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Landscape of Krefeld.

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### KREFELD IN PROFILE

WITH THE SLOGAN "CITY OF VELVET AND SILK", KREFELD CONNECTS DIRECTLY TO ITS TEXTILE HISTORY: FINDING SHELTER IN KREFELD IN THE 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY, MENNONITE REFUGEES BESTOWED THE CITY WITH UNPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY THROUGH THEIR SILKWEAVING SKILLS.

#### **Innovative Architecture**

Today "velvet and silk" are evident primarily in the city's extraordinary architectural heritage. Two prominent examples are the villas designed by the avant-garde architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe in the 1920s for the silk industrialists Lange and Esters. In the international architectural scene, the names Mies van der Rohe and Krefeld are inextricably linked, but thanks to the historical success of the velvet and silk, other architects including Biebricher, Pölzig and Eiermann also contributed to Krefeld's particular flair as a city of architecture.

#### **Living Culture**

Alongside the architecture, it is Krefeld's culture that demonstrates its modern, cosmopolitan and experimental character. The Krefeld Art Museums were open to contemporary art very early on, subsequently making it possible for avant-garde artists such as Yves Klein, Jean Tinguely, Robert Rauschenberg and Christo to work in the city. To this day, the Krefeld Art Museums remain internationally active museums for contemporary art.

#### **Distinctive Design**

It's also thanks to velvet and silk that Krefeld is now synonymous with a third building block of creativity, namely design. Well-known figures like Jil Sander, Markus Lüpertz, Peter Lindbergh and Horst Eckart (Janosch) as well as artist and glass painter Jan Thorn Prikker have all taught or studied in Krefeld. The Faculty of Design at the Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences emerged from the school of applied arts (*Kunstgewerbeschule*) and stages an annual exhibition of works which impressively demonstrates the developments in current matters of design.

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Haus Lange, Krefeld Art Museums, by architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. Photo © Volker Döhne

#### HAUS LANGE AND HAUS ESTERS MUSEUMS

Haus Lange and Haus Esters were designed between 1927 and 1930 by star architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe as private villas for textile manufacturers Hermann Lange and Dr Josef Esters. From 1955, Haus Lange served as part of the Kaiser Wilhelm Museum, housing its contemporary art, including works by Yves Klein, Arman, Christo and others. The first exhibition at Haus Esters opened in 1981. Today the houses are internationally significant locations for the contemporary art scene and attract architecture enthusiasts from around the world.

Haus Lange and Haus Esters are undergoing renovation in 2018.



Kaiser Wilhelm Museum. Photo © Lothar Strücken

### KAISER WILHELM MUSEUM

The palatial building of the *Kaiser Wilhelm Museum* embodies the stylistic pluralism of the *Gründerzeit* period of the late nineteenth century. Opened as a museum of applied and fine art in 1897, it served simultaneously as a monument to Kaiser Wilhelm I, while in the early twentieth century, the building offered a forum not only for the reform movement in architecture and design, but also for the painting and sculpture of that time. Since the 1950s the museum's main area of focus – modern and contemporary art – has been continually expanded, and today the building has gained a new splendour following thorough renovation and its reopening in July 2016. Past and present, applied and fine art form a dialogue through the collections and special exhibitions presented here.

Food & drinks Museum restaurant



Burg Linn.

#### BURG LINN MUSEUM CENTRE

In Krefeld's historic district of Linn, you will find the Lower Rhine's oldest castle, which originated around 1,200 and used to belong to the Electorate of Cologne. In 1926 the well-preserved moated castle was passed over to the city of Krefeld, along with the outer bailey, the hunting lodge and the tithe barn. The *Landschaftsmuseum* that is part of the complex displays excavation finds from the times of the Romans in the fifth century and the age of the Franconian princes.

Special features of the museum include the gilded royal burial objects from the largest continuous and well-preserved cemetery in the district of Gellep-Stratum, and the medieval barge from the time of Charlemagne. Concerts and readings are regularly organised in the knights' hall of *Burg Linn*. The castle grounds, including the moat and the park offer an impressive backdrop for events of all kinds.

Address Rheinbabenstraße 85, T. +49 (o) 2151/155390, www.krefeld.de/burglinn

Opening hours 1st April until 31st October: Tuesday-Sunday 10am-6pm;

1st November until 31st March: Tuesday-Sunday 11am-5pm

Food & drinks Museumscafé, Rheinbabenstraße 85, T. +49 (o) 2151/481482



Colourful children's clothes from the museum's own collection. Photo © Textilmuseum

### **DEUTSCHES TEXTILMUSEUM**

The German Textile Museum at the historic medieval *Andreas-markt* in Krefeld-Linn is unique across Germany and specialises in ambitious changing thematic exhibitions. Since 1881 it has had a growing collection of 30,000 textile objects from all over the world, spanning eras from ancient times to the present day.

The in-house reference library, with its remarkable collection of books and magazines on the history of textiles and clothing, draws researchers from both German and international institutions to Linn. The library is available to anyone by appointment. The temporary exhibitions attract large numbers of visitors to the museum each year.

Address Andreasmarkt 8, T. +49 (o) 2151/94694-50, www.krefeld.de/textilmuseum Opening hours (exhibitions)

1st April until 31st October: Tuesday–Sunday 10am–6pm; 1st November until 31st March: Tuesday–Sunday 11am–5pm

Food & drinks Winkmannshof, Albert-Steeger Straße 19, T. +49 (0) 2151/7845670 Stringas Op de Trapp, Rheinbabenstraße 109, T. +49 (0) 2151/5315373



Haus der Seidenkultur.

