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Ideal view of Cologne Cathedral before its completion, 1834 to 1836. Carl Hasenpflug. Kölnisches Stadtmuseum.
Cologne – a Capital of Culture for the past 2000 Years

This ancient city on the Rhine, which is constantly re-inventing itself, is one of the most important and vibrant artistic and cultural centres in Germany. Apart from the cathedral and Roman remains, Romanesque churches and a lively cultural scene, it is above all the famous Cologne museums with their outstanding collections which demonstrate impressively how important art and culture have always been in this city.

The Cologne Museum Landscape

The collections and exhibitions of the Cologne museums, which are unique not only in their variety and quality, but impress also by their beauty and importance, form the centrepiece of this cultural and artistic capital on the Rhine. Connoisseurs of art and culture from all over the world make regular visits. The Cologne museum landscape is one of the brightest beacons of Germany as a cultural location.

Building Blocks: Practical Help with Planning

This brochure outlines the most important cultural themes and sights and serves to suggest programmes for your visit to Cologne. To save you the trouble of doing your own research, you will find a selection of additional suggestions around your main theme including contact addresses for your individual planning.
Legacy of the Romans
Metropolis on the Rhine – 2000 Years of History

Shortly before the birth of Christ, Roman legionaries founded the central site of the Ubii, the oppidum Ubiorum, in the historic centre of Cologne. The population of the new settlement grew rapidly, trade and crafts flourished. In the year 50 AD, at the request of his locally born wife Agrippina, the Roman Emperor Claudius conferred on the city the status of a colony according to Roman law and gave it the name Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium (CCAA). The city featured monumental stone buildings, temples, the palace of the proconsul and baths; paved streets with underground channels and an aqueduct were part of the sophisticated infrastructure. Mighty city walls with gates and towers served both to protect and adorn the city.

The Romano-Germanic Museum at the Belgisches Haus

In 1974 the Romano-Germanic Museum was built above the excavation site of the Dionysius mosaic in the immediate vicinity of Cologne Cathedral. In late 2018 the museum closed for general refurbishment and moved into the ‘Belgisches Haus’ near Neumarkt. From early summer 2019 onwards a selection of treasures from the Roman and early medieval periods of the history of Cologne will be on display. The beginnings of the Roman city go back to the times of Augustus. Monumental public buildings – the palace of the proconsul, sanctuaries and shrines, thermal baths and buildings of the municipal administration – dominated the cityscape. Villas were decorated with exquisite murals and mosaics and equipped with floor heating and other amenities. Mediterranean delicacies and luxury goods also played a role in the life at the Colonia. The lives of individuals are reflected in tomb and consecration inscriptions and reveal that people from many parts of the Imperium Romanum had moved into the young city. A tour of the exhibition takes visitors back to the beginnings of the modern metropolis and gives a vivid image of times long past.

Opening times from early summer 2019
Wed–Mon incl. public holidays 10 am to 6 pm, every 1st Thu of the month 10 am to 9 pm, closed on 24, 25, December, 1 January and during Carnival

Info / Tickets / event information
Römisch-Germanisches Museum
im Belgischen Haus
Cäcilienstraße 46 - 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.221-22305
www.museenkoeln.de/roemisch-germanisches-museum

Guided tours for groups
Selection of themes: The Romano-Germanic Museum in Cologne – overview / Everyday life in Roman Cologne / Culinaria Romana – gastronomic delights in Roman times

Complete programme and direct online booking on: www.museenkoeln.de (organised by Museumsdienst Köln)

Cathedral Excavations

Cologne Cathedral is the best-known building in Germany. Nevertheless, it still has corners which few know. Discover the origins of this unique building in the layers beneath the cathedral. Research has been conducted into the ground beneath the most important building of the German Gothic period since 1946. Archaeologists have discovered the nucleus of one of the earliest Christian communities in the northern part of the Roman Empire. Extensive remains of the Old Cathedral and an even older church have been discovered, which you can view on your visit to the huge excavation site between the foundations of this mighty ecclesiastical building. The remains date from the Roman period until the High Middle Ages. You can admire the precious finds – above all grave goods from the 6th century – in the Cathedral Treasury (Domschatzkammer p.10). This world beneath the cathedral has been given a completely new layout in the past few years and large areas are accessible to the public for the first time.

Opening hours
Visits are only possible within the framework of a guided tour, daily except for Tue and Thu at 3 pm. Meeting point: ticket desk for access to the spires.
Details on www.dombau-koeln.de

MiQua. LVR – Jewish Museum in Cologne’s Archaeological Quarter

The museum building for the MiQua. LVR – Jüdisches Museum is a project of the City of Cologne in close cooperation with the Rhineland Regional Council. A spectacular museum complex is currently being built to link the legacies of the Roman period with those of the Middle Ages, particularly those connected with the remnants of the medieval Jewish Quarter. Scheduled for opening in 2021, this museum will be a beacon in Cologne’s museum-scape and a new attraction for visitors.

Info
LVR-Dezernat Kultur und Landschaftliche Kulturpflege
Stabstelle 90.70
MiQua. LVR – Jüdisches Museum im Archäologischen Quartier Köln
Gürzenich Quartier
Augustinerstraße 10–12
50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.809-7156

Guided Group tours
Please direct enquiries solely to:
Metropolitankapitel der Hohen Domkirche Köln
Dombauhütte – Visitor Service
Mon – Thu 10 am to 1 pm
T +49 (0)221.17940-300

There may be delays due to the high level of demand.

*For all information on the Cologne museum landscape: www.museenkoeln.de
Additional Tips on this Theme

The Roman City Walls
A few sections of the Roman city walls, which were almost four kilometres in length, have been preserved within the present-day city. The central arch of the North Gate with CCAA, the name of the city can be seen at the Romano-Germanic Museum; a side entrance of the mighty gate structure has been re-erected in front of the cathedral. The impressive Roman Tower (Römerturm) with its richly decorated masonry is within walking distance.

Guided tours for groups
Overall programme and direct online booking: www.museenkoeln.de
(Organiser: Museumsdienst Köln)

Roman Burial Chamber in Köln-Weiden
This is considered the best-preserved underground burial chamber north of the Alps. Built and equipped by a wealthy family in the 2nd century, it provides a unique insight into the luxury of Roman graves and burial rites.

Adress: Aachener Straße 1328

Info
www.roemisch-germanisches-museum.de
www.roemergrab.de

Tickets / group bookings
Info: info@roemergrab.de
Tip
Taking children along the city walls? No problem – a new brochure for young people makes things easy. It enables you to take an interactive archaeological walk past the remains of the city’s fortifications. The publication is available at the Romano-Germanic Museum (for children from 9 years of age, 5.00 €).

Roman Roads – experience and explore
For over four centuries Cologne played an important role on the Rhine border of the Roman Empire. The great imperial roads from the South, West and North converged here. They brought people, news and goods from all over the world to the capital of the province of Germania Inferior. Roman Cologne was both the destination and starting point for the arterial roads Cologne – Boulogne-sur-Mer (Via Belgica) and Cologne – Lyon (Via Agrippa). Both roads – examples of excellent Roman engineering – are recognisable in the modern city and still profoundly influence its cultural landscape. Within the framework of the EU project «Erlebnisraum Römerstraße», 18 municipal partners, among them Cologne, present the two arterial roads both in the past and present. 120 information boards mark the route and point to attractive destinations in the vicinity. Discover landscape and culture to the left and right of the Roman roads on foot or by bicycle.

Info
www.erlebnisraum-roemerstrasse.de

Programme Suggestion

**Cologne and the Romans**

**Day 1**
**Highlights of a Classical Heritage**
Start your tour at the Romano-Germanic Museum at the Belgisches Haus where the memorials and remnants from Roman Cologne illustrate life in Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium. They bear witness to opulently equipped and designed houses, inhabitants from the entire Roman Empire, and markets selling a wealth of local and exotic ware.

**Cologne’s underground is full of surprises**
Tucked away in a side street near Heumarkt is the entrance to the Ubii Monument (Ubiernonument). This archaeological find was a true sensation. In 1965, the oldest known building north of the Alps built with hewn stone blocks was discovered quite unexpectedly on the edge of Cologne’s Old Town. The Ubii Monument was erected in the years 4–5 AD. The impressive tower, originally roughly 12 metres high, probably marked the entrance to Cologne’s Roman Rhine harbour. If you fancy a glass of cool Kölsch beer after your tour, take a stroll to the nearby Old Town where the breweries are already waiting for you!

