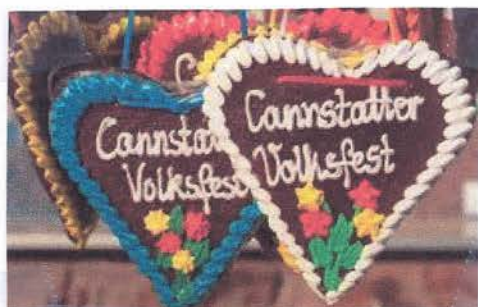
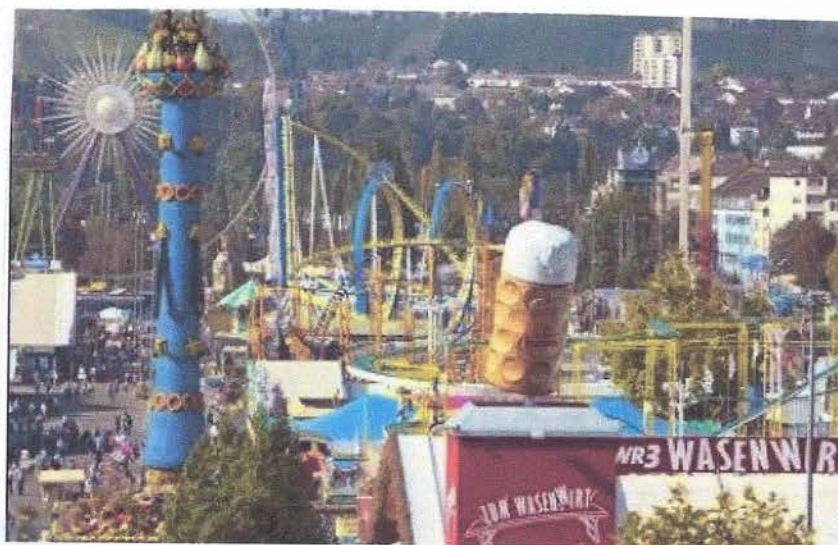


"Bei uns ist immer was los!"

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**"CANNSTÄTTER VOLKSFEST" / "WASEN
STUTTGART FOLK FESTIVAL**www.cannstatter-volksfest.de**Millions of Travelers Expected to Attend the 168th Cannstatter Volksfest**

The Cannstatter Volksfest
takes place each year in
Stuttgart.



Attraktionen auf dem Cannstatter Volksfest

While all eyes are fixed on Oktoberfest, the German city of Stuttgart is getting ready to open its own seasonal festival. The Cannstatter Volksfest, an annual autumn fair, is the second-largest beer festival in the world, attracting millions of visitors each year.

Although the Cannstatter Volksfest (also known as the "Wasen") is a fair best known for its roller coasters, carousels and Ferris wheel, it became the second-largest beer festival by accident, following Oktoberfest. Each year, 4-5 million people visit this folk festival for a taste of German culture.

The fair is well-known for the display of its Fruchtsäule – an 85-foot "fruit column" topped with decorative fruits and vegetables. This pillar was originally designed in the 1800s and is considered a relic of the old monarchy. The "fruit column" is redesigned every few years, and is also featured in the Stuttgart Spring Festival.

The Wasen is also famous for its Ferris wheel, which measures about 200 feet in diameter and is considered the largest mobile Ferris wheel in the world. In addition, the festival boasts a second, 154-foot Ferris wheel, a number of rollercoasters, a 217-foot free-fall "Powertower," several carousels, a haunted house, nearly 100 different food stands and numerous other entertainment stands.

This year, more than 320 vendors and entertainers will set up stands on the festival site.