyptian art.

1938 Destruction of the synagogue of Hildesheim.

1944-45 Destruction of the city during World War II.

1970-71 Founding of the University (officially a university since 1989) and the University of Applied Sciences (today: HAWK).

1974 Population of more than 100,000: Hildesheim becomes a major city.

1985 The UNESCO declares St. Mary's Church and its treasury as well as St. Michael's Church World Heritage Sites.

UNTIL 1990 Reconstruction of the historic market square.

2015 Celebration of the City and Diocese Jubilee: "1,200 years of Hildesheim".

2022 1,000-year anniversary of the consecration of St. Michael's Church. The Diocese of Hildesheim is also commemorating the "Godehardjahr" (Year of Godehard) in remembrance of Bishop Godehard who was consecrated 1,000 years ago.

PUBLIC GUIDED TOURS



GETTING TO KNOW HILDESHEIM

If you are visiting Hildesheim for the first time, this fun and entertaining guided tour is just right for you. Explore the historical market square and the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of St. Michael's Church and the cathedral with the Thousand-year Rose.

Price € 10 per person
Dates 1 April - 31 Oct. daily (except Wednesdays) at 2 pm
1 Nov. - 31 March, Fri, Sat, Sun at 2 pm
24 and 31 December 11 am
Duration 2 hours

HILDESHEIM'S TIMBER-FRAMED HOUSES & MARKET SQUARE

Discover Hildesheim's timber-framed houses and the market square, then take a look at the city's quaintest building: the "Upended Sugar-loaf".

Price € 8 per person
Dates 1 June - 30 Sept, Fri at 4:30 pm
Duration 1 hour



HILDESHEIM CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Take a stroll past the illuminated World Heritage Churches and enjoy the beautiful Advent time traditions, including a cup of hot mulled wine/punch.

Price € 13 per person incl. mulled wine/punch
Dates Fri and Sat (Advent weekends), 5 pm
Duration 1.5 hours

i All public guided tours are offered in German only. Group tours are available in several languages. Find them at www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/stadtfoehrungen

EVENTS



WINE FESTIVAL

Ascension | Join wine growers, wine dealers and innkeepers at the market square to celebrate the traditional Hildesheim Wine Festival during the weekend of Ascension.

www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/veranstaltungen

CITYBEACH

June-August | Every summer the "Citybeach" at Platz an der Lilie brings vacation and beach vibes to the town centre of Hildesheim.
www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/citybeach



www.pflasterzauber.de

CHRISTMAS MARKET

November/December | Take a stroll across the Christmas Market set in front of the magnificent backdrop of the market square and enjoy the wide range of events offered along with the market.
www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/weihnachtsmarkt



www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/veranstaltungen

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT

Detailed information about these and other events throughout the year in and around Hildesheim is available on our website (subject to change).

TOURIST INFORMATION HILDESHEIM

WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO HELP YOU

- Finding accommodation and guided tours
- Answering questions about UNESCO World Heritage sites and finding your way around
- Experience packages and group offers
- Information material & brochure shipping
- Souvenir, book and card sales

WE'LL HELP YOU FIND A PLACE TO STAY

There are plenty of hotels, holiday flats and private accommodations available in Hildesheim and the surrounding region. Use our online reservation system to quickly and easily find the perfect place to stay: www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/uebernachten. Or give us a call – we're happy to help.

