

Aachen at a Glance

Places of interest, guided city tours,
restaurants, leisure tips and much more



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Aachen – a city to fall in love with

Some people say that Aachen's location at the border triangle of Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium makes the city so special. Others say it's the beautiful old town or Aachen Cathedral that attracts so many visitors to the city. We say: it's everything together – and many things more.

But find out for yourself what makes Germany's westernmost city so special! On the following pages we show you lots of things worth seeing, our city tours, tips and tricks as well as everything you need to know about catering, leisure and more.

Would you like to find out more about our guided tours? Visit aachen-tourismus.de/EN/discover-aachen/guided-tours or scan the QR code:



Contact

Booking and advice Service Center

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Service hours: Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets, souvenirs and advice on-site

Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen

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52062 Aachen

Opening hours:

January to March

Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sat and Sun: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April to December

Mon – Sat: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sun: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.


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 Barrier-free access

 Handicapped accessible toilet available

 Handicapped parking available

 Important information for people with disabilities

 Special offers/assistance for people with hearing impairments

Our tip: Let Charlie, our 'digital Aachen at a glance' guide you through Aachen with even more personal tips and information on current events!
charlie.aachen-tourismus.de/en





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Sights

Our highlights in Aachen that you simply have to see during a visit

Image motif: Aachen Town Hall | Page 10



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Aachen Cathedral

The Aachen Cathedral is one of the most famous examples of occidental architecture. It is the coronation church of more than 30 German kings, burial site of Charlemagne, major pilgrimage church and cathedral church of the Aachen diocese since 1930. In 1978 it was the first German building to be included in the UNESCO World Heritage list. A guided tour is therefore an essential part of any visit to Aachen and a 'must' for anyone who loves historic buildings and churches.

Directly adjacent is the Katschhof – a real favourite place, where high-class events and markets take place throughout the year in the shadow of the cathedral.



Church service times

Mon – Sat: 7, 10 a.m.
Sun: 8, 10, 11.45 a.m.,
6 p.m. vesper

Visiting hours

Jan – March
Mon – Sat: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sun: 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Apr – Dec
Mon – Thur: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri – Sat: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sun: 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.



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Domhof 1, 52062 Aachen
tour@aachenerdom.de
aachenerdom.de



Note

Short-term closure due to church festivities is possible. Current information on closures on aachenerdom.de or by telephone at +49 241 47709145.

Our tip: Attend vespers on Sunday at 6 p.m.: Evening praise in the cathedral – classically celebrated with psalms, hymns and songs (with sacramental blessing on high feasts).



Cathedral Treasury

The cathedral treasury contains the most important and extensive church treasure north of the Alps. The works of art were created over the course of 1,200 years. The treasure grew with the importance of the church as the burial place of Charlemagne and Emperor Otto III, coronation church of the German kings and European place of pilgrimage. The main works of art are the Lothar Cross, the bust of Charlemagne, the Proserpine Sarcophagus and the famous locks from the shrine of the Virgin Mary. Individual visitors can explore the cathedral treasury with the multi-language audio guide, groups can take part in guided tours (booking required 4 weeks in advance).

Admission: 4 – 7 €, group and family discounts available

Tickets: Cathedral Information

Cathedral Information

The Cathedral Information is the contact point for all information around the Aachen Cathedral and meeting point for Cathedral and Cathedral Treasury guided tours. Tickets for Cathedral tours and admission to the Cathedral Treasury can only be obtained here. The Cathedral Information shop sells souvenirs and publications.

Opening hours

Cathedral Information

Jan – Mar: Mon – Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Apr – Dec: Mon – Sun: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cathedral Treasury