### HAUS DER SEIDENKULTUR

At the *Haus der Seidenkultur* a friends' association preserves the special silk-weaving tradition of parament weaving, which has been practised in Krefeld for more than 100 years. The association regularly organises tours and changing exhibitions relating to the traditional craft and its valuable products. At original wooden Jacquard looms, weavers demonstrate the complex Jacquard and silk-weaving techniques. The *Haus der Seidenkultur* represents a piece of Krefeld's living textile history, presented impressively and with a keen sense of detail.



Villa Merländer

### VILLA MERLÄNDER

The villa that belonged to the silk factory owner Richard Merländer is now used as a document archive for the Nazi period. The institution is linked to the city archive. Richard Merländer fell victim to the Nazi regime as a result of his Jewish faith. Since 1991 the *Villa Merländer e. V.* has ensured he is remembered and that Krefeld's Nazi past is addressed. Alongside a permanent exhibition of wall paintings by Heinrich Campendonk, regular readings, presentations, film screenings and concerts are also offered.

Address Luisenstraße 15, T. +49 (o) 2151/936960, www.seidenkultur.de

Opening hours Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 3pm-6pm; Sunday 1pm-5pm.

Every first and third Sunday in the month there is a guided tour at 2pm.

Food & drinks Blauer Engel, Schwertstraße 144, T. +49 (0) 2151/393459

Address Friedrich-Ebert-Straße 42, T. +49 (o) 2151/503553

Opening hours Every fourth Sunday in the month: 2pm-5pm,
groups by appointment

Food & drinks Ambrosia, Uerdinger Straße 224, T. +49 (0) 2151 / 535 69 99





View of the Hülser Burg in summer.

# HÜLSER BURG

The Hülser Burg, restored in parts under the leadership of Krefeld-based architect Karl Amendt, dates back to the year 1455. The first mention of a Hülser Burg located to the north of the city's current location was in 1144. The older castle was subsequently replaced by a moated castle with a rectangular floor plan. In 1492 it served as the venue for a witch trial, and in the 200 years that followed, the castle was caught up in numerous battles, but subsequently lay untouched for more than 300 years.

In 1998 the Heimatverein Hüls e.V. and the Hülser Sportverein e.V. began restoration work on the castle, which was recognised with Krefeld's historic monument award in 2005. Today the walls, the tower and the battlements have been restored and the courtyard offers an attractive backdrop for events.



HISTORY



Historic installations at the distillery.

### **DUJARDIN DISTILLERY**

Brandy products have been produced in Krefeld's Uerdingen district since 1810. The extensive complex of the historic distillery now houses a museum, in which the production workshops are open to visitors. Here, it's possible to sample the distillery's own Cognac Dujardin and purchase it in the shop as a souvenir. There is a restaurant with a beer garden adjoining it. The historic distillery on the Rhine combines living tradition with a contemporary lifestyle.



An autumn ride on the Schluff.

### SCHLUFF STEAM TRAIN

The locomotive "Graf Bismarck XV" and its historic carriages, affectionately known as "Schluff" by the locals, are the rolling symbols of Krefeld. In 1955 the Schluff was declared a "moving heritage monument" by the city's authorities. From May to September the Schluff chugs along a preserved section of the oldest private stretch of railway in Germany. From St. Tönis via the historic Crefeld North station, the journey continues on to the recreational area of *Hülser Berg* and back again. Bicycles can be taken on board in an extra carriage.



The Geismühle windmill in summertime. Photo © Bauverein Geismühle Krefeld-Oppum e.V.

# GEISMÜHLE

The *Geismühle* is approximately 700 years old and lies right next to the A57 motorway. This windmill is in the district of Oppum and is cared for by the Linn Museum Centre. Since its restoration in 2006/07 by the *Bauverein Geismühle Krefeld-Oppum* association, the grain-processing mill is once again in full working order and can, in suitable wind conditions, be seen in action. Guided tours can be arranged.



Tulips in the Botanical Garden.

#### **BOTANICAL GARDEN**

The literal roots of the Botanical Garden lie in a school garden that was planted in the late 1920s on the edge of the *Schönwasserpark*. Today around 5,000 plant species from all over the world grow there, divided into scientific sections and themed gardens. The total area covers 3.6 hectares and is home not only to European, American and Asian deciduous trees and conifers, but also 150 varieties of roses. Depending on the season, lush rhododendrons, the alpine garden and the apothecary garden with its healing and poisonous plants are particularly popular spots in the outdoor space. Numerous magnificent shrubs blossom from the spring until late in the autumn.

Address Schönwasserpark, Johansenaue, T. +49 (o) 2151/540519, www.krefeld.de
Opening hours Outdoor area: 15th March until 31st October, daily 8am-6pm;
1st November until 14th March: Monday to Thursday 9am-3pm,
Friday 9am-12pm

Glass house: all year round from Monday to Friday 9am–12pm Second Sunday in the months May to October: 11am–5pm

Food & drinks Café del Sol, Violstraße 1, T. +49 (0) 2151 / 5136268



Schönwasserpark.

#### **PARKS**

Every part of Krefeld boasts green spaces, parks and publicly accessible gardens. Most of these parks developed during the days of the Krefeld silk barons. During the year 2002 the city revamped its parks extensively as part of the state horticultural show "Euroga 2002 plus", restoring them to their original historic state with careful attention to detail. The gardens of the Haus Lange and Haus Esters museums, the Burg Linn park, the Greiffenhorst park, the Landschaftspark and the Heilmannshof Arboretum, the Schönhausen and Sollbrüggen parks, the Schönwasserpark and the Stadtwald are all part of the Straße der Gartenkunst, or "Road of Garden Art" between the Rhine and the Maas rivers.