**Day 2**
**Exploring Roman Cologne**
Do you have a head for heights? Would you like to have a bird’s eye view of both old and modern Cologne? Then first go down into the entrance area of the south spire of the Cathedral. Before you climb the 533 steps, take a stroll through the foundations of the spire into the excavation area below the Cathedral. Foundations of earlier buildings and graves were discovered here that reach back to Roman times.

Of course, you will also want to visit the Cathedral itself. It is one of the biggest Gothic cathedrals worldwide. It was begun in the 13th century, but only completed in the 19th century after a long hiatus of building activities. The third largest church in the world has been listed as a World Heritage Site since 1996 by the UNESCO.

Many of Cologne’s Romanesque churches also have a Roman past. In the crypt of Gross St Martin in the Old Town you will find Roman foundations. St Severin in the Südstadt is built on a Roman cemetery; there are numerous Roman sarcophagi, Frankish stone grave slabs and the foundations of a memorial site. St Gereon goes back to a late Roman building. In the Frankish Kingdom it was famous as the «Church of the Golden Saints» and the burial place of the Frankish aristocracy.
Diatret glass, ca. 330-340 CE, Römisch-Germanisches Museum
Treasures of the Past
Old Masters, Romanesque Churches and Relics

Hardly any other city in Germany is as history-minded as Cologne and hardly any other deals in such an uninhibited way with its cultural heritage. The great periods in the history of the city – the holy Cologne of the Middle Ages with archbishops, monasteries and patricians, the self-confident, international trading centre of the early modern period, the emerging industrial metropolis of the 19th century still profoundly influence the appearance and confidence of the city. The contiguity of old and new, of high-brow culture and carnival, joie de vivre and civic pride make Cologne a unique city and mark the collections of its museums. They are in a sense the focus of the »kölsche Seele« (soul of Cologne).

Wallraf-Richartz-Museum & Fondation Corboud
The Wallraf shows how modern and relevant European art from the 13th to the beginning of the 20th century still is today. The museum has one of the most important collections of medieval art worldwide. Stefan Lochner’s »Madonna in the Rose Bower« is the absolute highlight. Other highlights are Baroque painting with works by Rubens, Rembrandt, Tiepolo and Boucher, German Romanticism and French painting of the 19th century. In the paintings of the Fondation Corboud the museum has the most extensive collection of Impressionist and Neo-Impressionist art in Germany. Manet, Monet, Renoir, Pissarro, Sisley, Morisot, Signac and Seurat are all represented with outstanding works. Van Gogh, Cézanne, Gauguin, Bonnard, Ensor and Munch herald in modernism. Experience the modern design of this important gallery. The impressively clear lines of the building by the Cologne star architect Oswald Mathias Ungers (1926-2007) was opened in 2001. The presentation of the collection on display is being constantly optimised, the Graphisches Kabinett shows a changing selection of master drawings from its rich collections with works by Leonardo, Dürer, Rubens, Liebermann, Rodin and many others.

Opening hours
Tue – Sun 10 am to 6 pm, first Thu of the month 10 am to 10 pm, closed 24, 25, 31 December, 1 January, and during carnival.

Info/Tickets/Events
Wallraf-Richartz-Museum & Fondation Corboud
Obenmarspforten · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.221-21119
www.wallraf.museum

Guided group tours
Selection of themes: Only the best is good enough! For connoisseurs of medieval painting/ For connoisseurs of the Baroque/ For connoisseurs of the 19th century/ Mood barometer: Light in painting.

Overall programme and online booking:
www.wallraf.museum
(Organiser: Museumsdienst Köln)

*Museum Schnütgen
Museum Schnütgen houses a precious collection of medieval works of art in one of the oldest churches in Cologne. Many of them, such as the radiant bust by Parler, the expressive crucifix of St George or the unique so-called Heribert comb, a delicate ivory carving alone merit a visit to Cologne. The spectrum of the presentation ranges from wood and stone sculptures to examples of precious goldsmiths’ work and glass painting and rare ivories and textiles. A special feature of the museum is its large display area, which itself is over 800 years old. The tranquillity of the Romanesque church of St Cäcilien and the special proximity of the exhibits invite the visitor to experience the works of art in their spiritual emanation and beauty.

Opening hours
Tue – Sun 10 am to 6 pm, Thu 10 am to 8 pm (except public holidays), first Thu of the month 10 am to 10 pm, closed 24, 25, 31 December, 1 January, and during carnival.

Info / Tickets / Events *
Museum Schnütgen
Cäcilienstraße 29 – 33 · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.221-31355
www.museum-schnuettgen.de

Guided group tours
Selection of themes: An overall view of the museum / Heavenly light – luminous walls? / Schnütgen’s treasury / 1000 years of textile art

Overall programme and online booking:
www.museenkoeln.de
(Organiser: Museumsdienst Köln)

Kölnerisches Stadtmuseum
Discover the most exciting and fascinating aspects of Cologne’s 2000-year history at the Museum of the City of Cologne. Since its foundation in 1888 the Kölnerisches Stadtmuseum has collected and preserved objects relating to the history of Cologne from the Middle Ages to the present day in order to keep the rich cultural heritage of the city alive for present and future generations – not behind closed doors, but actively and publicly with exhibitions and an educational programme. Although the permanent collection at the Zeughaus (Armoury) will unfortunately still be closed in 2019, fascinating special exhibitions at the nearby Alte Wache (Old Guardhouse) will offer visitors exciting time travel to Cologne’s unique past.

From 2020 the Kölnerisches Stadtmuseum will provide a modern presentation of its permanent collection at its new venue – the former fashion department store Sauer in Minoritenstraße.

Opening hours
Tue 10 am to 8 pm, Wed-Sun 10 am to 5 pm, first Thu of the month 10 am to 10 pm, closed 24, 25 and 31 December, 1 January and partly closing during the carnival period.

Info / Tickets / Events *
Kölnerisches Stadtmuseum
Zeughausstraße 1 – 3 · 50667 Köln
(from 2020: Minoritenstraße 13)
T +49 (0)221.221-22398
www.koelnisches-stadtmuseum.de

Guided group tours
At the moment, only guided tours of current special exhibitions can be booked.
For more information visit:
www.museenkoeln.de /Museen/KölnerischesStadt­museum /mehr

*For all information on the Cologne museum landscape:
www.museenkoeln.de
MAKK – Museum für Angewandte Kunst Köln
Museum of Applied Arts

The Museum of Applied Art in Cologne is unique in North-Rhine Westphalia. It presents the entire spectrum of European artistic craftsmanship from the Middle Ages to the 20th century with focuses on furniture, ceramics, glass, textiles and fashion, jewellery and metal work, graphic art, painting, sculpture and design. The museum’s important collection of jewellery spanning 5000 years will be presented in a newly designed exhibition space. Not only the museum’s exhibits are exquisite; the same is true of the outstanding, centrally located museum building from the 1950s by the Cologne architect Rudolf Schwarz. You will be fascinated by the treasures from the past at MAKK, but do come a second time to experience the encounter between Modernism and Avant-garde (p.12).

Opening hours
Tue – Sun 10 am to 6 pm, first Thu of the month 10 am to 10 pm, closed 24, 25, 31 December, 1 January, and during carnival.

The Historical Collections and the Design Department are being refurbished and redesigned. The museum itself is open throughout this period. All exhibitions and events on design, handicraft, architecture and photography take place as scheduled. For up-to-date information on the re-opening of the collections please visit our homepage.

Info / Tickets / Events*
MAKK – Museum für Angewandte Kunst Köln
An der Rechtschule · 50667 Köln
T +49.(0)221.221-23860
www.makk.de

Guided group tours
Selection of themes: Design kompakt! | Space Design
Overall programme und online booking: www.museenkoeln.de
(Organiser: Museumsdienst Köln)

Kolumba – Art Museum of the Archdiocese of Cologne

Kolumba is the art museum of the archdiocese of Cologne. It was founded as the diocesan museum in 1853. Since 2004 it has been called Kolumba after the former church on whose foundations the building stands. The new building in Cologne city centre, which had been planned for a long time, was opened in 2007. A threefold harmony of location, collection and architecture. The visitor experiences 2000 years of Western art in one building. In architecture in the conjunction of the wartime ruins of the late Gothic church of St. Kolumba, the chapel »Madonna in the Ruins« (1950), the unique archaeological excavations (1973-1976) and the new building after a design by the Swiss architect Peter Zumthor.

