

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

## HAMBURGER DOM

**Sommerdom oder Hummelfest /  
Summer Funfair or Hummel Market**  
(held from end of July to the end of August,  
generally last 31 days during summer in Hamburg)

1. Hamburger Dom is the biggest and longest public festival in North Germany.
2. With 3 fairs (spring, summer, and fall) per year, it attracts about 10 million visitors per year, who can experience fun, nostalgia, and thrills.

[www.hamburg.de/dom/](http://www.hamburg.de/dom/)



### Hamburg Summer Beer Festival

The origin of the DOM dates back as far as the 1300s when there used to be regular markets held by merchants, jugglers and craftsmen etc. outside of the old cathedral, or Dom. The story says that the name was given to this market after it became a habit of theirs to head inside the cathedral when the weather took a turn for the worse.

Initially, the Archbishop took umbrage with this but, after heavy protest from the people in his congregation, they were eventually granted permission to continue this act of evading the weather. As the years went by, the old cathedral grew tired and was eventually torn down, but the market-like celebrations have continued ever since.

Now held on Heiligengeistfeld, the thrice yearly festival has grown from being a place where merchants and craftsmen could come to sell their wares to a full on fairground which regularly includes exciting roller coasters, numerous beer tents and fun at every turn. The area of around 3kms is filled with thousands of revellers looking for a good time. You'll find plenty of local food stalls and chances to taste the town's brew, whilst the never-ending lights and music of Hamburg's 'Reeperbahn', or sinful mile, are on hand to aid you in continuing your celebrations well into the night.

The DOM is a part of Hamburg's tradition and guarantees adventure, fun, excitement and nostalgia. The name goes back to a group of merchants, craftsmen and jugglers, who, following some disagreements, were granted the right in 1337 to seek shelter in the cathedral "Marien-Dom" whenever the weather was particularly bad. At the end of the 19th-century, the fairground showmen and machine operators found their new "home" on Heiligengeistfeld, the venue of today's DOM.

The Hamburg Dom is one of the largest funfairs in Germany and offers its visitors a 3-kilometre area filled with thrilling rides, family entertainment and beer tents. Three times a year, the area transforms into an entertainment extravaganza suitable for both young and old. Enjoy roasted almonds, candied fruits, bratwursts and potato pancakes while strolling through the market. The fair area is next to the famous 'Reeperbahn' - Hamburg's 'sinful mile' - where partygoers can enjoy the never-ending nightlife of the maritime town when the Hamburg Dom closes its doors.

For a festival that rivals [Munich's Oktoberfest](http://www.fredholidays.co.uk/beer-festivals/oktoberfest-munich-beer-festival/) (<http://www.fredholidays.co.uk/beer-festivals/oktoberfest-munich-beer-festival/>), there is no alternative to the Hamburger Dom.