Niepkuhlen wetland. Photo © Lothar Strücken

## EGELSBERG HILL / NIEPKUHLEN WETLAND

The charm of the *Nieper Kuhlen* comes from the combination of a marshy landscape and lush vegetation. They were formed during the penultimate ice age by the shifting of the tectonic plates. The ecological wetland with its ponds and lakes lined up like string of pearls is now largely protected. A continuous path leads pedestrians and cyclists from Bockum to Traar.

Around *Egelsberg* there is another recreational area, the *Egelsberg*, which is also a product of the Saale ice age. The *Egelsberg* windmill constructed in 1802 is the landmark of the suburb of Traar and is a popular destination for walkers and cyclists. The adjacent airfield for small aircraft and gliders and the adventure playground offer excitement for young and old.



NATURE

Cypresses in Fischeln City Park.

### FISCHELN CITY PARK

For the city of Krefeld, the city of parks and gardens, Fischeln city park represents an important link between town and country. Hence the design language of the park picks up on both urban and rural expression. The site is characterised by a few striking minimalist elements: rows of trees and sections of avenues, groves, hedges and individual trees, expanses of water and individual farmsteads. All the elements create a dialogue with the surrounding areas.





Haus Lange, Krefeld Art Museums, by architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. Photo © Volker Döhne

### HAUS LANGE AND HAUS ESTERS MUSEUMS

Haus Lange and Haus Esters were built between 1928 and 1930 as private villas for the textile entrepreneurs Hermann Lange and Dr Josef Esters. The architect was none other than Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, who created gems of New Objectivity here. The ensemble of brick-built villas conveys the interaction of spatial harmony, openness and material rigour that is so typical of the architect. Together with his partner at the time, the interior architect and designer Lilly Reich (1885–1947), Mies van der Rohe also helped shape the interior design of the houses. Today, both houses are internationally significant locations for the contemporary art scene, drawing lovers of architecture from all over the world.

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Steeple of St. Dionysius church.

### ST. DIONYSIUS

It was in 1754 that the foundation stone was laid, and the church was expanded in 1840/42 by the master church builder Heinrich Johann Freyse. The nave was renovated between 1908 and 1910, gaining a new vestry, amongst other things, in the process. The Catholic church with its neo-Gothic-style steeple from 1894 became one of the most recognisable symbols of the city of Krefeld. The top of the steeple was damaged by a storm in 2004 and was replaced thanks to a huge effort by citizens in 2010. This welcoming church not only hosts mass but also regular organ concerts.

#### HOCHSCHULE NIEDERRHEIN

The former building of the textile engineering school can be categorised architecturally as belonging to the post-war modern movement. As part of a nationwide competition for Krefeld in 1954, the Düsseldorf-based architect Bernhard Pfau designed the "most modern school building in Europe". Since its completion in 1958, the futuristic-seeming building has won fans with its functionality and vitality.

Address Frankenring 20, T. +49 (0) 2151 / 8220, www.hs-niederrhein.de Food & drinks Das Café, Tannenstraße 147, T. +49 (0) 2151 / 7756 10

#### **BEHNISCH-HAUS**

The seven-story, approximately 190-metre-long *Behnisch Haus* has been located in the middle of Krefeld city centre since 2002. The modern glass building was built according to plans by the world-renowned architect Günter Behnisch. It houses a variety of shops, surgeries, offices and restaurants.

Address Petersstraße 118 – 120

Food & drinks Suppkultur on the Stadtmarkt,

(opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 10am – 16pm, Saturday 10am – 16pm)

### **MEDIOTHEK**

The *Mediothek*, or media library, was built in 2008 and is one of the most recent architectural achievements in Krefeld. Natural light floods through the glass façade of the three-storey building, while the design of the interior rises in the form of terraces. Visitors can reach all of the levels via ramps and thus enjoy ever-changing impressions of the space at the same time.

Address Theaterplatz 2, T. +49 (0) 2151/862753

Food & drinks Café Coelen, Theaterplatz 2, T. +49 (0) 2151/1546488



Main lecture hall at the Hochschule Niederrhein (Frankenring).



View of the Behnisch Haus from the south.



The Mediothek as night falls.



Cherry blossoms at the Alexanderplatz.

## ALEXANDERPLATZ COMPLEX

The Alexanderplatz is planted with Japanese ornamental cherry trees and combines Krefeld's architectural history with local art history. In 1921 the artist Joseph Beuys spent the first few months of his life at house number 5, which dates back to the late nineteenth-century Gründerzeit period. Alexanderplatz was constructed in 1885 as one of many lavishly designed decorative squares in the city of velvet and silk.



St. Matthias Hohenbudberg church.

### ST. MATTHIAS HOHENBUDBERG

The neo-Gothic church of *St. Matthias* in Krefeld-Uerdingen with its Romanesque church tower from the late twelfth century is one of the oldest monuments in Krefeld. It also attracts many visitors to Uerdingen thanks to its art treasures and the musical events held in the church.

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### MENNONITE CHURCH GATE

Over 400 years ago, the Mennonites found refuge in Krefeld, which was known for its religious tolerance. The Mennonite Church gate behind the church dates from the year 1693 and is therefore the oldest surviving structure in Krefeld city centre.

Address Königstraße 132, T. +49 (o) 2151/658390
Food & drinks Delikatessen Franken, Königstraße 123, T. +49 (o) 2151/20957

### **SYNAGOGUE**

The first synagogue in Krefeld was probably built in 1764 in the city centre. Until its destruction in the Nazi era, there were also several Jewish houses of worship in existence at the same time as the synagogue. The new synagogue opened in 2008 together with its adjoining community centre. It has room for 300 worshippers from Krefeld's growing Jewish community.