Opening hours
Daily 12 pm to 5 pm, closed Tue

Info / Tickets / Events*
Kolumba
Kolumbastraße 4 · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.933-1930
www.kolumba.de

Guided group tours
Guided tours are only possible outside the usual hours of opening between 10.30 am and 12 pm and between 5.30 pm and 7 pm. Guided tours are not possible on Tue and Sun. Booking: Mon – Thu 10 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm, Fri 10 am to 12 pm on: T +49.(0)221.933-19332

World Heritage Köln Cathedral

Cologne Cathedral is one of the largest and most important cathedrals in the world. Its interior has been well-known and renowned far beyond the borders of Cologne for centuries. The site on which the cathedral now stands was since late Roman times the place where the first Christians gathered in Cologne. Several churches of increasing size succeeded each other on this site near the city walls. Remains of these structures have been preserved beneath the present cathedral (cathedral excavations p.10). After the relics of the Three Kings were brought to Cologne in 1164 the cathedral became one of the most important churches of pilgrimage in Europe. Thus, in 1248 the foundation stone for a new church, which took 600 years to complete, was laid. In its interior which survived the war almost intact the visitor can see works of art of the highest spiritual and art-historical importance. Today the Shrine of the Three Kings in the choir is visited by thousands of pilgrims every year and is a spiritual centre which exerts a huge attraction.

Opening hours
Daily 6 am to 7.30 pm (November to April) and 6 am to 9 pm (May to October), Sun and public holidays 1 pm to 4.30 pm, special opening hours during carnival.

Info/Services/Events*
Domforum
Domkloster 3 · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.9258-4720
www.domforum.de

Guided group tours
Guided tours in Cologne Cathedral are permitted only by authorised or registered cathedral guides. Other guided tours are not permitted. Groups must therefore book a guided tour.

Domforum
T +49 (0)221.9258-4730
between the following times
Mon – Thu 10 am to 12 am and 1 pm to 3 pm
Fri 10 am to 12 am
The Cathedral from a different Perspective

Cathedral Treasury

There has been a valuable church treasure since the 9th century. You can admire it in the Cathedral Treasury, a display area of roughly 500 m² – precious reliquaries, liturgical devices and garments and insignia of Archbishops and cathedral clergy from the 4th to the 20th century, medieval sculptures and Frankish burial objects. The historic vaulted rooms with vestiges of the Roman city walls, columns from the previous building and modern architecture with the innovative presentation of the cathedral treasure combine to vouchsafe the visitor an impressive experience of the changing history of the Cologne cathedral.

Info / Tickets / Events
Domplatzammer
Domkloster 4 · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.17940-530 (Ticket desk)
www.dombau-koeln.de

Opening hours
daily 10 am to 6 pm

Guided group tours
These tours take place daily but only after prior arrangement. Book on T +49 (0)221.17940-555 fuehrungen@domschatzammer-koeln.de

Unusual Spaces

The guided tours arranged via Dombauhütte Köln bring alive the fascinating history of the construction of the cathedral. You will visit spots which are otherwise inaccessible and see unusual things – for example the impressive steel construction of the roof truss, a Roman underfloor heating system beneath the cathedral, a precious Gothic bishop’s crozier in the Treasury or a historic bell-ringing machine in the south spire or – if you explore the interior of the cathedral by auditory and tactile experiences. Has this awakened your curiosity?

Info / Tickets / Bookings
www.dombau-koeln.de

Tips on the Theme

The Romanesque Churches of Cologne

In the centre of Cologne alone there are twelve large and extremely important Romanesque churches. They were all built between the 10th and the 13th century and are impressive examples of the importance of Cologne in the High Middle Ages. Their interiors are still partly in place but many works of art are part of the museum collections. If you are interested in the Middle Ages a visit to these impressive churches is both a must and a pleasure. The Förderverein Romanische Kirchen e.V. can provide any information and tips for groups you may require.

Info / Guided group tours
Förderverein Romanische Kirchen Köln e.V.
Gülichplatz 1 · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.221-25302
wwwromanische-kirchen-koeln.de

City Tours on Cologne Themes

If you want a more in-depth experience of Cologne you should take a themed tour of the city. The tour guides from Köln Tourismus know all the tales, legends and stories which make Old Cologne what it is – from the Heinzelmännchen (house gnomes) and the Battle of Worrying to St Ursula and the 11,000 Virgins. Whether you stroll through the Old Town or take a walk in the famous cemetery of Melaten – a tour of the town on foot that joins up the sights, churches, museums and monuments will familiarise you with all the celebrities from Cologne’s past. If you come by coach, the experienced guides from Köln Tourismus will organise your tour – from the classic sightseeing route to themed tours.

Info / Guided group tours
Kölntourismus GmbH
Kardinal-Höppner-Platz 1 · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.34643-0
www.koelntourismus.de

Cologne Brewery Culture

Take a stroll through Cologne’s Old Town and learn everything you need to know about Kölsch, the legendary local brew. Sample the house specialities at the various craft breweries. Afterwards, at one of these breweries, you will be introduced to the crafting of Kölsch and enjoy a typical local meal to go with your beer.

Info / Guided group tours
Kölntourismus GmbH
Kardinal-Höppner-Platz 1 · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.34643-0
www.koelntourismus.de

Suggested Programme

Walks through the history of Cologne

Day 1
Through Cologne’s – Veedel – (traditional quarters)

A good starting point for your walk is the Kölnisches Stadtmuseum (Museum of the City of Cologne). One of the current special exhibitions is sure to introduce you to one of the exciting facets of the city. A short stroll from the museum will take you to the church of St Ursula where you will discover stories around saints and relics. Walking back along the famous or infamous Ehrenfeld and the Künibertsviertel will take you to the city centre. Now for a hearty snack in one of the craft breweries! After you have refuelled, visit Cologne Cathedral, the third largest church building in the world. Round off your day with a stroll through the Old Town down to the Rhine.

Day 2
Old Masters and Old Churches

Your visit to the Wallraf-Richartz-Museum becomes an encounter with the Cologne School of painters. But Stefan Lochner’s ‘Madonna in the Rose Bower’ is only one of many masterpieces. A glance at the excavations in front of the Historic Town Hall opposite the museum takes you back many centuries. The tour leads past the Gürzenich, the medieval banqueting hall to the church of St Maria im Kapitol with its famous wooden door. In Cologne the distances are not very great so you could make a slight detour to Museum Schnütgen where one of the most important medieval art collections worldwide awaits you. You should spend the evening in the Südstadt enjoying the lively atmosphere in one of the many pubs.

Day 3
Museums and Melaten

Kolumba, the museum of the archdiocese, welcomes you and your group outside normal opening times and the guided tour is a superb experience. After an espresso in the beautiful inner courtyard you set off again. In this museum you have a choice between painting, sculpture, ceramics, porcelain, glass and jewellery. A guided tour is the best way to experience the huge diversity of its historic collections. In the early afternoon you leave the city centre and travel west to the Melaten cemetery. The graves of the most famous people and the most interesting tombs are easy to find in the midst of the park with the help of a professional guide.
Bust on plinth with the Parler coat of arms, Cologne workshop of the Parler, c. 1390, Museum Schnütgen
Modernism meets Avantgarde
International Centre of Art on the Rhine

Cologne is one of the top addresses for artists and art-lovers from all over the world. The outstanding and worldwide important collections of the major museums make this city on the Rhine an artistic capital. Every day the numerous galleries, the international art fairs and the lively artist scene profoundly influence the cultural life of the city. Festivals, artists’ studios, exhibitions and shopping venues propel art, photography and design into every quarter. The mix of modern architecture and historic buildings make Cologne a vibrant place which is constantly re-inventing itself.

Museum Ludwig

The most extensive Pop Art collection in Europe. The third biggest Picasso collection in the world. One of the internationally most important collections on photography. In this museum one superlative follows the other. A generous donation of 350 works of modern art by Peter and Irene Ludwig to the city of Cologne formed the basis for the foundation of the museum in 1976. Since then the museum which bears the name of its founders, has constantly extended its collections and today has one of the most important collections of art from the 20th and 21st centuries worldwide. A tour of the museum will introduce you to important names from the last 100 years, will highlight major artistic positions, will present beautiful and also provocative works which have made history and will continue to do so.

Opening hours
Tue – Sun (incl. public holidays) 10 am to 6 pm, first Thu of the month 10 am to 10 pm, closed 24, 25, 31 December, 1 January, and during carnival.

