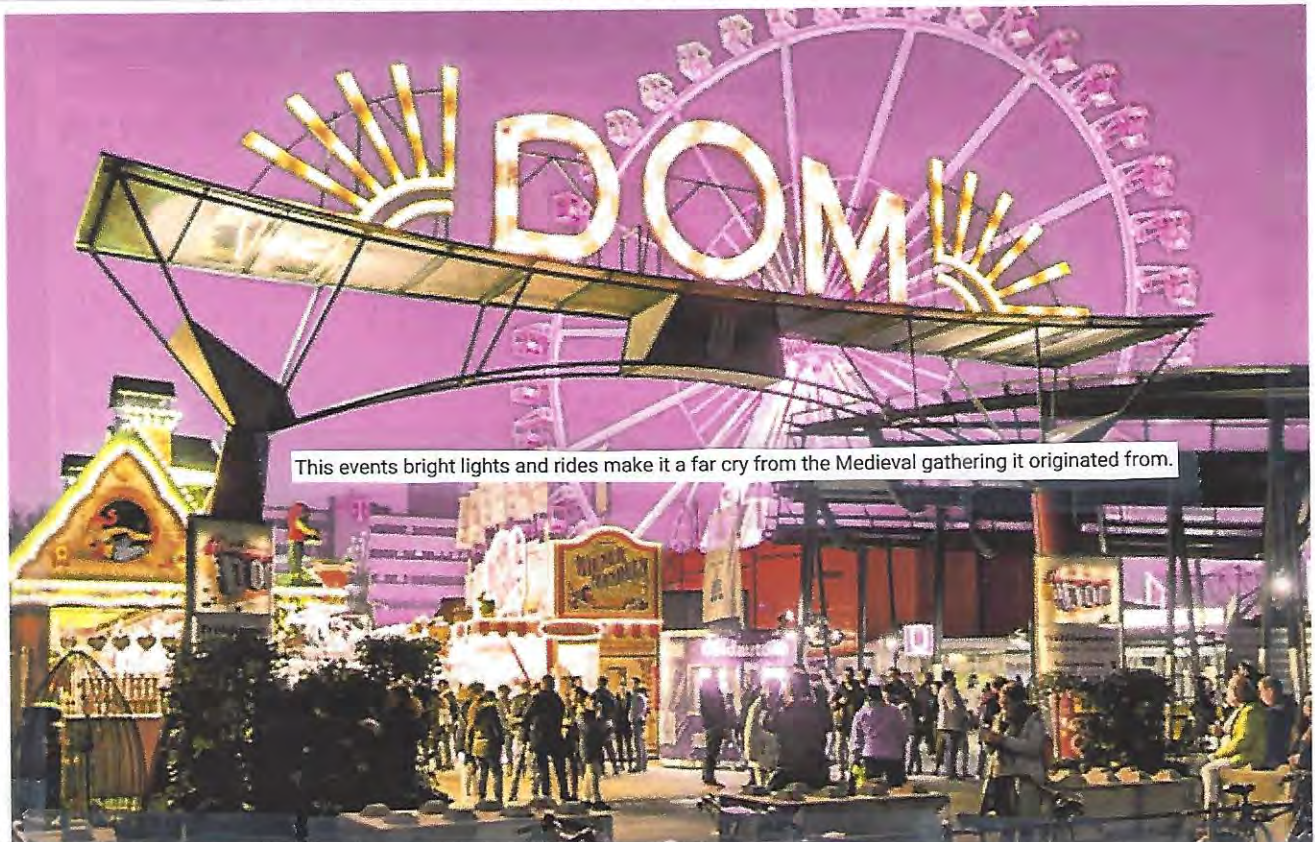


“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

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)



This events bright lights and rides make it a far cry from the Medieval gathering it originated from.

Dubbed ‘the biggest festival in northern Germany,’ the Hamburger DOM is the North’s answer to Bavaria’s Oktoberfest. Consisting primarily of rides and stalls, the festival transforms Hamburg’s *Heiligengeistfeld* (field of the Holy Spirit) into a ginormous fun fair.

Though you may not guess it when faced with the modern day rides, this festival originates from the 11th Century, when a collection of merchants, craftsmen and jugglers sought shelter from stormy weather in Hamburg’s *Mariendom*.

This tradition lasted until the demolition of the cathedral in 1804, after which the merchants were assigned *Heiligenfestfeld* as their new location. Following the Wall Street crash, the wintertime market was expanded with a spring market to try and help local merchants through the crisis of the 1930s. A summer market was added after World War II.

Suitable for visitors of all ages, this event is a must-visit if you find yourself in or around Hamburg between the July 26th and August 25th.