Address Wiedstraße 17, T. +49 (o) 2151/565450 Food & drinks Klarsicht, Moerser Straße 79, T. +49 (o) 2151/566455

### **FRIEDENSKIRCHE**

The Protestant *Friedenskirche* (church) was designed in 1872/74 by August Hartel. Today its programme of events has made it a religious and cultural magnet in Krefeld's city centre.

Address Luisenplatz 1, T. +49 (o) 2151 / 668823

Food & drinks Café Extrablatt, Hochstraße, T. +49 (o) 2151 / 6538207;

Ostwall, T. +49 (o) 2151 / 154 0679



Mennonite Church gate.



Interior of the synagogue.



Friedenskirche.





"Meister Ponzelar" statue.

#### **GUIDED TOURS**

Informative tours are available covering many aspects of the city's history. One particular attraction, for example, is a visit to *Burg Linn*, followed by a tour of the historic old town.

Guided tours, excursions and walks around different institutions relating to architecture, gardens and landscape architecture, or the city's history can all be found in the "Krefeld erleben" brochure.

Information SWK ServiceCenter in the HansaHaus at the main station,
Monday to Friday 7am-6pm, Saturdays 9am-2pm
Krefeld Media Centre, Rheinstraße 76 / corner of Ostwall
Monday to Friday 7am-6pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm



Penguin in Krefeld Zoo. Photo © Krefeld Zoo

### KREFELD ZOO

The family-friendly landscaped zoo in Krefeld exhibits over 1,000 exotic and native animals from 200 different species in its park-like facility. Here, in the only butterfly jungle on the Lower Rhine, you can experience the complete lifecycle of a butterfly from egg to cocoon and caterpillar to butterfly. The tiger and jaguar enclosures are well worth visiting and another special highlight is the "Gorilla Garden". You can get special insights into the life of the zoo animals with night safaris and numerous offerings from the zoo's guide team. The latest attraction is the Penguin Pool, a rocky costal panorama with embedded water basin spread across an 800-square-metre nearnatural enclosure. This allows the nimble swimming birds to be observed during their rapid "underwater flights". Visitors can follow a path leading right through the enclosure.

Address Uerdinger Straße 377, T. +49 (o) 2151/95520, www.zookrefeld.de

Opening hours April until September: daily 8am-7pm (entry until 5.3opm, animal enclosures 5.3opm, ZooGastronomie 6.3opm); March + October: daily 9am-6pm (entry until 4.30pm, animal enclosures + ZooGastronomie 5.3opm); November until February: daily 9am-5pm (entry until 4.3opm, animal enclosures + ZooGastronomie 4.3opm); the zoo is closed 25th December; the butterfly jungle is open from the end of March until the beginning of November.

Food & drinks ZooGastronomie in the zoo, T. +49 (o) 2151/369696

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Schönwasserpark.

#### HIKING AND CYCLING

Krefeld is one of the greenest cities in Germany. Hikers can find many hiking trails with inviting stop-off points around the lake in Krefeld's *Stadtwald*, or municipal forest, and at *Hülser Bruch*, all of which can be easily reached by bike or by car. There is also plenty to interest pilgrims in Krefeld too: the Way of St. James (*Jakobspilgerweg*) 4 runs through the Krefeld municipal area past Uerdingen's industrial heritage and on to the medieval *Burg Linn*, surrounded by the landscape typical of the Lower Rhine.

Cycling fans can reach Krefeld via the various supra-regional cycle routes such as the Rheinradweg cycle route along the Rhine. Once inside Krefeld you can discover the diversity of the city with the thematic routes "ArchitekTour, KulTour and NaTour".

Information Further information on selected hiking trails and cycle routes can be found in the "Krefeld entdecken" brochure series. GPX tracks are available to download at www.krefeld.de

Bike hire stations Krefeld main station, at the Mercure Hotel Krefelder Hof,
Lower Rhine bike stations at the Mercure Hotel Krefeld Traar
Garden Hotel



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Summer swimming fun at the Bockum swimming centre.

#### **SWIMMING**

In the summer months, the *Badezentrum Bockum* swimming centre attracts sun-seekers and water-lovers with its indoor and outdoor areas and the natural open-air swimming pools in Hüls and Fischeln (Neptun). In addition to the swimming centre, the indoor pool at Fischeln park and the Uerdingen pool city promise plenty of fun.



Golfers on one of the manicured putting greens.

#### **GOLF & MINI GOLF**

Both recreational and top-level golf is played on four extensive areas at *Krefeld Golf Club in Linn*, *Elfrather Mühle Golf Club*, the *Stadtwald Golf Club* at the racecourse and at the *Badezentrum Bockum* swimming centre. When playing at Linn, guests have the opportunity to experience the fascinating Lower Rhine landscape in a special way and discover one of Krefeld's oldest courses as they do so.

One of Germany's most beautiful miniature golf courses is situated in Uerdingen's municipal park. The public 18-hole course is also a venue for national-league tournaments, and there is another mini golf course located at the *Elfrather See* (lake).



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Rhine Side Gallery. Photo © FreddArt Streetpainting

### KREFELD RHINE PROMENADE

The Rhine riverbank in Krefeld-Uerdingen has been rediscovered by the people of Krefeld, who have learnt to love its mix of industry and culture. A beach-like atmosphere, the historic Rhine riverbank and urban art make Krefeld-Uerdingen a very special place during the summer months. It's here that "haute cuisine" and beer gardens come together.