Info / Tickets / Events*
Museum Ludwig
Heinrich-Böll-Platz · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.221-26165
www.museum-ludwig.de

Guided group tours
Theme selection: Highlights – overall view of the museum | a brief Who’s Who of contemporary art | Picasso – in the tracks of a genius | Pop Art – from the everyday to art
Overall programme and online booking:
www.museenkoeln.de
(Organiser: Museumsdienst Köln)

MAKK – Museum of Applied Arts

The Design Department of the MAKK is well-known across Europe for its unique juxtaposition of art and design in its permanent collection. Mondrian next to Rietveld! The rich variety of objects, styles, materials and themes is reflected in the department’s exhibitions and event programme, for instance in its annual special show on topical design themes, above all in connection with the international furniture fair - imm cologne. The new app-guides make a visit to the Design Department an exciting event – for children and adults alike, and for blind and visually impaired visitors.

Opening hours
Tue – Sun 10 am to 6 pm, first Thu in the month 10 am to 10 pm, closed 24, 25, 31 December, 1 January, and during Carnival.

The Design Department is being refurbished. For up-to-date information on its re-opening in 2019 visit our homepage.

Info / Tickets / Events*
MAKK – Museum für Angewandte Kunst Köln
An der Rechtschule · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.221-23860
www.makk.de

Guided group tours
Theme: Design kompakt / Space Design
Overall programme and direct online booking:
www.museenkoeln.de
(Organiser: Museumsdienst Köln)

Käthe Kollwitz Museum Köln

The museum founded in 1985 by the Kreissparkasse Köln houses the worldwide biggest collection of works by this important German artist. Apart from her complete sculptural work it has more than 300 drawings, 600 prints – among them the graphic cycles and extremely rare proofs – and all her posters. War, poverty and death but also love, security and the struggle for peace are the themes expressed by Käthe Kollwitz with great urgency in her works. On 1,000 m² exhibition space the collection provides new insights into her life and work. In addition, fascinating special exhibitions and a varied accompanying programme await the visitor.

Opening hours
Tue – Sun 10 am to 6 pm, Sat, Sun and public holidays 11 am to 6 pm, closed 24, 25, 31 December, 1 January, and during Carnival.

Info / Tickets / Events*
Käthe Kollwitz Museum Köln
Neumarkt 18 – 24 · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.227-2899/2602
www.kollwitz.de

The Museum is situated on the fourth floor of the Neumarkt Passage (arcade) and can be accessed by the glass lift at the centre of the building.

Guided group tours
Private guided tours through the collection or special exhibition should be arranged with the museum two weeks in advance.

*For all information on the Cologne museum landscape: www.museenkoeln.de
Skulpturenpark Köln – Sculpture Park

The park, which extends over 40,000 m² within the city centre, is an oasis of calm and contemplation, a place where you can directly experience contemporary sculpture. The sculpture park is situated in the northern part of the old town on the banks of the Rhine not far from the Zoobrücke. This unique open-air museum was founded in 1997 on the private initiative of the collector couple Michael and Eleonore Stoffel. The park presents modern contemporary outdoor sculpture in changing exhibitions. You stroll between works by internationally renowned artists from Anish Kapoor to Heimo Zobernig. Entrance to the sculpture park is on Riehler Straße.

Opening hours
April to September daily 10.30 am to 7 pm,
October to March daily 10.30 am to 5 pm

Info / Tickets / Events*
Stiftung Skulpturenpark Köln
Elsa-Brändström-Straße 9
50668 Köln
T +49 (0)221.3366886-0
www.skulpturenparkkoeln.de
Guided group tours
First Sun in the month at 3 pm public guided tour.
Enquiries about private guided tours should be addressed to Stiftung Skulpturenpark Köln.

Die Photographische Sammlung(SK Stiftung Kultur – Photographic Collection

The August Sander Archive which was acquired in 1992 provided the impulse for the founding of the institution and determines the direction of its activities. With regard to Sander’s objective and concept-oriented photography the collection was expanded to include works in keeping with his approach by other historically important and contemporary artists such as Bernd and Hilla Becher, Karl Blossfeldt, Jim Dine and Candida Höfer. High quality photographic exhibitions are presented in the premises of the foundation which correspond to museum standards. The SK Stiftung is one of the most exciting venues in the Cologne photo scene.

Opening hours
During special exhibitions
daily 2 pm to 7 pm, closed Wed

Info / Tickets / Events*
Die Photographische Sammlung/
SK Stiftung Kultur · Im Mediapark 7 · 50670 Köln
T +49 (0)221.88895-300
www.photographie-sk-kultur.de
Guided group tours
Private guided tours of current exhibitions and exclusive presentations of specific works can be booked on: www.photographie-sk-kultur.de

Tanzmuseum des Deutschen Tanzarchivs Köln – Dance Museum

Since it was re-designed both architecturally and conceptually in the year 2008 the Tanzmuseum is more than ever a place of special encounter with dance art. Annually changing thematic exhibitions are presented which are intended to provide users with information about dance above and beyond the everyday. Changing exhibitions encourage visitors to explore anew and in different ways the sources of the fascination exerted by dance art, how the present and past in dance mutually enliven each other and how the one is interwoven with the other.

Opening hours
daily 2 pm to 7 pm, closed Wed

Info / Tickets / Events*
Tanzmuseum des Deutschen Tanzarchivs/
SK Stiftung Kultur
Im Mediapark 7 · 50670 Köln
T +49 (0)221.88895-444/-400
www.deutsches-tanzarchiv.de
Guided group tours
Private guided tours should be booked two weeks in advance at the Tanzmuseum.
Tips on the Theme

Kölnerischer Kunstverein – Cologne Art Association

The Kölnischer Kunstverein was founded in 1839 and is among the oldest art associations in Germany. It has its roots in a civic initiative to present the latest developments in art. In the course of its history, the association has again and again inspired new discussions and public discourses with world-class exhibitions featuring international artists such as August Sander (1927), Robert Rauschenberg (1968), Barbara Kruger (1990), Martin Kippenberger (1991), Carl Andre (2004), and with its 1919 Dada exhibition and Harald Szeemann’s »Happening and Fluxus« (1970). The main objective of the Kunstverein is still the presentation of contemporary art and tracing new artistic developments. In that respect, the Kunstverein engages in a contemporary form of arts promotion which always involves the exploration of experimental, untapped terrain.

Opening times
Tue – Sun 11 am to 6 pm, closed on public holidays
Info / Tickets / Events
www.koelnischerkunstverein.de

Guided Tours of Architectural Highlights in Cologne

Cologne boasts many examples of outstanding architecture which our expert guides will be delighted to introduce you to. ArchiPedes are guided walking tours exploring examples of excellent architecture. The ArchiTaxi gives you the opportunity to experience modern architecture in a small group. The exclusive ArchiHeli is a perfect venue for airborne discussions on the city’s architecture, while the charming ArchiBoot provides new perspectives and views of Cologne from the Rhine.

Info / Tickets / Guided Tours
www.archipedes-koeln.de

Contemporary Art

Cologne is an important art centre with a stunning number of contemporary art galleries, studios and other exciting venues where art is created. The city’s art scene gives you the opportunity to get to know more about art on a daily basis. Catch up on the various different options by contacting the artists.

Info / Events / Addresses
www.kunstwerk-koeln.de
www.offene-ateliers-koeln.de
www.koelner-galerien.de

Suggested Programme

Exploring Modern Art

Day 1
The International City of Art on the Rhine
A city tour of the most important highlights of modern architecture attunes you to this art capital. After a short visit to Cologne Cathedral and its famous stained glass window by Gerhard Richter you continue on foot to the Museum Ludwig. A tour by qualified guides introduces you to the highlights of the collection, from the Expressionists and Picasso to Warhol and present-day art. You may even find enough time for the special exhibition. After a ‘creative break’ at the Museumscafé you could visit the Skulpturenpark Köln to the north of the city centre. Alternatively, you may opt for a quick detour to the Belgisches Viertel with its trendy shops, pubs and restaurants. Your choice depends on the weather. In the evening, you choose from the rich variety of current cultural events to enjoy a concert or a night at the theatre or opera.

Day 2
Design, Avantgarde and Tradition
After breakfast, you go to the Museum für Angewandte Kunst (Museum of Applied Arts) to discover the history of design since 1900 on a tour by an experienced guide. The museum’s café in the inner courtyard is not to be missed on a sunny day. The afternoon is devoted to the contemporary gallery and design scene where you have the opportunity to explore the current artistic trends in Cologne.

