

## There's a Castle in Kassel!

If you want to find a castle or a palace in the United States, you 13  
have to take a trip to Disneyland to see Sleeping Beauty's Castle. If 25  
you want to find one in Germany, you have to decide which one you'd 37  
like to see. There are many real castles to choose from! The city of 51  
Kassel has not one, but at least three schlosser (the German word for 64  
castles and palaces)! 67

One very large palace, Schloss Wilhelmshöhe, sits on top of a 78  
mountain that overlooks the whole city, and it was built by a ruler named 92  
Landgrave William IX (the Ninth). It has a thirty foot tall statue of 105  
Hercules on top that has been watching over the city of Kassel for over 119  
two hundred years. The Wilhelmshöhe Palace Park is the largest 129  
mountain park in all of Europe. It has a waterfall with a fountain that 143  
shoots almost one hundred feet into the sky. A separate building holds 155  
a beautiful ballroom, and if you close your eyes, you can almost see 168  
Cinderella dancing with Prince Charming. 173

William the Ninth decided to build Löwenburg Castle, an old 183  
fashioned castle that looked like it came right out of a magical fairy 196  
tale world. It had knight's halls, coats of armour, and even a beautiful 209  
maiden, his wife, Caroline. Instead of living in the fancy, modern palace, 221  
William moved into his dream castle, the only one he wanted to live in! 235

The third palace in Kassel, Schloss Wilhelmsthal, was built as a summer home and hunting lodge for royalty. Landgrave William VIII (the Eighth) had the palace and its park built around 1743, over two hundred and fifty years ago. It has fields and forests all around it and it has not changed much since it was first built.

All of the castles or palaces in Kassel are open for visitors. Some of them are now art museums and others have summer concerts and places to picnic. Enjoy the special flowers and trees in the gardens, but remember one thing: when you walk toward the castle, you just might get the funny feeling that Sleeping Beauty will walk down the steps to say, "Willkommen!" (welcome).

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