Sixteen artists from eight nations have left their mark on the area around the *Zollhof*. Under the artistic management of Frederike Wouters of FreddArt Streetpainting, in 2017 the industrial wasteland was transformed into the Rhine Side Gallery. With façades, pathways and concrete steles, fascinating street art inspired by the environment has taken shape here, in some cases with a 3D illusion effect. The area around Uerdingen docks is always worth a visit, particularly when festivals like "Uerdingen tischt auf" are celebrated in the old town.



The thrill of horse-racing.

### KREFELD RACECOURSE

If you are looking for a relaxing day that combines sport and good company, then look no further than Krefeld Racecourse. The large oval with a nine-hole golf course in the middle appears like a nature reserve, and the stately grandstands built by August Biebricher are protected by a preservation order. The first race day at the Krefeld Racecourse took place back in June 1913 and its present racing club has been around since December 1997. Outside of race day, the racecourse invites you to linger with its adjoining restaurants, and it is also the venue for exhibitions such as Krefeld Garden World and other events, parties or matinees.

In Krefeld, horseback riding has a long tradition in nearly all disciplines, from racing to dressage, jumping, eventing and drag-hunting, with leisure riders well catered for too. Riding stables and a broad network of bridleways in the Krefeld woodland areas of *Hülser Bruch, Stadtwald* and *Forstwald* guarantee moments of pure pleasure for all horse-lovers.

Address An der Rennbahn 5, T.+49 (0) 2151/58990, www.krefelder-rennclub.de
Food & drinks Derby Restaurant, An der Rennbahn 4, +49 (0) 2151/598451
Restaurant Zeus, Greek restaurant, Sprudeldyk 12



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Stadtwald pond paradise.

### **STADTWALD**

An especially popular draw inside the city area is the *Stadtwald* municipal forest. This extensive park complex with purple oak and copper beech trees was given to the people of Krefeld as a gift for their enjoyment by silk manufacturer Wilhelm Deuß (1827–1911). There is now a pond with boat hire, a playground, footpaths and numerous lawns for sunbathing, as well as shaded areas that invite you to linger. The *Stadtwaldhaus* boasts a beer garden with space for 1,700 and a concert stage, and is therefore an attractive port of call for walkers and cyclists. Three tennis courts, a modern outdoor gym and the attached racecourse for horse-racing with a golf course in the middle round off the recreational facilities on a sporty note. The Deuß Temple stands at the edge of the pond in remembrance of the generous donor of this park, which remains open all year round.



Wood Art Gallery at the Environment Centre.

### HÜLSER BRUCH RECREATIONAL AREA

The lush vegetation and numerous possibilities for recreational activities such as walking, jogging, mountain-biking, horseback riding, cycling, or taking a walk through the Wood Art Gallery make the recreational area around *Hülser Berg* one of the most popular in the region. According to local legend, *Hülser Berg* was formed by a giant who, during his wanderings through Germany, accidently overturned his wheelbarrow, which was full of sand and clay from the foothills of the Harz Mountains.

The geological truth is somewhat more mundane. Around 150,000 years ago, scree masses from glaciers were pushed from Scandinavia to the left of the Lower Rhine and remained in the form of a compressed moraine after the glaciers melted. Nevertheless, when on top of the 30-metre-high observation tower, every visitor to the 63-metre-high *Hülser Berg* can feel like a mythical giant. One of the nicest alternatives for reaching the *Hülser Berg* hill is undoubtedly a ride on Krefeld's historic steam train, the "Schluff".



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Wind-surfers on Elfrather See.

### ELFRATHER SEE WATERSPORT PARADISE

Fun in the water, sports and entertainment, this is what the *Elfrather See* leisure park is all about. On an area of around 138 hectares there is a regatta course, a lake for swimming, a bird island and numerous green spaces. In the summer in particular, the spacious area sees an abundance of sportsmen and women as well as sunbathers, and a multitude of water sports clubs have settled around the "E-See", as Krefelders call it.

The lake offers space for rowers, sailors, and windsurfers to pursue their sporting activities. There is a separate area for model boats, and with a valid licence you can fish in the *Elfrather See* at designated areas along the bank of the regatta course. An old boat has also been sunk in the lake for divers, offering a wreck as an underwater attraction.



#### FROM TRADITIONAL TO INTERNATIONAL

Krefeld's culinary landscape reflects the essence of its citizens: cosmopolitanism and tradition are both represented in the city's culinary offering. Along with simple, traditional restaurants serving regional dishes and their own beer, visitors can also find an abundance of cuisines from all over the world: from African to Asian – there is so much to choose from.

# **CUISINE & CAFÉS**

Alongside this, more exclusive haute cuisine is as easy to find as themed eateries for the whole family. Patisseries, exceptional cafés and small coffee shops invite you to linger for an hour or two.

### **BARS & BEER GARDENS**

Pubs, bars and numerous leafy beer gardens offer starting and finishing points for exploratory outings by day or by night. Krefeld's gastronomy will spoil you with its special variety, originality and cordiality.

Information The Culinary Tour can be found in the "Krefeld erleben – Stadtführungen" Tips and a regularly changing selection of restaurants, cafés, pubs and bars are regularly updated at: www.krefeld.de under tourism and leisure.



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Café Kosmopolit.



Cioccolato.



Stadtwald beer garden.





The Schwanenbrunnen fountain.

### <u>HOCHSTRASSE – KÖNIGSTRASSE –</u> SCHWANENMARKT

Hochstraße, which also crosses the lively Neumarkt, forms the heart of the city centre. Running parallel to this is the covered Königstraße, with its 520m-long illuminated glass roof to guarantee you an enjoyable shopping experience even in wet weather. With short distances to cover between well-known fashion brands, specialist stores, department stores, and the Schwanenmarkt in the city centre, Krefeld is an attractive and easily accessible shopping destination with excellent parking facilities that remain affordable.