Day 3
Cologne and Photography
The city is famous for its lively photography scene. The Photographische Sammlung (Photographic Collection) in the Mediapark always offers exciting exhibitions. If you are interested in dance, a quick detour to the Tanzmuseum (Dance Museum) in the same building is recommended. If you enjoy walking you could include the Gerlingviertel on your way back to the city centre. This district near the impressive church of St. Gereon is an architectural ensemble from the 1950s and has on several occasions served as a film set. Back in the centre, make sure to have a look at the modern stained glass windows by Markus Lüpertz in St. Andreas near the Cathedral.
M-MAYBE HE BECAME ILL AND COULDN'T LEAVE THE STUDIO!

Roy Lichtenstein, M-Maybe, 1965 (detail), Museum Ludwig
World Culture on the Rhine
Diversity in both Past and the Present

Cologne is a cosmopolitan city with a unique multicultural life. Two outstanding collections of non-European cultures contribute to this image and provide an important basis for the understanding of different ethnic and cultural groups. The working and living together of different cultures is also the theme of festivals and new institutions that bring art from all over the world to Cologne. But a cosmopolitan city is not just about highbrow culture. Almost every Cologne district demonstrates how different nations live with each other and how well cosmopolitan and Cologne life complement each other.

Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum
Cultures of the World

Where we live, what we believe in and what we belong to – these are common themes that are important to each and every culture. An exhibition area of 3,600 m² shows the rich variety of world cultures. The theme-based presentation »People in their Worlds« takes visitors on an interactive multi-media voyage of exploration where they learn more about the European view of other cultures and familiarize themselves with different concepts of life. Impressive exhibits from Africa, Asia, America, Oceania and Europe illustrate themes that concern people worldwide and enthral visitors from all age groups. What does a Gamelan orchestra from Indonesia sound like? What is the role of masks in rituals? How do nomads survive in the desert? Comparing cultures to detect commonalities and differences is at the heart of this ethnological museum that is fun and entertaining. What makes you want to know more.

Opening hours
Tue – Sun 10 am to 6 pm, Thu 10 am to 8 pm (except public holidays), first Thu of the month 10 am to 10 pm, closed 24, 25, 31 December, 1 January, and during carnival.

Info / Tickets / Events*
Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum – Kulturen der Welt Cäcilienstraße 29 – 33 · 50676 Köln T +49 (0)221.221.31356 www.museenkoeln.de/rjm

Guided group tours
Selection of themes: People in their Worlds. Overview of the new museum | Encounter with other cultures | Living together | Death and the afterlife

Overall programme and online booking on: www.museenkoeln.de (Organiser: Museumsdienst Köln)

Museum für Ostasiatische Kunst – Museum of East Asian Art

Cologne boasts the oldest museum of East Asian art in Europe and the only one in the state of North-Rhine Westphalia. Founded in 1909, the museum has a collection of precious works of art from China, Korea and Japan. Visitors can explore Buddhist painting and wood sculpture, Japanese screen painting, colour woodcuts and lacquer work, porcelain and ceramics form the Bronze Age to the 19th century. Apart from the works of art, the building itself is worth a visit. It was opened in 1977, designed by Kunio Maekawa (1905 – 1986), a pupil of Le Corbusier. Its severe, lucidly structured vocabulary. The heart of the complex is the landscape garden in the tradition of Japanese meditation gardens which was designed by the Japanese sculptor Masayuki Nagare (born 1923).

Opening hours
Tue – Sun, 11 am to 5 pm, first Thu of the month 11 am to 10 pm (except public holidays), closed 24, 25, 31 December, 1 January, and during carnival.

Info / Tickets / Events*
Museum für Ostasiatische Kunst Universitätstraße 100 · 50674 Köln T +49 (0)221.221-28608 www.mok-koeln.com

Guided group tours
Selection of themes: A treasury for art from China, Japan and Korea | Japan as reflected in art | Ancient China | Gold and silk – garments from the Far East | Japan as reflected in art

Overall programme and online booking: www.museenkoeln.de (Organiser: Museumsdienst Köln)

Tips on the Theme

Akademie der Künste der Welt – Academy of the Arts of the World

The Akademie der Künste was founded in 2012 as a non-profit cultural organisation. It is a meeting place for renowned artists from all areas of art who come together on a regular basis. The academy members engage in work projects and debates and organise concerts and exhibitions. As a society of artists, the academy is responsive to changes in our society that are the result of migration and globalisation. Visitors are welcome to take part in academy events and take a closer look at international and non-European art. The cosmopolitan programme includes concerts, lectures, talks and exhibitions.

Info / Events
Akademie der Künste der Welt/Köln
Im Mediapark 7 · 50670 Köln
Events venue: Academyspace
Herwarthstraße 3, 50672 Köln
T +49 (0)221.337748-0 www.academycologne.org

Literaturhaus – Literature House

The Literaturhaus Köln was founded in 1996 to bring world literature to Cologne. A programme of roughly 150 events per year offers a wide range of options to encounter literature and meet famous as well as less established authors, ranging from Nobel Prize laureates to debut authors. Events include lectures and talks with international and up-and-coming authors.

Info / Tickets / Events
Literaturhaus Köln e.V.
Großer Griechenmarkt 39 · 50676 Köln
T +49 (0)221.995558-0 www.literaturhaus-koeln.de

*For information on all the museums in Cologne visit: www.museenkoeln.de
Kölner Sommerfestival – Cologne Summer Festival

It is difficult to imagine cultural life in the city without the Sommerfestival. For more than 30 years it has thrilled a vast audience with its productions in the summer months. Experience international stars, dance companies and musicals from all continents. Since the festival was established, more than 100 international top-class shows from all five continents have been performed in Cologne – among them 24 German and European premières.

www.bb-promotion.com/koelner-summer-festival

Kulturklüngel – A Network of Cultures

›Klüngeln‹ is an expression in the Cologne dialect which means building up contacts or being linked up. Cologne is home to people from all parts of the world – from Argentinian baseball pros to xylophone players from Zimbabwe. Those who are interested in foreign cultures need not travel around the world by plane. Here in Cologne, in almost every street, there is a lot to see and ample opportunity to meet exciting people. A little adventure trip that only requires a few steps.

Info/Events
Kulturklüngel
Meister-Gerhard-Straße 6 · 50674 Köln
T +49 (0)221.16843662
www.kulturklüngel.de

»Neue Heimat Köln« – Cologne, a new Home for Immigrants

A history of migration and mentality in Cologne for nonlocals

This exciting guided city tour takes you on a journey to explore the history of migration in Cologne. Where did the people who migrated to this city, settled here and left their traces throughout many centuries come from? The influence of Spanish, Italian and French settlers can still be found in Cologne. To what extent have more recent migrants changed the face of the city?

Info / Events
Tour-Agentur
Hohe Pforte 22 · 50676 Köln
T +49 (0)221.9327-263
www.tour-agentur.de
Suggested Programme

At Home in the World

Day 1
Experience the different Cultures of the World

The Rautenstrauch Joest Museum in Neumarkt re-opened in 2010 to welcome visitors to an encounter with the different cultures of the world in a new and fascinating mise-en-scène which received wide acclaim and was awarded the coveted museum prize of the Council of Europe in 2012. A guided tour is recommended for a succinct overview. Alternatively, why not invest more time to take an in-depth look at the topics that concern people the world over? Right behind the museum is a district that is home to Cologne’s Indian community. Are you interested in visiting Cologne’s Chinatown, or African Cologne, or the rich variety of religions in the city? »Kulturklängel« helps you discover unique places and (hi)stories. Your guide can also give you tips on where to eat and drink.

Day 2
Discover the fascinating Far East and experience a vibrant Here and Now

The Museum für Ostasiatische Kunst is located next to the Aachener Weiher park. It combines modern Japanese architecture with examples of East Asian art which makes this museum a unique, distinctive place. When the weather is fine, the museum’s café is the perfect vantage point to watch the world go by in the park. The next stage takes you to the multicultural world of present-day Cologne. The Ehrenfeld district is where a mosque which has received much attention and has been at the centre of a heated debate is nearing its completion. Life in Ehrenfeld is of unique diversity and offers a colourful mix of old and new which attracts a wide range of different people and businesses. This district epitomises the »kölische Veedel« – one of the typical Cologne districts each of which has a quite distinct character. Shopping, eating and drinking, markets, festivals, theatres, architecture and business – immerse yourself in the laid-back life of this colourful Cologne district.
The rice barn as landmark of the Rautenstrauch Joest Museum
The National Socialists had a decisive impact on the life of people in Cologne. Only a short time after the Nazis came to power, they began to deploy their policy of exclusion and persecution of Cologne citizens for ethnic, political and religious reasons. Roughly half of Cologne’s Jewish population was forced to emigrate. The remaining members of the Jewish community and three quarters of Sinti and Roma were deported to ghettos and extermination camps in Eastern Europe. Only a few of them survived the Holocaust. Most people in the city adapted to the criminal regime. The opposition and resistance of the few was broken as early as the mid-1930s. The Allies responded to German bomb raids by retaliating. By the end of the war Cologne was reduced to an expanse of rubble.

