

Dusseldorf

Düsseldorf is a city in western Germany located on the Rhine river. It is the capital city of the state North Rhine-Westphalia.

Understand

Düsseldorf is one of the economic centres of Western Germany and is located in the densely populated Rhine-Ruhr metropolitan area, with more than 10 million inhabitants. The city is famous for its nightlife, carnival, events, shopping, also for fashion and trade fairs, like the Boot Messe (worldwide leading in boats and water sports) and Igedo (worldwide leading in fashion). Every year more than 4 Million people visit the big fun fair (Kirmes) during 9 days in summer.

Get in

By plane

- **Düsseldorf International Airport** (DUS), Düsseldorf International Airport is the third largest airport in Germany and offers connections to 175 destinations worldwide. The main airport of Düsseldorf is located about 15 kilometers away from the main railway station. It takes 12 minutes by city railway "S7" to the main railway station, by car, bus or taxi about 20 minutes. The costs are €2,10 for city railway or bus ("Preisstufe A"), about €20/€22 for taxi. <http://www.duesseldorf-international.de/>
- **Köln Bonn Airport** (CGN), 60 minutes drive away from Düsseldorf city center. <http://www.koeln-bonn-airport.de/>
- **Airport Weeze** (NRN), Frequented by smaller, low-cost airlines flying into Düsseldorf. The airport is 80 kilometers away from Düsseldorf main railway station, by car or bus a 90 minutes drive (bus: 5-6 departures per day, €11 fare). <http://www.airport-weeze.de/>
- **Düsseldorf-Mönchengladbach Airport** (MGN), This airport is about 40 minutes away from Düsseldorf, although not currently served. <http://www.mgl.de/>

By train

The Düsseldorf Hauptbahnhof (main station) is a major stop for [Deutsche Bahn](#) (German state railway). <http://www.bahn.de/p/view/index.shtml>

By car

Düsseldorf is connected to the highways A3, A44, A46, A52, A57 (via Neuss) and A59.

Get around

- By bus, tramway or subway: network operated by Rheinbahn AG <http://www.rheinbahn.de/Seiten/default.aspx>
- By suburban railway (S-Bahn) <http://www.bahn.de/>
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More specifically, for timetables of buses, trams, etc. use:

- <http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de> (German, English, French and Italian)
- <http://www.vrr.de/en/> (German, English and French)

See

The tourist information office (across the street from the train station) has free maps with walking routes designed around a specific theme (e.g., "Art Route", "Düsseldorf in 1 Hour").

- Old City (U-Bahn stop: Heinrich-Heine-Allee). 16-1. The place where everyone can get drunk and party because there are so many bars and pubs.

sometimes called the longest bar in the world because of all the bars and pubs. Other than that, it's just enjoyable to walk around. Some notable buildings: Heinrich Heine's birthplace, the Schlossturm (Castle Tower), St. Andreas Church, Neander Church.

- Rhine Promenade.

along the river bordering the Old City, it leads all the way down to the Media Harbor.

- Media Harbor (Tram stop: Platz des Landtages).

has several interesting buildings designed by Frank Gehry, Claude Vasconi, and David Chipperfield.

- Rhine Tower (Tram stop: Platz des Landtages). Adults: € 3.40.

The 240-meter high Rhine Tower is right on the Rhine river, near the Media Harbor. It offers a 360-degree view from the restaurant, at 172 m. Amazing views. The restaurant doesn't really serve any food, just some overpriced beverages, but worth a trip for the view.

- Once a year, like in many other German cities, a **Night of Museums** is organized. <http://www.nacht-der-museen.de/>
- The annual **Christmas market**, which centres around the Altstadt.
- Once a year, there is a **carnival-Kilmes**-along the Rhein during summer. In the park, there are roller coasters, Ferris wheel, flying jinny and also beer garden. And Watermelons are sold everywhere in this park. You may get it as soon as possible. The extent of this theme park is not so big, but many people want to go there and enjoy it.

Do

- **Altstadt**. meaning "old city," of Düsseldorf is very beautiful. You can find the Alt beer in a lot of traditional breweries like the "Uerige", "Füchschen", "Zum Schlüssel" or "Schumacher" (tourists **and** local citizens like these places).
- **Königsallee** (U-Bahn stop: Steinstr./Kö), Internationally well-known, called the "Kö". Many high level fashion stores are at the Kö. It is sometimes referred to as the "Champs-Élysées of Germany".
- **Film-Museum**, Schulstraße 4. Tues-Sun 11-17, Wed 11-21. 3 €; Reduced, 1.50 €; Students under 18 free.
- **Hetjens Museum/Deutsches Keramikmuseum**, Schulstrasse 4. Tues-Sun 11-17, Wed 11-21.
- **Theatermuseum, Hofgärtnerhaus**, Jägerhofstrasse 1. Tues-Sun 13-20:30.
- **Stadtmuseum**, Berger Allee 2. Tues-Sun 11-18.

Eat

Splurge

- **Im Schiffchen**, Kaiserwerther Markt 9 (U79: *Klemensplatz*), Tel. (0211) 401050, Fax 403667, restaurant.imschiffchen@t-online.de, International, nouveau cuisine, classic, French, specialties. T-Sa 19:00-21:30.

- **NAGAYA**, Bilker Straße 3, Tel. (0211) 863 9636, info@nagaya.de, Japanese, nouvelle cuisine. Open M-Sa from 7PM-11PM.
- **Robert's Bistro**, in the Hafen, One of Düsseldorf's best restaurants. Specializing in French-ish food, the fish and sweets are fantastic. Expect to pay 20-30 euros per person (for food and wine). They don't take reservations so expect to wait and sit next to strangers, but the experience is well worth it.

Drink

Düsseldorf is known for its many bars in the downtown (Altstadt) area. In fact, many people refer to the Altstadt as the "longest bar in the world" ("Längste Theke der Welt"). The most common drink is "Altbier" or simply "Alt." This dark beer, served in small glasses, is available at practically any restaurant in the city. Altbier is only brewed in breweries around Düsseldorf. In the Altstadt you can enjoy Schlüssel, Uerige, Schumacher, and Füchschen beers, at traditional brewery restaurants. The waiters at these traditional restaurants are called "Koebes."

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Religious services

Holy mass in catholic churches in downtown Düsseldorf:

- **Franziskanerkirche**, Immermannstraße/Oststraße (near the central station). Su: 10AM, 12PM; M-F: 3:30PM.
- **St. Maximilian**, Schulstraße/Maxplatz (Altstadt) Su: 10AM, 11:30AM, 6PM; M-Sa: 6PM.
- **St. Andreas**, Hunsrückstraße (near to the Kunsthalle, Altstadt). Sun: 8:30, 11:00, 18:00; Mon-Sat: 12:00, 18:00 (except Fri)
- **St. Lambertus** Basilika minor, Stiftsplatz (near the Rhine bank, Altstadt) Sun: 10:30AM, 5PM; Mo-Sa: 5PM.

Index of churches of all Christian denominations in Düsseldorf:

<http://www2.ekir.de/duesseldorf/kid/kirchen.html>

Respect

Düsseldorf is in a strong rivalry with its neighbor city Cologne, especially concerning comparisons between the local beers. Cologne is almost twice the size of Düsseldorf in terms of population, and the Cologne Cathedral is known nation-wide. Düsseldorf is an

economic powerhouse and capital city of the state of NRW. If you have been to Cologne try to avoid any comparisons between the two cities.

For more info see: www.wikipedia.org

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