Behnisch-Haus.

## BEHNISCH-HAUS – STADTMARKT

Another attraction is the *Behnisch Haus* with its diverse gastronomy. Next to the modern building is the *Stadtmarkt* central market, which invites you to stroll and linger. The regular events, such as the *Pottbäckermarkt* (ceramics market) in May, the *Kultur findet Stadt* cultural event before the summer holidays, themed Saturdays, the Christmas market and the open-forbusiness Sundays, also draw people from across the region to the city centre.

#### RHEINSTRASSE - OSTWALL

The newly designed traffic intersection at the *Ostwall-Carrée* forms the gateway to the city centre. Modern buildings and small shops blend together to make an attractive mix.

#### NEUMARKT - HANSAVIERTEL

From *Neumarkt* to the central station you see a mixture of rustic breweries, long-established shops and diverse offerings with a multicultural flair. Paired with the late nineteenth-century *Gründerzeit* architecture, this gives the *Hansaviertel* its special charm.

# HÜLS - UERDINGEN - FISCHELN

The Uerdingen, Hüls and Fischeln districts offer a peaceful shopping atmosphere throughout the year. Particularly worthwhile times to visit are during the *Bottermaat* craft fair weekends (Hüls), the *Fischeln Open* street fair or the *Nikolausmarkt* (Santa Claus market, Uerdingen).



Ostwall



Neusser Straße.



Herbertz houses in Uerdingen.



Heidehasen. Photo © Matthias Stutte

### STADTTHEATER

The Stadttheater, or municipal theatre, has existed in its current form since January 1963. The square around the theatre (Theaterplatz), together with the Seidenweberhaus and the Mediothek, forms a cultural reference point within the city centre. The building with staggered side walls is specially designed to enable a smooth flow of people for the audience of around 700. For 60 years, Krefeld has worked with Mönchengladbach Theatre to create a varied programme covering three primary fields. Opera, ballet, drama and musical theatre are very well received well beyond the confines of the city, as are the concerts of the Lower Rhine Symphony Orchestra.



Symphony concerts at the Seidenweberhaus.

### **SEIDENWEBERHAUS**

This civic hall was opened in January 1976 and is part of the *Theaterplatz* ensemble. With its hexagonal shape varying from floor to floor, the building's architecture picks up on the design language of the 1960s and 70s. In rooms of various sizes equipped with state-of-the-art technology, events of all kinds are organised from concerts to comedy programmes, exhibitions and conferences. The ambitious programme is rounded off by an in-house catering service run by the restaurant located on the ground floor.

#### CINEMAS

The modern CinemaxX multiplex cinema next to the central station offers films from a variety of genres. The "Casablanca" cinema is in the *Südstadt* district and occupies the former Primus Palace. It hosts an alternative programme through which you can experience the atmosphere of traditional cinema. There is also the SWK summer cinema at the Krefeld racecourse during the summer months.

#### **CLUBBING**

The Meilenstein is a modern, lounge-style club in Krefeld's central station building. It opened its doors to enthusiastic dancers in December 2003 and covers an area of 700 square meters. The Odeon dance club, with its sophisticated atmosphere, invites you to enjoy live music or a selection of tunes played by its in-house DJs, with themes that vary regularly. Krefeld's party district, comprising the "Bermuda Triangle" and Dießemer Straße, offers plenty of variety and is home to clubs like Asgaard, Kulturfabrik, Magnapop, Mikroport.club and Schlachthof.

### **KULTURFABRIK**

With its two auditoriums, *Kulturfabrik* hosts concerts, festivals, comedy, gothic and rock nights as well as themed events like 80s and 90s parties, over-30s' events and singles parties with or without a DJ. Year-round there are live performances from solo artists, writers, theatre groups and small-scale performing artists. The diverse "KuFa" programme attracts audiences from all over the Lower Rhine and the Ruhr area to Krefeld.

### ENTERTAINMENT



Summer cinema at the Krefeld racecourse, Photo © Stadtwerke Krefeld



Krefeld Kulturfabrik. Photo © foto.ralfu@gmx.de



Krefeld Kulturfabrik. Photo © foto.ralfu@gmx.de



Home venue of the KEV Pinguine.

# KÖNIGPALAST

The multi-purpose hall completed in 2004 offers space for up to 8,000 people to attend concerts, events and sporting occasions. *KönigPalast* (*KöPa*) took over from the *Rheinlandhalle* across the street as the home venue for Krefeld's ice hockey club, but the hall on Westparkstraße also presents stars from the music and entertainment industry. *KöPa* has the technology required for events of all kinds.



Jazz session at the Kultur findet Stadt festival.

### JAZZKELLER AND JAZZKLUB

Since 1958, the Jazzkeller has been the home of jazz in Krefeld. Established on Lohstraße, the Jazzkeller along with the Jazzklub, founded in 1979, have been able to create a sophisticated programme of renowned international jazz legends and promising young talent. Krefeld's Jazzklub has ample venues at its disposal for the artists it books, with the Jazzkeller, Burg Linn, the Mediothek, the Friedenskirche and the Stadttheater all used as alternating venues. The Jazzkeller stage itself is regularly used to present well-known stars as well as up-and-coming talent, and in addition to supporting young artists the Jazzklub is very involved in contemporary jazz.

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### **KULTURRAMPE**

Since 2006 *Kulturrampe* on the *Großmarkt* has also offered an interesting live programme. The relaxed Rampen crowd can look forward to numerous events from different genres.

Food & drinks Gastronomy on the Großmarkt

#### FABRIK HEEDER

With its studio stage, the *Fabrik Heeder* is not just a stage for the city theatre, but is also home to the KRESCH theatre for children and teens. Professionals and amateurs come together here to work on plays under professional conditions.

