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Time to celebrate on the Wasen from 22 September to 8 October 2017

Celebrations with tradition: the Cannstatter Volksfest

Stuttgart – People are enticed to Stuttgart in autumn by a special atmosphere produced by the fantastic funfair coupled with attractive festival tents, the colourful traders' market and many spectacular attractions. When the Cannstatter Volksfest opens its gates from 22 September to 8 October 2017, it is "off down to the Wasen" time. About four million visitors find their way annually to the celebrations in the state capital of Baden Württemberg. Long in tradition, the event has made a name for itself in the whole of Germany, the rest of Europe and overseas. However, it has its home on the so-called Cannstatter Wasen site where it will also remain. Only those travelling to Stuttgart in autumn can experience one of Europe's most popular and beautiful festivals live. Awaiting the guests are about 340 show-people, beer tent landlords and landladies and market traders.

Tasty food and the Wasen atmosphere are a must

Ensuring there is no shortage of delights for the taste buds are seven large festival tents, a historical wine tent and a so-called "Almhüttendorf", an Alpine-styled tent, alongside 60 smaller places to eat and drink, some with seating in eateries or beer gardens for up to 250 guests. Crispy-grilled "göckele" (as chicken is known in the local Swabian dialect) are an essential part of every menu. A special delight is the freshly carved meat from a whole spit-roasted ox. For lovers of vegetarian food, "käsepätzle" (a regional speciality made of cheese and noodles) is one of the culinary classics on the Wasen. Other treats on offer are an out-of-the-ordinary burgher, a refined soup or an exciting fish dish. Awaiting visitors at midday are numerous culinary specials. And the stalls selling all things sweet also have a lot to offer. In the tents, top entertainment is highly important all through the day. Live music naturally has to be a part of things. Whilst the day starts more on the slow side with traditional oompah music, people celebrate to party music during the evening.

Fantastic attractions and lots of activities for the whole family

Roller coasters, drop tower, dodgems – there are hordes of attractions awaiting guests during the two weeks of the 172st Cannstatter Volksfest. Boredom is a word foreign to people on the Wasen as the now much-loved classic rides such as the swing carousel, Ferris wheel or high striker all offer great fun for visitors as do the numerous children's rides, lucky dip stalls and other booths featuring games of skill or strength.

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The highly popular Family Days have become a wonderful tradition: on Wednesdays show-people, beer tent landlords, market traders offer concessions on many of their attractions. Awaiting kiddies are also numerous other attractions like face painting. The traders' market has belonged to the Cannstatter Volksfest right from the very beginning. About 50 traders offer textiles, leather and household goods, jewellery, art, tea, herbs and spices, cosmetics and gifts for sale on the Wasen.

In addition to the numerous attractions, there is a colourful supporting programme of events to be enjoyed during the 17 days of the festival. The big Volksfest parade involving over 3,500 people on the first Sunday is definitely one of the major highlights. Magnificently decorated horse-drawn brewery wagons, colourful groups in traditional costumes, bands, historical militia and groups from throughout the state and far beyond all parade from the so-called "Kursaal" through the old part of Bad Cannstatt to the Wasen. A fantastic experience for young and old is the Volksfest hot-air balloon race. Over 20 highly colourful hot air and gas balloons floating above the Wasen creates an amazing scene. Awaiting visitors on the final day of the Volksfest is a fabulous firework display accompanied by music.

The Volksfest opening times:

Monday to Thursday:	12 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Friday and before public holidays:	12 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Saturday:	11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Sunday and public holidays:	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Opening day on 22 September:	3 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Further information and schedule:

www.wasen.de

www.facebook.com/Wasen.de

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