NS-Dokumnationszentrum – NS-Documentation Centre

The NS-Dokumentationszentrum is located in the EL-DE-Haus which served as the headquarters of the Cologne Gestapo (secret police) between 1935 and 1945. The graffiti of prisoners in the cells that have been preserved in the basement is the most haunting and direct reminder of the horrors of that period. In 1981, the Gestapo prison became an official memorial site. The permanent exhibition »Köln im Nationalsozialismus«, which has been on display in the EL-DE Haus since June 1997, provides comprehensive information on all aspects of political and social life in Cologne during the Nazi period: Seizure of power and the machinery of oppression, propaganda and the »Volksgemeinschaft« (ethnic community), everyday life, youth, religion, racial persecution and the holocaust of Cologne’s Jews, Sinti and Roma, resistance, war and wartime society.

Opening hours
Tue – Fri 10 am to 6 pm,
Sat, Sun and public holidays 11 am to 6 pm,
first Thu of the month 10 am to 10 pm (except public holidays), closed 24, 25, 31 December, 1 January, and during carnival.

Info / Tickets / Events *
NS-Dokumentationszentrum der Stadt Köln
Appellhofplatz 23 – 25 · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.221-26332
www.ns-dok.de

Guided group tours
Complete programme and direct online booking:
www.museenkoeln.de
(Organiser: Museumsdienst Köln)

* For information on all the museums in Cologne visit:
www.museenkoeln.de
**Tips on the Theme**

**Cologne Synagogue**
Cologne’s Jewish community is regarded as the oldest north of the Alps. After a chequered history, it is now one of the largest Jewish communities in Germany and numbers 5,000 members. The community offers guided tours for groups of the Great Synagogue in Roonstraße and of the Jewish cemetery in Bocklemünd. Tours can be arranged on any day, except Fridays, Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Male participants, including children, are requested to cover their heads (scull cap, hat, baseball cap or similar).

*Info / Events / Guided group tours*
Synagogen-Gemeinde Köln
Ottostraße 85 / Eingang Nußbaumerstraße
50823 Köln-Ehrenfeld
T +49 (0)221.71662-0
www.sgk.de

**Following in Hilde Domin’s Tracks**
Hilde Domin described her life as a linguistic odyssey, travelling from one language to another. She grew up in the Agnes district in Cologne and went to Heidelberg and Italy for her studies. In 1940 she emigrated with her husband to England and from there to her final exile, the Dominican Republic. Hilde Domin juggled with languages, above all with those of her adopted home countries.

*Info / Events*
Kölner Frauengeschichtsverein e.V.
Marienplatz 4 · 50676 Köln
T +49 (0)221.248-265
www.frauengeschichtsverein.de

**Ma’alot and Tripping Stones**
The existence of a flourishing Jewish community in Cologne is documented as early as 321 AD. The Jews were not spared pogroms as the excavations around the mikvah on the town hall square show. Often it is just the commemorative plaques on buildings or the tripping stones incorporated into the pavements by the artist Gunter Demnig that bear witness to the history of the Jews in Cologne. What is no longer visible lives on in memory. The search for traces takes visitors to places where Jewish history becomes visible and audible. The tour starts with »Ma’alot«, a work by the Israeli artist Dani Karavan.

*Info / Events / Guided group tours*
StadtKunst Köln
Am Duffesbach 41 · 50677 Köln
T +49 (0)221.327-576
www.stadtkunstkoeln.de

**Cologne during the Nazi Period – Truth and Legends**
A guided tour of the city centre familiarises you with everyday life during the Nazi period (1933-45). How, for example, did the Jews in Cologne manage to get to safety? How did life change for women in the Nazi era? What developments in today’s cityscape have their roots in that period? Another topic is the way this part of history is dealt with in Cologne, whether it is about the creation of legends or the truth.

*Info / Events*
RegioColonia
Hohe Pforte 22 · 50676 Köln
T +49 (0)221.9654595
www.regiocolonia.de

**Von Navajos und Edelweißpiraten** (of Navajos and Edelweiss Pirates)
**Guided tour of the Cologne Ehrenfeld District**
This tour of one of the most distinctive Cologne districts introduces you to the youth groups persecuted by the Nazi regime which were known as »Navajos« and later »Edelweiss Pirates«. Afterwards you visit the Gestapo prison memorial in the NS-Dokumentationszentrum where you follow in the tracks of these rebellious youth groups.

*Info / Events*
Online booking:
www.museenkoeln.de
(Organiser: Museumsdienst Köln)
Suggested Programme

Tracking down Nazi History

Day 1
Lest we forget
The NS-Dokumentationszentrum is a unique place dedicated to the process of coming to terms with the history of National Socialism in Cologne. In the basement of the building, the prison cells of the secret police have been preserved. The roughly 1,800 examples of graffiti by prisoners are a poignant documentation of their fate. Witnesses of that period talk about their experience in the permanent collection. Strolling through the district after your visit, you will find a large number of Italian cafés and bars in the lanes around St. Aposteln and also a few gay clubs. Cologne’s proverbial open-mindedness has made the city a magnet for gays and lesbians. Tolerance is also at the heart of a trip to the Käthe Kollwitz Museum in Neumarkt in the afternoon. Her work is a moving warning against barbarism and lack of social compassion.

Day 2
Exploring Jewish History
It is essential to look very closely if you intend to explore Jewish history in Cologne. A guided tour of the city centre which highlights the past as well as the present will help you in your exploration. Have you come across the ‘tripping stones’? Look at the pavement. Next we recommend a visit to the Kölnisches Stadtmuseum – the museum of the city’s history – where, after the museum opens in 2020 at the Sauer building in Münsterstraße 13, you will have the opportunity to put your newly acquired knowledge about Jewish history into a larger context. In the afternoon your group may want to pay a visit to the Great Synagogue which has become the new centre of Jewish life in Cologne. In the surrounding streets of the Belgian quarter or the ‘Kwartier Latäng’ with its large student community there are numerous cafés where you can mull over what you have seen and experienced.
The former Gestapo (secret police) prison has been a memorial within the NS-Dokumentationszentrum in the EL-DE-Haus since 1981.
Deutsches Sport- und Olympiamuseum

Unforgettable highlights, outstanding athletes, triumphal victories and bitter defeats – original objects and various interactive points illustrate the colourful history and the entire range of emotions in sport from ancient times to the modern age and invite visitors to become active themselves. A timeline visualises the athletic highlights of the last decade with visual installations and original exhibits. In addition, social aspects are addressed, such as the role of Paralympic sport, which has been growing in importance, the fight against doping, depression, and dealing with the pressure to achieve.

Opening hours
Tue – Sun 10 am to 6 pm

Info / Tickets / Events*
Deutsches Sport & Olympia Museum
Im Zollhafen 1 · 50678 Köln
T +49 (0)221.3360-90
www.sportmuseum.de

Guided group tours
For all information on interactive guided tours and team-forming programmes visit: www.sportmuseum.de

Kölner Karnevalsmuseum – Museum of Carnival

Almost everybody loves celebrating it, but why carnival is celebrated at all? Why is there a »Dreigestirn« – a triumvirate – in Cologne? What is carnival all about? The answers can be found in Cologne’s Karnevalsmuseum, the biggest of its kind. Many exhibits tell their own story and numerous multimedia points provide a mine of background information for the carnival enthusiast, show curios and answer all questions surrounding the »fifth season«, as carnival is referred to in Cologne. »Kölle Alaaf!« – that’s the carnival battle cry in this city.

Opening hours
www.koelnerkarneval.de/museum

Info / Tickets / Events*
Kölner Karnevalsmuseum
Maarweg 134 – 136 · 50825 Köln
T +49 (0)221.574-0076 · www.kk-museum.de

Guided group tours
For all information on interactive guided tours and team-forming programmes visit: www.kk-museum.de

Schokoladenmuseum – Chocolate Museum

Situated on the peninsula of the Rheinauhafen next to the Old Town and close to the Cathedral, this museum – reminiscent of a futuristic ship of glass and aluminium – welcomes visitors who can reach it from the Rhine promenade via an old swivel bridge. A tour of the museum’s permanent exhibition on three floors is a time journey illustrating the 5,000 years of the cultural history of chocolate – from the Aztec food of the gods to the modern industrial product. The rich palette of themes connected with the past and present of chocolate and cocoa is illustrated in a fascinating way – and you are of course welcome to sample our delicious treats!