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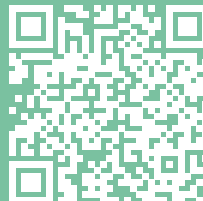
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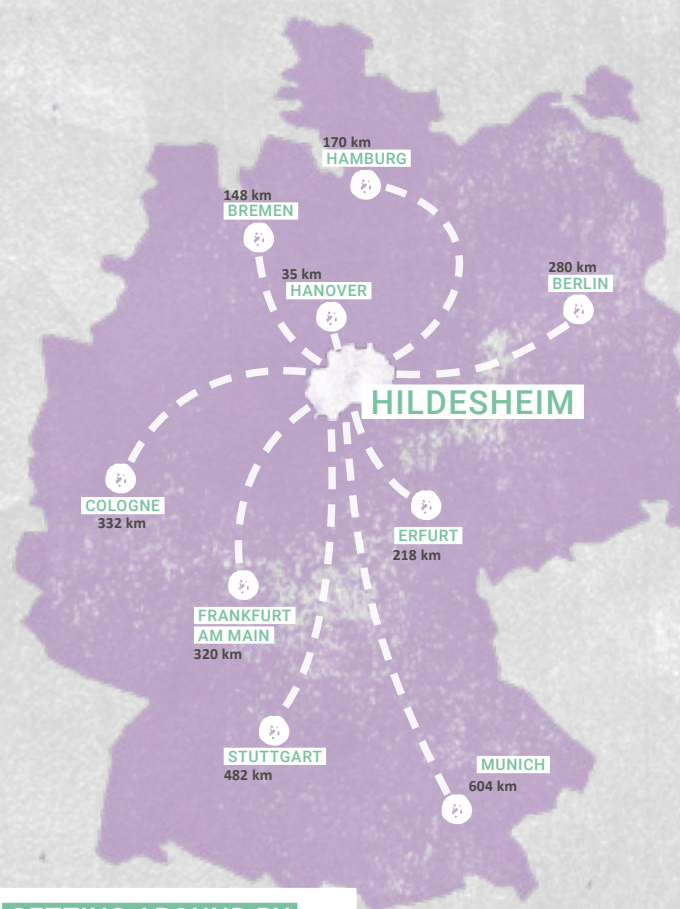
TIP

Would you like additional information on Hildesheim and the surrounding region? Then go ahead and scan the QR code to take a look at our holiday magazine.



GETTING TO HILDESHEIM

Hildesheim and the surrounding region are easily accessible by train or car as well as by bus or camper van – whether you are planning a vacation or a day trip.



GETTING AROUND BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport in the city: www.svh-hildesheim.de

Regional public transport: www.rvh-hildesheim.de

Fare association: www.rosa-hildesheim.de

BY CAR

From the north: A1 and A7
From the east: A2 and A7
From the south: A9 and A7
From the west: A2 and A7

BY TRAIN

Train connections to two stations in Hildesheim and 17 additional stations in the region are available via ICE, erixx, metronom, Start Niedersachsen Mitte, enno, FlixTrain and S-Bahn Hannover.

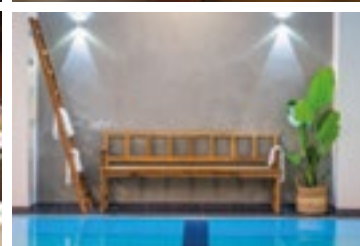
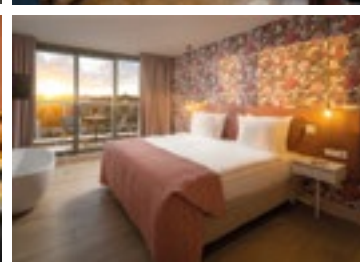
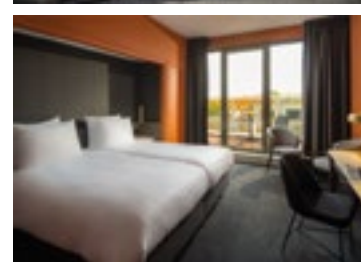
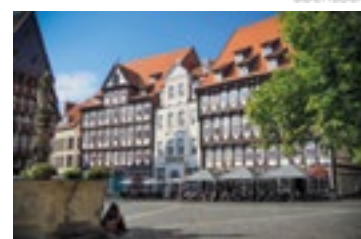
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Take advantage of our attractive "Bahnhit" packages for rail travel
www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/bahnhit



CITY PLAN

Discover Hildesheim at your own pace



Modern Hotel style with historical façade

The guests at the Van der Valk Hotel in Hildesheim are to be envied; after all, as soon as they walk out of the building, they are standing on one of the most impressive historical market squares in northern Germany.

Personal hospitality comes first at the Van der Valk Hotel Hildesheim. Experience the charm and family feeling of Van der Valk!

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1. HISTORICAL MARKET SQUARE

The market square is a unique combination of the past and the present. To the south, there are the **Tempelhaus** (14th century), the historical façades of the **“Wedekindhaus”** (1598), the **“Lüntzel”** building (approx. 1750) and the **“Roland”** building (14th century). On the west side, we find the **Bakers’ Guildhall** (approx. 1800) and the **Butchers’ Guildhall** (1529). The exquisite **“Rococohaus”** (1757) is situated on the north side of the square between the façades of the **“Stadtschänke”** (1666) and the **Wool Weavers’ Guildhall** (approx. 1600), while the original **City Hall** (1268) still flanks the east. www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/marktplatz

Anzeige



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2. WELTERBEBAND

The loop trail of more than two kilometres connects the World Heritage Sites of St. Michael’s Church and the cathedral with the market square. Granite slabs integrated into the pavement that are illuminated at night guide the way.

