



# "WASSEN" 2025



When the "Wasen" is celebrated again in Stuttgart from September 26 to October 12, 2025, the Neckar foreland will be transformed into a colorful sea of lights, festival tents, and rides. With around four million visitors annually, the Cannstatter Volksfest is not only the largest fest in Baden-Württemberg, but also the second largest fest in Germany.

But behind the exuberant hustle and bustle lies a story that began more than 200 years ago in a time of hardship.

## A FEST BORN OUT OF CRISIS

The origins of the Cannstatter Volksfest date back to 1818. King Wilhelm I and his wife Katharina founded the "Agricultural Festival of Kannstadt" after the Kingdom of Württemberg was severely affected by the famine following the volcanic eruption of Mount Tambora (1815).

The festival was intended to strengthen agriculture, encourage farmers, and popularize new cultivation methods. The tradition of the Agricultural Festival, which now takes place every four years parallel to the "Wasen," dates back to this idea.

The symbol of these roots remains the Fruit Column, a 26-meter-high monument that thrones on festgrounds annually again since 1972 and expresses gratitude to nature and the harvest.

## FROM FARMERS' MARKET TO MEGA EVENT

The first major parade in 1841 attracted more than 100,000 visitors – despite Stuttgart's city population of only 40,000. Today, around 150,000 spectators line the streets when the magnificent parade with historic floats, musical groups, and traditional costumes moves through Bad Cannstatt at 11 a.m. on September 28, 2025.

## CENTERPIECE: THE FEST TENTS

No "Wasen" is complete without fest tents – and each one has its own unique atmosphere. From the rustic Almhütte Royal with its Tyrolean flair to the traditional Hofbräu tent "Beim Benz" to the vibrant Wilhelmer's Schwabenwelt, each tent offers a blend of music, beer, and festive atmosphere.

## THRILLS AND NOSTALGIA: THE RIDES

The Cannstatter Volksfest 2025 combines high-tech and tradition: Adrenaline fans can look forward to the "Power Tower 2" or the looping roller coaster "Teststrecke," while classics like the Etagenkarussell and the "Wilde Maus" evoke nostalgic feelings. The Expo Ferris Wheel dominates the "Wasen" skyline and offers spectacular views over Stuttgart.