

DÜSSELDORF

Düsseldorf is the capital city of the **German state** of North **Rhine-Westphalia**. It is the second most international and economically important centre of Germany, after Frankfurt, and is located in the center of **the Rhein-Ruhr area**, Europe's most populated metropolitan area. The city is situated on the River Rhine, and is renowned for its many events and also for its fashion and trade fairs. Every July more than 4.5 million people visit **the Größte Kirmes** am Rhein funfair in Dusseldorf.

Since the 1960s, there has been a strong relationship between the city and Japan. Many Japanese banks and corporations have their European headquarters in Düsseldorf - so many that Düsseldorf has the third largest Japanese community in **Europe**, after London and Paris.



Old City, (U-Bahn stop: Heinrich-Heine-Allee). The Old City is the place to go for nightlife. It's sometimes called the longest bar in the world because of all the bars and pubs. In the daytime, it's just enjoyable to walk around and get a feel for the area. 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). 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. The restaurant has an amazing view.

Benrath Palace and Park, (Tram stop: Schloss Benrath, S-Bahn stop: Benrath S). The Corps de Logis is the central building of the three-wing maison de plaisance, which was erected for the Palatine Elector Carl Theodor by his garden and building director Nicolas de Pigage. Construction was completed in 1770 - it is a complete work of art that unites architecture and nature in one overlapping concept, and is rated as one of the most beautiful palaces of the rococo epoch. The park beside the Palace is enormous, nearly 62.000 square meters.

Königsallee, (U-Bahn stop: Steinstr./Kö). This shopping district, known as the "Kö", is

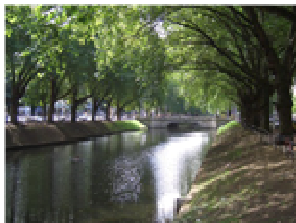
internationally recognized for its plethora high level fashion stores. It is sometimes referred to as the "Champs-Élysées of Germany".

Museums

- **Film-Museum**, Schulstraße 4.
- **Hetjens Museum/Deutsches Keramikmuseum**, Schulstrasse 4.
- **Theatermuseum**, Hofgärtnerhaus, kägerhofstrasse 1.
- **Stadtmuseum**, Berger Allee 2.

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- Once a year, like in many other German cities, a **Night of Museums** is organized by the City of Dusseldorf and the consulting firm Ernst & Young.
- The annual **Christmas market**, which centres around the Altstadt.
- Once a year during summer, there is a **carnival - Kilmes** - along the Rhein. In the park, there are roller coasters, a Ferris wheel, a flying jinny and also a beer garden. And Watermelons are sold everywhere. The theme park is not very large, but it is quite enjoyable.



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