3. HORSE MARKET MONUMENT

A shimmering blue horse serves as a reminder of Hildesheim’s former horse market. It was mentioned for the first time in a document in 1358. Up until around 1900, horses were traded here. The blue horse relief was installed in 2006.



4. HUCKUP MONUMENT

The bronze monument is based on a legend and depicts a thief stealing apples who is bent under the weight of a little gnome on his shoulders (as a symbol of a guilty conscience).

5. HOLY CROSS CHURCH (AFTER 1054)

One of the oldest and most remarkable churches in Hildesheim from an architectural history standpoint. In the 10th century the original building was used as the eastern gate fortification within the city wall. It was converted to a church under Bishop Hezilo of Hildesheim. www.oase-heilig-kreuz.de

6. ST. LAMBERT’S CHURCH (1474)

Be sure not to miss the Peter-and-Paul altar (approx. 1420) and the Baroque organ in the late-Gothic hall church. www.st-lamberti-hildesheim.wir-e.de



7. LOGE HOUSE (1534)

The former “Domprobstei” – which was built in 1534, burned down in 1633 and was rebuilt in 1663 – is considered one of the most beautiful timber-framed buildings in Hildesheim. Since 1804 the building has been owned by the Freemasons. It is one of the oldest Masonic loges in Germany that has been in use almost without interruption.