Food & drinks Kulisse, Virchowstraße 130, T. +49 (0) 2151 / 313551

# **SÜDBAHNHOF**

Thanks to the *Südbahnhof's* restored rooms, the *Krefeld Werkhaus* adult education organisation has been able to extend its traditional cultural and training programmes from this site on Blücherstraße.

Information Further information on the multifaceted culture programme in Krefeld can be found in the "Krefeld erleben – Stadtkultur" brochure.



Albie Donnelly at Kulturrampe.



Fabrik Heeder.



Südbahnhof. Photo © Werkhaus e. V.





Krefeld Pinguine on the ice.

#### KREFELD PINGUINE

The Krefeld Pinguine (penguins) are one of the flagship sports teams for the city of silk. As a permanent founder-member of the German Ice Hockey League (DEL), they have been playing to win since 1995. The peak of Krefeld's ice-hockey history thus far was the Pinguine' 2003 championship win. This came exactly fifty years after the legendary championship win by Krefeld in 1953. It was on 7 November 1936 that around 8,000 spectators watched the first game played by Krefeld's ice-hockey team, which at the time played as the Krefelder Eislaufverein (KEV).



Training on the Elfrather See.

### **ROWING**

The city's rowing club, the Crefelder Ruder-Club, dates back to 1883 and is one of the city's oldest sports clubs, as well as one of the most successful teams in the German Rowing Association. Based at the *Elfrather See* (lake), the CRC regularly hosts German sprint championships and the national rowing league (RBL), as well as rowing championships for North Rhine-Westphalia, the Crefelder Rudertag rowing festival and the autumn regatta. The club's work with young rowers has produced talents like Lisa Schmidla and Jochen Urban, world champion and Olympian respectively. The men's eight and the women's team have been successful in the Champions League with gold and silver medals. In the area of mass sport, numerous trips are offered to several European rivers, and shared rowing sessions and rowing-related activities are organised to promote a sense of community and a connection with nature.

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#### HTC BLAU-WEISS KREFELD

The club facilities of HTC Blau-Weiß Krefeld are located in the Stadtwald municipal forest, alongside the historic racecourse. The Blau-Weiß courts have hosted national league tennis matches virtually uninterrupted since 1998. Even world-class tennis players have shown off their skills on these courts, including Boris Becker in the mid-1980s. It's not only the top-level performances, but also the extraordinary experience of nature that makes a visit to these facilities worthwhile.

Information www.blau-weiss-krefeld.de
Food & drinks Gastronomia Enzo at HTC Blau Weiß, Hüttenallee 70,
T. +49 (0) 2151/593783

#### KFC UERDINGEN 05

Established in 1905, KFC Uerdingen football club rose to prominence during the 1980s under their sponsor Bayer, whose name they bore at the time, becoming one of the strongest teams in the German national league. The high point of this period was winning the league trophy in 1985. The legendary 7:3 victory against Dynamo Dresden in the quarter-final of the subsequent European Cup Winners' Cup competition will never be forgotten. Even today, many Krefelders still follow "their" team's games with undiminished excitement and interest.

Information www.kfc-uerdingen.de
Food & drinks Café del Sol, Violstraße 1, T. +49 (o) 2151/5136268

#### CHTC HOCKEY- UND TENNIS CLUB 1890 E.V.

The *CHTC* is a club for friends of tennis and hockey alike. Since 1912 it has been battling it out for trophies armed with tennis rackets and hockey sticks. The first men's hockey team now plays in the top national league and is successful both indoors and out on the field. Alongside the men's and women's teams the *CHTC* also runs an extensive youth programme.

Address Hüttenallee 106, T. +49 (0) 2151/593744, www.chtc.de
Food & drinks Club restaurant "Ristorante I due", Hüttenalle 106,
T. +49 (0) 2151/599271
Haus Kleinlosen, Zwingenbergstraße 116, T. +49 (0) 2151/561313



National league game on the courts of HTC Blau-Weiß Krefeld.



KFC Uerdingen 05.



CHTC Hockey- und Tennis Club 1890 e.V.



#### **Rose Monday Parade**

In the city centre, Comitée Crefelder Carneval von 2014 e.V. www.comitee-crefelder-carneval.de

#### Horse-racing in the Stadtwald

Racing season between March and November. www.krefelder-rennclub.de

#### Krefeld Garden World

Garden exhibition in spring. www.renomueller.de/krefelder-gartenwelt

#### Spring and autumn funfair

On the *Sprödentalplatz*. www.sproedentalkirmes.de

# Art of Eden – art and design in the Botanical Garden

April / May in the Botanical Garden. www.artofeden.de

#### MOVE! and MOVE! In town

Dance events at Fabrik Heeder and in extraordinary places in spring and autumn.

#### www.tanzweb.org

Faculty of Design exhibition Summer.

Hochschule Niederrhein. www.hs-niederrhein.de/design/ werkschau

#### Pottbäckermarkt ceramics market

Ceramic and porcelain market on the first weekend in May.
City centre, Dionysiusplatz and Rheinstraße.
www.krefeld.de/pottbaeckermarkt

# "Markets for connoisseurs" (Märkte für Genießer)

special-themed Saturday in Krefeld city centre. www.werbegemeinschaft-kr.de

#### Theatre ball

Ball night with multidisciplinary programme to suit all tastes in the first half of the year. Stadttheater. www.theater-kr-mg.de

#### Historic Flachsmarkt

Historic craft market at Pentecost around Burg Linn.

www.flachsmarkt.de

#### lazz on a summer's evening

Jazz from the finest around Burg Linn castle on a summer's evening. www.jazzclub-krefeld.de

#### **Kultur findet Stadt**

Culture festival with music, theatre and art on a weekend before the summer holidays. Krefeld city centre, various locations.