Jan – Mar: Mon: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Apr – Dec: Mon: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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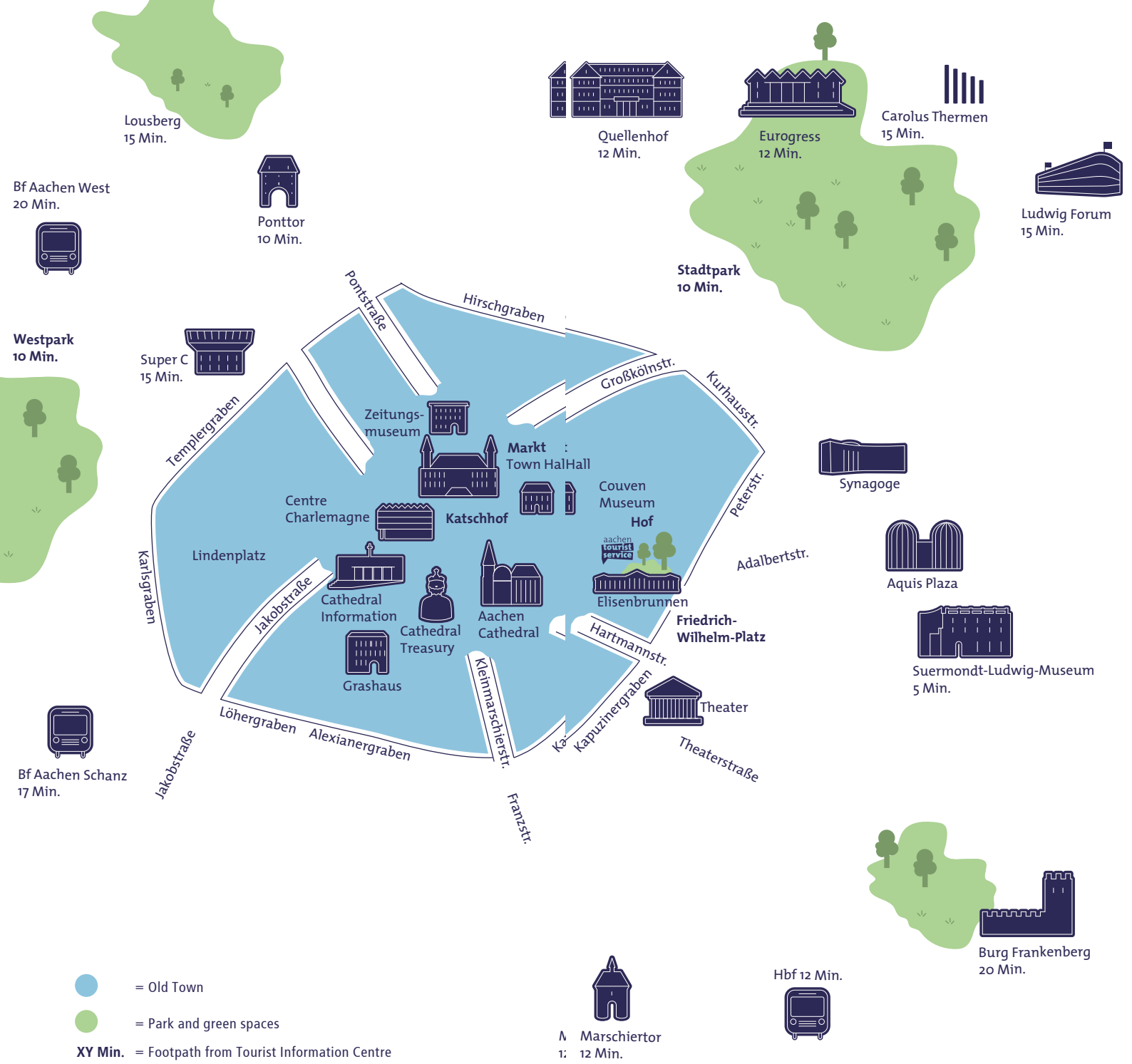


My favourite place in Aachen: The Katschhof, ...



... which exudes a beach feeling in summer with the 'Archimedean sandpit' and offers mulled wine with the most beautiful view of the cathedral in winter. When the Old Town flea market takes place there, the square between the cathedral and town hall and the surrounding alleyways are transformed into a true paradise for junk lovers like me several times a year. Young and old, locals and visitors from near and far meander through the rows and marvel at antiques, modern items and curiosities in the shadow of the cathedral. The search for nostalgic treasures against a fascinating historical backdrop - the perfect combination for me.