Opening hours
Daily 10 am to 6 pm, closed Mon in Jan-Mar and Nov

Info / Tickets / Events*
Schokoladenmuseum Köln GmbH
Am Schokoladenmuseum 1a · 50678 Köln
T +49 (0)221.931888-0
www.schokoladenmuseum.de

Guided group tours and chocolate tasting
Selection of themes: The secrets of chocolate | 100% chocolate – guided tour with chocolate sampling | Chocolate – a treat for everybody? A little chocolate school – not just for children
All information on deliciously sweet guided tours and events for groups on: www.schokoladenmuseum.de

* For information on all the museums in Cologne visit: www.museenkoeln.de

You can hear and see culture in Cologne, but you can also taste it, feel it, touch it. Alongside the collections with world-famous works of art and historical artefacts, the city boasts a number of museums where visitors can take an active role. There are no limits to the joy of discovery – and there are no age limits either. Let yourself be seduced by culinary delights, test your reactions, solve tricky problems. Museums offer many opportunities for visitors to play an active role and turn their visit into a true experience.

Cologne – a Sensual Experience
Olympian Feelings, Heavenly Delights
Bookable with KölnTourismus

Kölschtour: Beer, Local Patois and Way of Life

This enjoyable two-and-a-half-hour walk through Cologne’s Old Town will reveal everything about Cologne’s local brew – Kölsch – in all its variety. You will learn more about this top-fermented beer speciality and also about local delicacies such as Himmel un Ääd and Kölscher Kaviar. Even words like Köbes and Zappes will no longer sound like double-Dutch to you. People in Cologne enjoy their Kölsch fresh from the tap and consumed at the bar. This is the best way to experience the city’s hospitality and lively brewery culture first-hand. As for which and how many breweries we visit on this pub crawl – well, let’s keep that open and decide as we go along.

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www.cologne-tourism.com

Further Tips on the Theme

Cologne Scents

An Italian living in Cologne created one the most famous perfumes of the world – the Eau de Cologne. The scent reminded him of a spring morning in Italy after the rain, wrote the perfumer Johann Maria Farina in 1709. It is a creation composed of the aromatic oils of orange, lemon, grapefruit, bergamot, citron – the flowers and herbs of his native country. Today, the creation is above all associated with one city – Cologne. It was this very Eau de Cologne, newly created by the perfumer from Italy, which gave Cologne world-fame as the city of perfume as early as the 18th century. Farina’s perfume was soon copied, and as there was no such thing as copyright in the 18th century, an entire category of perfumes is today referred to as Eau de Cologne. The original has been produced by the Farina Family for eight generations and their manufactory, still located opposite Cologne Town Hall, is now a museum of perfume.

Farina Duftmuseum – Museum of Perfume at the Farina Haus

Obenmarsporten 21 · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221.3998994
info@farina.org

Opening times
Mon – Sat 10 am to 7 pm, Sun 11 am to 5 pm
Tickets/Entry
The museum can only be visited on a guided tour. Tours are daily, every hour on the hour, in different languages. Tickets can be booked online at www.farina.org

Admission
Regular guided tour: € 5
Tour with historical costumes: € 9; € 7 for students
Children under 10 have free admission.
(prior booking essential)

Dufthaus 4711

Perfume seminars and guided tours are also available at the legendary Glockengasse 4711 where Eau de Cologne has been sold since 1792.

Glockengasse 4 · 50667 Köln
www.4711.com
Meditative Guided Tours

AntoniterCity Tours offer spiritual and meditative tours of Cologne. From Cologne’s churches and quiet courtyards to havens of tranquillity and tours under the motto of ‘water’. The programme of the Citykirchenarbeit at the Antoniter Church in the city centre offers new and unusual views of the city off the beaten tourist track.

Info / Bookings / Events*
AntoniterCityKirche
Schildergasse 57 - 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221 925846-15
www.antonitercitykirche.de

Suggested Programme

Savouring Cologne

Day 1
Action and Wellness
Today, you have a museum experience of a different kind. At the Deutsches Sport- und Olympia Museum there are original exhibits from the world of sport and interactive media points. If you feel that you have done enough activities, why not treat yourself to a delicious piece of cake at the café of the neighbouring Schokoladenmuseum where you will enjoy stunning views of the river. The permanent exhibition of this unique museum tells you everything about chocolate and cocoa. Then you proceed to the new Rheinauhafen, a dockland area which has seen the development of the most exciting modern architecture in Cologne. A guided tour gives you interesting information on the buildings including some quaint anecdotes. After such a massive dose of culture you may want to relax, for which Cologne’s numerous baths and wellness temples are the perfect venue.

Day 2
A World of Sensual Delights
The Baroque section at the Wallraf-Richartz-Museum has a much to offer the senses – sumptuous still lifes and palatial history paintings provide the visual relish. Titillating stories from the pantheon of Greek and Roman Antiquity add some extra zest. A detour to the Farinahaus with its perfume museum or a visit to 4711 give you additional sensual stimulation. After this excursion into the gallant period you may want something more down to earth. A tour of the world of Cologne’s breweries and their beers is the perfect antidote. Alternatively, you may want to take a closer look at carnival – referred to as the ‘fifth season’ in Cologne. The Cologne Karnevalsmuseum offers a host of stories surrounding the Cologne triumvirate and the 11th of November and other carnival traditions.
You are welcome to indulge your sweet tooth at the chocolate fountain permanently filled with 200 kg of fresh Lindt chocolate.
Other Museums and Exhibition Venues

artothek – a space for young artists
Venue for exhibitions by Cologne artists and international guests
Am Hof 50 · 50667 Köln
T +49 (0)221 223 32 32
artothek@museenkoeln.de
www.museenkoeln.de/artothek

Geldgeschichtliches Museum – Numismatic Museum
History of money and saving – integrated into the main hall of the Kreissparkasse Köln savings bank
Kreissparkasse Köln
Neumarkt 18 – 24 · 50667 Köln
www.geldgeschichte.de

Geologisches Museum der Universität zu Köln
Public mineralogical collection with attractive specimens from all over the world
Zülpicher Str. 49 (lecture hall area of the Institute of Geoscience) · 50674 Köln
www.geologie.uni-koeln.de

Kölner Festungsmuseum – Museum of Military Architecture
Juxtaposition of contemporary sculpture and the history of military architecture
Militärringstraße 10 · 50996 Köln
www.museum.crifa.de

Straßenbahn-Museum Thielbruch – Tram Museum
Historical trams and information on the history of public transport in Cologne and its surrounding area
Otto-Kayser-Straße 2c · 51069 Köln
www.hsk-koeln.de

Technikum der Deutz AG – Technology Museum
145 years of the history of engines
Ottostraße 1 · 51149 Köln
www.deutz.de

Temporary Gallery
Non-profit gallery and venue/discussion forum for contemporary art
Mauritiuswall 35 · 50676 Köln
www.temporarygallery.org

Theaterwissenschaftliche Sammlung der Universität zu Köln – Theatre Collection
International documentation and research centre for the history of the theatre and mediad culture
Schloss Wahn
Burgallee 2 · 51127 Köln
www.theaterszene-koeln.de

ZADIK e.V.
Central archives of the international art trade
Im Mediapark 7 · 50670 Köln
www.zadik.info

Cultural Events in Cologne

Passagen – Interior Design Week Cologne
«Passagen» is the biggest German design event with 190 exhibitions all over the city. Exhibitors include international designers, design studios, furnishing houses, showrooms, museums and academies.
Info / Events
www.vaggenreiter.de

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Info / Tickets / Events
www.litcologne.de

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le bloc – Fashion and Design in the Belgisches Viertel
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Info / Events
www.lebloc.squarespace.com

Kölner Lichter – Cologne Lights
A radiant mid-summer night’s dream. This atmospheric event with fireworks display and concerts is the highlight of the Cologne summer.
Info / Tickets / Events
www.koelnacht.de

Romanischer Sommer – Romanesque Summer
The fascination of Cologne’s Romanesque churches has been at the heart of the festival’s programme for more than 20 years. This biennial festival sees itself as an alternative to the traditional concert scene and its climax is the Romanesque Night.
Info / Events
www.romanischer-sommer.de

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Kölner Theaternacht – Cologne Theatre Night
Cologne boasts more than 50 free and private theatres – the highest concentration of theatre venues in Germany, giving theatre lovers the opportunity to enjoy a different play almost every night. Every year in autumn Cologne’s theatres celebrate the Cologne Theatre Night – a unique chance to immerse yourself in the world of the stage.
Info / Tickets / Veranstaltungshinweise
www.theaternacht.de
www.theaterszene-koeln.de
More Cultural Tips

Kölner Museumsnacht –
Open Night at Cologne’s Museums
See more, hear more, experience more! Cologne’s biggest museum event takes place every year in early November. This unique night gives you the chance to make innumerable discoveries in more than 40 museums and other venues. You, and thousands of other enthusiasts, will discover that there are good reasons for Cologne’s reputation as a major cultural centre. Special ticket conditions for tour operators.

