



## Calendar of events LÜBECK 2024 (Highlights), Preview 2025

### **Exhibition at the Günter Grass-House**

#### **„GRASS TANZBAR“**

until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

The varied and multifaceted exhibition uses all the senses to take you through times and dances that not only moved Günter Grass. The accompanying programme is just as varied, from dancing words at a poetry slam to the major event "Lübeck dances WITH EACH OTHER" in front of the Market Square on the occasion of the Hanseatic Culture Festival.

[www.grass-house.com](http://www.grass-house.com)

### **Kunsthalle St. Annen „Extra Time. Heather Phillipson“**

until 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

For the 100th anniversary of Thomas Mann's novel "The Magic Mountain", British artist Heather Phillipson is converting Kunsthalle St. Annen into a walk-in work of art. Opening on September 13, 2024, her solo exhibition draws on ideas of time and sociological change, which play a central role in The Magic Mountain. The novel deals with individual experiences of time against the backdrop of the epochal upheavals in the run-up to World War I.

[www.kunsthalle-st-annen.de](http://www.kunsthalle-st-annen.de)

### **St. Annen Museum, Exhibition dedicated to Thomas Mann's novel "Magic Mountain"**

until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

The exhibition "Thomas Mann's The Magic Mountain. Fiebertraum und Höhenrausch" aims to transform this realisation of the novel's main character, Hans Castorp, into a contemporary, atmospheric experience.

[www.derzauberberg.de](http://www.derzauberberg.de)

### **Nordic Film Festival Lübeck**

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025

The Nordic Film Festival in Lübeck is considered the most important showing of Nordic films outside of Scandinavia. Many of those directors, who presented their first film in Lübeck, have now gained world fame.

[www.nordische-filmtage.de](http://www.nordische-filmtage.de)

### **Craft Market "Lübsche Wiehnacht"**

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and 30<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> Dezember 2024

A diverse range of fine and unusual handicrafts is offered in a family-friendly and relaxed atmosphere in the historic maritime harbour shed 6. Around 35 regional artisans offer unique handmade items from their own workshops.

[www.visit-luebeck.com](http://www.visit-luebeck.com)

### **Lübeck Christmas Market**

25<sup>th</sup> November – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024

We cordially invite you to a pre-Christmas visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site. The glow of festive Christmas lights and Christmas decorations in the Old Town streets create

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a festive ambience. The 'Advent Lights' events on the 27th November marks the start of the event.

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### **Fairytale Forest at St. Mary's**

**25<sup>th</sup> November – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Lübeck's traditional Fairytale Forest is a pre-Christmas attraction at the feet of St. Mary's church. More than 20 lovely decorated and handmade booths invite all children from tall to small to a colorful world of pictures of fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm. Amongst them you can find King Thrushebeard, Snow White, Rapunzel and the Seven Dwarfs.

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### **Historical Christmas Market at St. Mary's Church**

**25<sup>th</sup> November – 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024**

Daily from 11 am to 9 pm the Historic Christmas Market with its medieval ambience provides a small journey in time amidst the Christmas hustle and bustle.

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### **Lübeck's Craft market inside St. Peter's church**

**26<sup>th</sup> November – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Daily from 10 am to 7 pm, artisans from Northern Germany present their works in the historical ambience of St. Peter's Church, which was built around 800 years ago. There are plenty of high-quality gift ideas for Christmas. Relax and stroll through the magnificent church room with its lovingly designed artisan stalls.

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### **Craftsmen's Christmas Fair inside the Hospital of the Holy Spirit**

**30<sup>th</sup> November– 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Around 150 artisans from Germany, Scandinavia, Great Britain and the Baltic States show the diversity of new and old handicraft techniques in the church hall, in the small cabins which were inhabited until the 1970s and in the vaulted cellar of the medieval hospital from the 12th century.

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### **Industrial Museum, History Workshop Herrenwyk**

**From 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

The museum showcases the development of Lübeck's major shipyards, highlighting the challenges and transformations over the course of the last century. Lübeck's era of iron shipbuilding, from 1882 to 2002, during which hundreds of ships were constructed and thousands of workers employed, is explored through the stories and experiences of the hardworking people on the slipways and in the drydock yards.

