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Hannover Schützenfest



The Schützenfest (<http://www.schuetzenfest-hannover.net/>) is held in northern Germany, in the Lower Saxony district, and is one part fun fair, one part marksmen competition. Strictly speaking, Schützenfest is not a beer festival, although beer is certainly celebrated at the event's five large tents, beer gardens and booths selling a variety of alcoholic beverages. Hundreds of rides and carnival style games delight visitors of all ages. While Schützen ('shooting') festivals occur in other cities throughout Germany and Austria, Hannover's is the largest and goes back some 500 years. The marksman parade with over 5,000 participants winds through the streets of central Hannover and is a highlight of the festival. Be sure to test out your own skills at one of the many shooting range booths.

The Hannover Schützenfest runs from July 1 to 10, 2016.