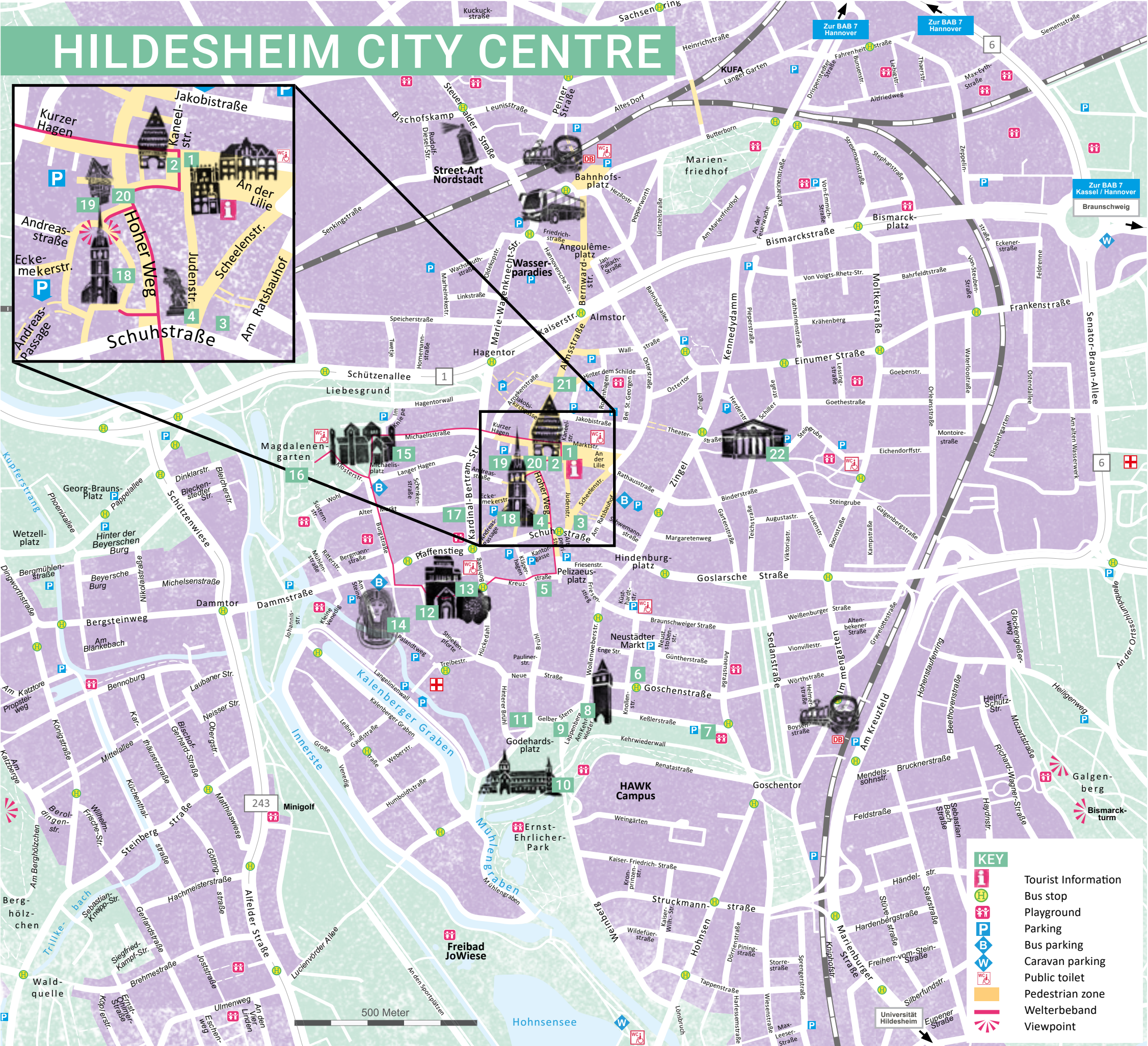
8. KEHRWIEDERTURM (AROUND 1350) AT THE CITY WALL

The last remaining tower of the former city fortifications is used today as exhibition space by the Artists’ Association.



9. MEMORIAL ON THE “LAPPENBERG”

Erected in 1988 on the site of Hildesheim’s former synagogue, the square memorial is an admonition of the persecution of the Jews.



10. ST. GODEHARD’S CHURCH (1133 -1172)

The basilica is one of the few Romanesque churches in Germany that remains virtually unchanged in its original form today. www.st-godehard-hildesheim.de

11. WERNESCHES HAUS (1606) IN THE TIMBER-FRAMED QUARTER

One of the most beautiful half-timbered buildings is the “Wernersches Haus” in the half-timbered quarter which dates from 1606 (Gelber Stern/Hinterer Brühl).



12. ST. MARY’S CATHEDRAL WITH ROSEBUSH (852 - 872) – UNESCO

St. Mary’s Cathedral, which has been on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites since 1985, is famous for its bronze castings: Bernward’s door (1015) and Bernward’s Column (approx. 1020) and the legendary Thousand-year Rose, which blooms at the apse of the cathedral. www.dom-hildesheim.de

13. CATHEDRAL MUSEUM AND CATHEDRAL TREASURY – UNESCO

The museum provides an insight to the precious objects of the Cathedral’s history and the cathedral treasury which are also part of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. www.dommuseum-hildesheim.de

14. ROEMER AND PELIZAEUS MUSEUM (RPM)

The museum is world-famous for its collection of ancient Egyptian art and features various special exhibitions. www.rpmuseum.de



15. ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH (1010 - 1033) – UNESCO

The early Romanesque church was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985 and is an outstanding example of Romanesque and Ottonian architecture. The monumental ceiling painting from the 13th century in the central nave of the church showing Jesus Christ’s family tree depicted on 1,300 oak boards is a particular highlight. www.michaelis-hildesheim.wir-e.de

16. MAGDALENA GARDENS

The Magdalena Gardens is one of the oldest historical gardens in Lower Saxony. www.magdalenengarten.de

17. “KAISERHAUS” FAÇADE (1585 - 1587)

The Roman statues and emperor’s medallions from the former Renaissance building now decorate the façade of this modern building.

18. ST. ANDREAS CHURCH (1389) / CLIMB OF THE TOWER

The Gothic civic church features the highest church tower in Lower Saxony (114,5 metres) accessible via 364 steps and one of the largest church organs in northern Germany. www.hildesheim-tourismus.de/andreaskirchturm

19. THE UPENDED SUGARLOAF

The impressive building which was reconstructed on its original site in 2009/2010, looks like a sugarloaf that has been turned upside down. Each of the two upper floors juts out over the one below.

20. CITY MODEL

The city model made of bronze which dates from 1641 and is based on a Merian engraving shows Hildesheim as a fortified city with a moat, walls and bastions.

21. ST. JACOB’S HOUSE OF LITERATURE

A particularly striking feature of the large, single-nave church are the high, narrow Gothic windows with their highly coloured design. St. Jacob’s Church is used as a city and cultural church for literature acts. www.stjakobi.de



22. THEATER FÜR NIEDERSACHSEN (TFN)

The more than 100-year-old theatre offers musical theatre and plays, concerts as well as children’s and youth theatre performances. www.tfn-online.de