

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

HAMBURGER DOM

Northern Germany's biggest goose fair

The Hamburger Dom is the biggest public festival in the north of Germany. Three times a year you can experience fun, nostalgia and thrills.

The **Hamburger Dom**^[1] is a large fair held at Heiligengeistfeld fair ground in central Hamburg, Germany. With three fairs (spring, summer and winter) per year it is the biggest and the longest fair throughout Germany and attracts every one approximately ten million visitors per year. It is also referred to as a Volksfest (beer festival and travelling funfair).

Hamburger Dom puts on an impressive firework display at the Heiligengeistfeld, that can be seen across most of the city, every Friday that it runs at 22:30 hrs.^[2]

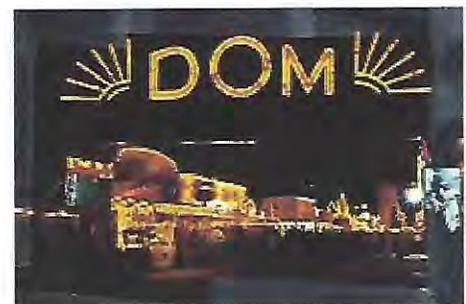
The Hamburger Dom offers colourful booths, nostalgic carousels and high-tech rides. Both Hamburg's citizens and its visitors can have a wonderful time walking across the Heiligengeistfeld with its many exciting sights. Romantics will love the old horse carousels. Those who love illusions will be enchanted by good old show booths. Fans of speed can find excitement and thrills in modern high-tech rides. In addition to all these attractions you will also find delicious foods of all varieties, from small snacks to hearty menus.

Public festivals of comparable size in northern Germany are the Hamburg “Dom,” originally a Christmas market which is now also held in the summer, and the Bremen “Freimarkt,” both the offshoots of older markets.

Opening hours

Monday to Thursday: 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
Friday to Saturday: 3:00 P.M. to 0:30am
Sunday: 2:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

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History

A market in or in front of Hamburg's Cathedral (German: *Hamburger Dom*) was first recorded in 1329, at the beginning only in special seasons like Christmas. With the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century the fair was also held at other times. After the demolition of the cathedral (1804–1807), the market was held on the Gänsemarkt (lit. *geese market*) in 1804, but kept the name “Dom”. Since 1892, the fair has been held at Heiligengeistfeld (lit. *field of the Holy Spirit*) and the name was used for all fairs at this location.^[3]

- *Winterdom* or *Dommarkt* (winter fair or cathedral market): 30 days in late autumn
- *Sommerdom* or *Hummelfest* (summer fair or *Hummel* market):^[4] since 1947: 31 days during summer
- *Frühlingsdom* (spring fair): since 1948, 30 days in spring