[www.geschichtswerkstatt-herrenwyk.en](http://www.geschichtswerkstatt-herrenwyk.en)

### **Opening of Kolk 17 Puppet Theatre & Museum**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

Two active institutions are dedicated here to the art form of puppet theatre in all its facets. What makes Kolk 17 Puppet Theatre & Museum unique is the combination of a collection of over 20,000 puppet theatre exhibits and a permanent venue for regular performances.

[www.kolk17.de/en](http://www.kolk17.de/en)

### **33rd Brahms festival**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Symphonic and chamber music by Brahms and his contemporaries at the highest artistic level.

[www.mh-luebeck.de/en](http://www.mh-luebeck.de/en)

### **International Museum Day 2025**

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

With their broad spectrum, diverse offerings and innovative ideas, museums make a major contribution to our cultural and social life. In Lübeck, too, numerous activities and offers invite you to discover the treasures preserved in the museums. This year's motto is "Discover museums with joy".

### **UNESCO World Heritage Day**

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

Under the motto "Discover and experience diversity", the World Heritage Sites in Germany will celebrate UNESCO World Heritage Day to put the spotlight on the wealth of UNESCO-designated cultural and natural sites.

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**7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Organised by the Buddenbrookhaus

### **„The concert of his life – Thomas Mann's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday“**

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 19<sup>30</sup>**

### **Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival**

**5<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

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Istanbul becomes the city focus of the SHMF 2025. Centuries-old bazaars next to modern skyscrapers, prayer chants against the roar of a metropolis of 16-million metropolis, music by Johann Sebastian Bach next to Anatolian folklore: Istanbul is a vibrant place of exciting contrasts. In the coming festival summer, the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival is dedicating a special focus to the city on the Bosphorus. With its rich history, Istanbul has been a melting pot of cultures for thousands of years.

[www.shmf.de/en](http://www.shmf.de/en)

### **Christopher Street Day**

**15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Christopher Street Day (CSD) usually is a celebration, commemoration and demonstration day at the same time and is traditionally celebrated in Lübeck with a street festival and a parade as well as with various supporting events.

Admission: free

[www.luebeck-pride.de](http://www.luebeck-pride.de)

### **Lübeck's Night of Open Museums**

**30<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

With just one ticket, the whole world of Lübeck's museums, galleries and cultural institutions can be opened up. There is a multifaceted supporting programme throughout the UNESCO-Lübeck Old Town. Streets, corridors and courtyards come to life and become the stage for around 100 atmospheric events.

[www.die-luebecker-museen.de](http://www.die-luebecker-museen.de)

### **5 Island Festival**

**September 2025**

Five concert islands rise out of the waves of Lübeck's old town and invite you to a colorful line-up of bands and musicians in a particularly intimate atmosphere in backyards, gardens and on roof terraces. At the Burgtor, the Essigfabrik, the Kunsttankstelle and a yoga studio, exciting acts from jazz and classical music to singer-songwriters, pop and rock can be heard.

### **European Heritage Days – Day of the Public Monument**

**7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Every year Lübeck takes part in the nationwide Day of Public Monuments, opening doors to various monuments and even private houses that are not normally accessible to visitors.

[www.tag-des-offenen-denkmals.de](http://www.tag-des-offenen-denkmals.de)

### **TraveJazz Festival 2025**

**4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

The TraveJazz Festival combines the genres of jazz, funk and soul. The programme features internationally and nationally established artists as well as bands that have a connection to the Hanseatic city. The main venue is Schuppen 6, a historic, listed harbour shed located directly on the Trave. Other concert venues include St. Peter's church, St. Jakob's church, the Live CV jazz club, which has repeatedly been awarded the Federal Venue Programme Award, and an open-air stage

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[www.travejazz.de](http://www.travejazz.de)

## **Lübeck Marathon**

**19<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

The Lübeck Marathon is considered one of the most important sport events: Six different trails from 2.1 kilometres to 42.195 kilometres lead through the Old Town and the Herrentunnel tunnel to the seaside resort of Travemünde. All runners start from Breite Straße and finish on the market next to Lübeck's historic Town Hall.

[www.stadtwerke-luebeck-marathon.de/en/](http://www.stadtwerke-luebeck-marathon.de/en/)