#### Literary summer

www.krefeld.de/kfs

Reading in unusual places during the summer months. Krefeld Office of Culture. www.literarischer-sommer.de

#### Open-Air cinemas

In the summer months at Krefeld Racecourse, in the Bermuda Triangle and in the historic atmosphere of the Dujardin distillery. www.krefeld.de/veranstaltungen

#### Wine festival

Winemakers from all over Germany come to Krefeld city centre. Bürgergesellschaft Stadtmitte e. V.

#### International Folklore Festival

Dance, folk and world music festival on the last Friday and Saturday of the summer holidays. City centre, Platz an der Alten Kirche www.folklorefest.de

#### British Flair

British way of life around Burg Linn on a weekend in early / mid-September. www.britishflair.de

#### Fischeln Open

Street festival in the Fischeln district, mid-September. Kölner Straße. www.werbering-fischeln.de

#### Krefeld PUR

Special-themed Saturday and open-for-business Sunday on the third weekend of September . Krefeld city centre, various shops and locations.

www.werbegemeinschaft-kr.de

#### **Bottermaat in Hüls**

Traditional craft market with supporting programme on the third weekend in September. Konventstraße. www.hülser-werbering.de

#### Opera Gala

Atmospheric opera gala at the city's theatre in the second half of the year. Stadttheater. www.theater-kr-mg.de

#### Serenades

Serenade concerts in the knight's hall of Burg Linn.
Various dates spread over the year.
Krefeld Office of Culture.
www.krefeld.de/kultur

#### mehr mies – Krefeld Architecture Days

Krefeld Art Museums. www.krefeld.de, www.kunstmuseenkrefeld.de

#### Kitsch, Kunst & Co

Large flea market on the Sprödentalplatz, five times a year. www.krefeld.de

#### Christmas market

Christmas hut magic with the "Made in Krefeld Special" from mid-November in Krefeld city centre. www.krefelder-weihnachtsmarkt.de

#### Shopping by Candlelight

Late-night shopping in the atmospherically lit city-centre shops. www.werbegemeinschaft-kr.de

#### Special Christmas market

Christmassy offerings from charitable organisations.
City centre, An der Alten Kirche.

www.besonderer-weihnachtsmarkt.de

#### St Nicholas Market in Uerdingen

Christmas market on the Marktplatz in Uerdingen.

www.uerdinger kauf mannsbund.de

#### Fischeln Advent market

Christmas spirit around the Marienplatz in the Fischeln district. www.werbering-fischeln.de

# Christmas market around Burg Linn

Christmas spirit in the historic castle ambience. www.linner-weihnachtsmarkt.de

# Tourist information and guided tours

city marketing Krefeld,
T. +49 (0) 2151 36 60 1515 or
stadtmarketing@krefeld.de;
Information material, brochures and
Krefeld souvenirs at the SWK Service
Centre, HansaHaus, at the main station, or in the Krefeld Media Centre,
Rheinstraße 76 (corner of Ostwall)









Mercure Tagungs- & Landhotel Krefeld. Photo © Mercure Tagungs & Landhotel Krefeld

### **ACCOMMODATION**

The range of hospitality available in the city of velvet and silk offers something for every visitor. From prize-winning conference hotels with wellness facilities and golf courses to cosy guesthouses, Krefeld and its surrounding area has accommodation options to suit every need, including private guest rooms, apartments and holiday homes.

More information and a flyer with numerous addresses are available online at *www.krefeld.de* and by telephone (+49 (0) 2151 36 60 15 15) or e-mail: stadtmarketing@krefeld.de.



Krefeld's central station.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

#### By train:

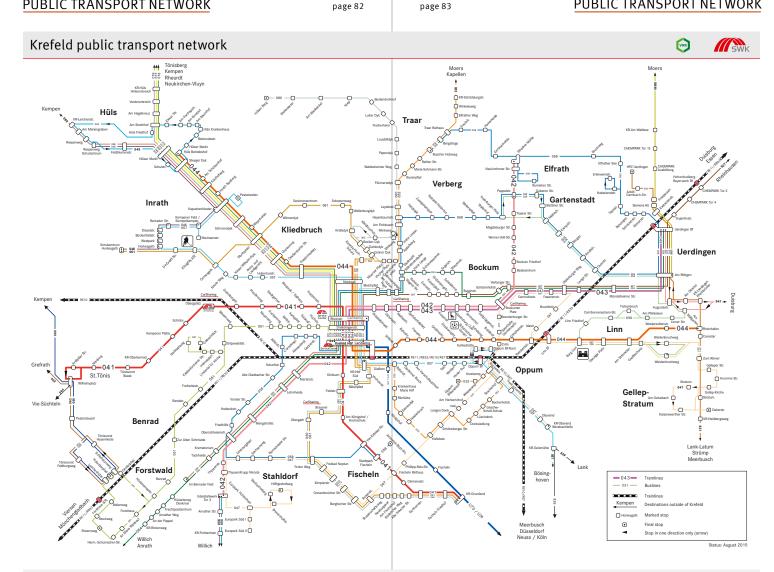
Easily reached from the central stations of Duisburg, Düsseldorf and Cologne with no changes.

#### By car:

Via the highways A57 Nijmegen-Cologne, A40 Venlo-Ruhrgebiet and A44 Aachen-Düsseldorf.

#### By plane:

Düsseldorf airport, good connections by public transport Weeze airport, every half hour with the Niers Express operated by NordWestBahn



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