

## How the Highland Gathering came to Peine ...

Highland Gatherings have a tradition in Scotland that goes back hundreds of years. They are as much a part of Scottish culture as the various tartans, the pipes and drums, Scottish country dance, the Highland Games and, of course, whisky.

In 1985, a few Scotland enthusiasts from Peine founded the Scottish Culture Club e.V. (SCC) and the Owl Town Pipe and Drum Band. They celebrated the first Highland Gathering to mark their tenth anniversary – at a club site on the outskirts of Peine. The idea was so well received that this special event was moved to the centrally located city park in 1998.

Since 2003, the SCC has been organising the Highland Gathering in Peine together with Peine Marketing because the rather small festival with just a few bands very quickly developed into the biggest gathering on the continent. It attracts visitors and bands from all over Europe. Holland, Denmark, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium – musicians come from all over to show their stuff.



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1–5 July	Peiner Freischiessen (festival)
16 + 17 July	Mobilitätsmeile ('Mobility Mile') with Sunday shopping
12–14 August	Peine Wine Festival
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25 November– 23 December	Weihnachtsstadt Peine (‘Christmas City of Peine’)

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# Highland Gathering

Peine, 7. and 8. May



Highland Games and  
the Scottish way of life  
in Peine's

**SUNDAY  
SHOPPING**  
8 May | 1–6 pm  
in the city centre

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# HIGHLAND GATHERING



## 22<sup>nd</sup> HIGHLAND GATHERING

### The time has finally come again!

Peine will be relocated to the Scottish Highlands for two days: on Saturday, 7 May, the Highland Gathering gets underway with many pipe bands showing their skills. On the show stage, visitors can admire Scottish and Irish dance. On Saturday evening, there will also be a big ceilidh – the open-air concert on the stage in the city park. The music of The Assassenachs will keep the celebrations going until late into the night.

On Sunday, strong men and women will then compete against each other in the ancient Scottish disciplines of the traditional Highland Games: tree trunk throwing, tug of war and stone throwing. At the same time, solo competitions will take place and choral singing will radiate through the city park.

While the city park will be filled with bagpipers, drummers and many colourful stalls, there is also plenty to discover in the city. For the first time, there will be Sunday shopping for the big festival: a chance to relax and shop, enjoy the day with the family and browse through the great variety that's on offer. The nume-

rous shops in the city centre will be open from 1 to 6 pm and have fresh spring offers ready – many at rock-bottom prices. The whole festival weekend is ideal for an exciting family outing, as the children's play area in the city park also has plenty of fun in store. Large playground equipment and extra games mean that no one's going to get bored.

There are also numerous stalls with jewellery, arts and crafts, Scottish goods, beer and non-alcoholic beverages, sweets and hearty treats to satisfy small and large appetites alike. Whisky stands, where you can have a sip or two and taste the most diverse varieties, are also a must.

Slàinte mhath und Fàilte, cheers and welcome!

These partners support the Highland Gathering:



### Saturday, 7 May

from 10.00 am	Start of the Highland Gathering
from 10.00 am	Performances by the Happy German Bagpipers in the city centre
from 11.00 am	Start of competitions and performances of the pipe bands
from 11.00 am	Scottish Country Dance and Irish Dancing performances (show stage)
from 5.30 pm	Parade of all the pipe bands for the award ceremony
from 5.45 pm	Award ceremony with 'The Salute to the Chief of the Day'
from 6.45 pm	Pipe bands march off
from 8.00 pm	Long open air concert with band The Assassenachs

### Sunday, 8 May

from 10.00 am	Start of the Highland Gathering
from 10.30 am	Solo competitions for pipers and drummers
from 11.00 am	Start of Highland Games, children's games, pipe band performances
from 11.00 am	Dance, music and fairy tales on the show stage
from 1.00 pm	Tug of war in front of the main stage
1.00 pm	Welcome to Sunday shopping
until 6.00 pm	in the Peine pedestrian zone
from 3.00 pm	Small serenades by the Scottish Folksingers at various spots in the city park
from 3.00 pm	Children's tug of war in front of the main stage; The Two Whirlis on the show stage
5.00 pm	Parade of pipers and drummers for the award ceremony
6.00 pm	End of the 22nd Highland Gathering

**Please note:** The times given here are only indicative and may change depending on the number of participants.

**Admission:** Day ticket 3 euros; 2-day ticket 4 euros

Children up to and including 13 years of age are free (accompanied by an adult)