Info / Tickets / Events
www.museumsnacht-koeln.de

Cologne Contemporaries
Cologne is one of the most exciting places in Germany when it comes to contemporary art. More than 60 galleries and exhibition venues offer visitors the chance to discover international trends throughout the year. A particularly vibrant art event is the Cologne Contemporaries art-gallery weekend in November.

Info / Events
www.koelngalerien.de
www.dc-open.de

Cologne Fine Art
Cologne Fine Art invites visitors to experience a crossover of styles and epochs that is unique in Germany. Roughly 100 selected galleries and art dealers present masterworks from Europe and around the world. Experience art, crafts and jewelry in an inspirational combination with furniture and accessories in an open, elegant atmosphere.

Info / Tickets / Events / Tours
www.colognefineart.de

Early Music in Cologne
Cologne is an important centre of Early Music. Works written before 1750 are regularly performed at numerous concerts by leading international soloists and ensembles.

Info / Events
www.klassik-koeln.de

Cologne Cabaret
In the Rhineland, political cabaret is of high quality. Many well-known cabaret artists are from Cologne and are active in this city. The Senftöpfchen and the Comedia are the most famous venues.

Info / Tickets / Events
www.theaterszene-koeln.de

Kölner Philharmonie
Cologne has an international reputation as an important centre of music. At its heart is the Kölner Philharmonie concert hall with its outstanding repertoire where the audience have a chance to enjoy international top orchestras and soloists of world renown. Advanced booking is strongly recommended.

Info / Tickets / Events
www.koeln-philharmonie.de

Cologne – Media City
Cologne is Germany’s most important centre of TV production. International film directors and stars shoot films alongside creative students from the Kölner Filmschule, who together with a vast number of radio stations, advertising agencies, publishers and music labels, enrich this city steeped in history by adding impressive, new facets. A number of TV studios offer guided tours, and you can visit talk shows, quiz programmes and entertainment shows.

Info / Tickets / Events
www.koeln-tourismus.de

Oper und Schauspiel Köln –
Cologne Opera House and Theatre
Cologne Opera House and Cologne Theatre never fail to amaze and inspire with their courageous stagings and varied repertoires which range from classical to contemporary.

Info / Tickets / Events
www.buehnenkoeln.de

Panoramic View from »Köl Triangle«
From the visitors’ platform of the office tower in Cologne Deutz at a height of 100 m (330 ft) there are stunning views of the vast city and its cathedral, the Rhine valley and its surrounding area. This is the best place for a bird eye’s view of Cologne.

Info / Tickets
www.koelntrianglepanorama.de

»Urlaub in Köln (Holiday in Cologne)«
The excursion program – organized by the Akademie für uns Kölnische Sproch / SK Stiftung Kultur (Institution that strives for the preservation and maintenance of the Cologne dialect) – has set itself the goal to introduce areas of Cologne away from the tourist routes. Thus, not only listed buildings such as churches or castles, but also the quality of life of a district (»Veedel«) is examined with its weekly farmer’s market.

Info/Tickets/Events
www.urlaubinkoeln.de
Cologne Apps

For all information on downloading the most important Cologne apps:  www.koeln.de/tourismus
Mobile site of Cologne’s museums: mobil.museenkoeln.de

Important Internet Addresses (selection)

General
→ www.koeln.de (city portal for Cologne)
→ www.stadt-koeln.de (official website City of Cologne)

Accommodation
→ www.koelntourismus.de

Public transport
→ www.k-d.com (Kölner-Düsseldorfer Rheinschifffahrt AG – river cruises)
→ www.koelntourist.net (Personenschifffahrt am Dom GmbH – river cruises)
→ www.dampfschifffahrt-colonia.de (Colonia Weber Fahrgastschifffahrt – river cruises)
→ www.kvb-koeln.de (KVB – Kölner Verkehrsbetriebe – tram, bus, metro)
→ www.koeln-bonn-airport.de (Airport KölnBonn)

Museums and exhibitions
→ www.museenkoeln.de (All museums, events and offers; links to all venues)
→ www.kunst-im-rheinland.de (Exhibition portal for the Rhineland)

City tours, guided visits
→ www.museenkoeln.de/museumsdienst (guided tours of the municipal museums)
→ www.koelntourismus.de (central portal for all guided tours)
→ www.domforum.de (tours of the cathedral)
→ www.archipedes-koeln.de (architectural tours)
→ www.insight-koeln.de (City tours and events in Cologne)
→ www.regioskolonia.de (guided tours in Cologne and surrounding area)
→ www.freie-gaestefuehrer-koeln.de (city tours, association of independent guides)
→ www.frauengeschichtsverein.de (history of women)
→ www.kulturkuertgel.de (intercultural tours)
→ www.csokeln.de (gay/lesbian city tours)

Galleries, studios, exhibition venues
→ www.koengalerien.de (Übersicht zu Kölner Galerien)
→ www.dc-open.de
→ www.kunstwerk-koeln.de (Künstlerhaus Kunstwerk)
→ www.stadtpark.de (Konzerte, Ausstellungen)

Kirchen und Gotteshäuser
→ www.koeln-dom.de (portal of Cologne cathedral)
→ www.romanische-kirchen-koeln.de (Friends of the Romanesque Churches)
→ www.antonierkirche.de (Protestant parish of St Anthony)
→ www.sdk.de (Cologne synagogue)
→ www.zentralmoschee-koeln.de (central mosque - Cologne-Ehrenfeld)

Theatre, opera, concerts, festivals, lectures
→ www.buehnenkoeln.de
→ www.theaterszene-koeln.de
→ www.koelner-philharmonie.de
→ www.guerzenich-orchester.de
→ www.lit-koeln.de
→ www.sommerblut.de
→ www.librarycom/koeln-sommer-summer-festival
→ www.stadtbibliothek-koeln.de
→ www.literaturhaus-koeln.de

Event tickets
www.koelnticket.de

Shopping
→ www.koeln.de (city portal for Cologne)
→ www.shoppingguide-koeln.de (shopping guide for central Cologne)
→ www.lebensart-koeln.de (magazine for lifestyle and shopping)
→ www.chicbelgique.de (shopping tips for the Belgian Quarter)
→ www.severinsviertel.info (shopping tips for the Südstadt quarter)
→ www.buchhandlung-walther-koenig.de
→ www.cedon.de (CEDON museum shop at the Wallraf)
→ www.msshop33.de (shop at Museum Schnütgen and Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum)

Going out, eating and drinking
→ www.prinz.de/koeln (Prinz Köln)
→ www.gastroguide.de (gastronomical guide to greater Cologne)

Wellness
→ www.koelnbaeder.de
→ www.neptunbad.de
→ www.claudius-therme.de
→ www.mauritius-ht.de
Museumstickets

For current admission, all information on concessions and conditions:
www.museenkoeln.de

MuseumsCard
Individuals or families (two adults and two children). The Kombiticket is valid for all museums of the City of Cologne on two consecutive days and as a ticket for public transport in Cologne on the first day. Available from ticket offices at all museums of the City of Cologne, from KVB public transport for Cologne (Ticket-Center Neumarkt) and on www.koelnticket.de.

KölnCard
It’s a cheap and convenient way to discover Cologne 24 or 48 hours free travel on trams and buses, plus 50% reduction in the field of sightseeing, art, culture and restaurants. The KölnCard for groups of up to 5 people or as an individual ticket is available at KölnTourismus, in many hotels in Cologne and at the customer centres (Kundenzentrum) and ticket machines of the Kölner Verkehrsbetriebe (KVB) and the Deutsche Bahn (DB) in the entire Verkehrsverbund Rhein-Sieg (VRS). You will find a wealth of information on what the KölnCard offers on www.koelntourismus.de.