- **Melanie, Team Marketing & Communication**





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Town Hall

At the beginning of the 14th century the Aachen citizenship built the gothic 'Rathaus' (town hall) on the foundation walls of the derelict palace building of Charlemagne. Between 936 and 1531 the banquets of the Aachen royal coronation ceremonies were held at this place. Today, the monumental coronation hall still reminds of this time. There are also reproductions true to the originals of the imperial regalia, among them the imperial crowns, swords and the gospel books of sovereigns of the Middle Ages.

Admission: 3 – 6 €, free admission for people under 22 years



Opening hours

daily 1 a.m. – 6 p.m.
At special events the town hall remains closed. For more information, see the town hall website.



Contact

Markt, 52062 Aachen
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rathaus-aachen.de

Our tip: You can explore the town hall either with the free app from the town hall association 'Rathausverein' (rathausverein-aachen.de) or with one of our guided tours of the town hall, where you can hear the exciting stories hidden behind the historic walls (see page 23).



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Museums

From fascinating city history to magnificent church treasures and contemporary art

Image motif: Couven Museum | Page 14



Centre Charlemagne – Neues Stadtmuseum Aachen

The new city museum 'Centre Charlemagne – Neues Stadtmuseum Aachen' in the heart of the former palatinate area of Charlemagne brings important stages of the city's history to life: the Carolingian time, in which Aachen became the centre of the Franconian Empire, the city of coronations and sophisticated health resort of the baroque period. In the history laboratory you can immerse into Carolingian daily life and try out many things yourself: How heavy was a chain mail? What kind of clothes did ordinary people wear? What was the ink made of, used for the magnificent scripts? Discover the Route Charlemagne starting from the New City Museum Aachen!

Admission: 3 – 6 €, free admission for people under 22 years
Guided tours: +49 241 432-4998 | museumsdienst@mail.aachen.de

Opening hours

Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 Last admission 30 min.
 before closing.

Contact

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centre-charlemagne.eu

Our tip: The city's museums regularly offer public guided tours and exciting workshops. Information and dates at museumsdienst-aachen.de



Ludwig Forum Aachen

The Ludwig Forum for International Art Aachen is a multidisciplinary, contemporary art institution. It is based on the collection of Peter and Irene Ludwig with key works of Pop Art, photo realism and European art from the 1960s until today. The collection comprises more than 3000 works – from artists like Duane Hanson, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Andy Warhol, Nancy Graves, Neo Rauch, Phyllida Barlow, Jenny Holzer and many others. It is starting point of an attractive and multifaceted exhibition and event programme.

Admission: 3 – 6 € (separate prices for special exhibitions), free admission for people under 22 years, Euregio childcare centres and schools

Opening hours

Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 + Thur: to 8 p.m.
 Last admission 30 min.
 before closing.

Contact

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 52070 Aachen
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info@ludwigforum.de
ludwigforum.de

Our tip: Museum Card 'Six for Six'

The museum card 'Six for Six' offers one admission to each of the five city museums (Ludwig Forum, Suermondt-Ludwig-Museum, Couven Museum, Centre Charlemagne, International Newspaper Museum) plus Town Hall.

Validity: 6 months, from date of purchase

Price: 10 – 14 €, available at all participating museums



Couven Museum

The Couven Museum is probably Aachen's most beautiful living room! Located in the centre of the old town on the Hühnermarkt square, the town house, which had accommodated a pharmacy since the 17th century, was redesigned in 1786 by the famous architect Johann Joseph Couven.

Today, visitors to the Couven Museum can wander through the homes of earlier centuries and experience how taste and fashion, as well as domestic life, family and childhood changed over time and how technical goods characterised everyday life.

Admission: 3 – 6 €, free admission for people under 22 years

Guided tours: +49 241 432-4998 | museumsdienst@mail.aachen.de

Barrier-free accessibility: Limited to some rooms on the ground floor

Opening hours

Mon: closed
 Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 1st Saturday of the month:
 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 Last admission 30 min.
 before closing.

Contact

Hühnermarkt 17, 52062 Aachen
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info@couven-museum.de
couven-museum.de

Our tip: In addition to the collection, the changing exhibitions are always worth a visit to the city's museums, which you can find all the information about on the museum websites.



Grashauss

Aachen is the city of the Charlemagne Prize and has the special commitment of introducing young people to the topic of Europe. This takes place in the 'Grashauss', which represents the station 'Europe' of the Route Charlemagne. The Grashauss is one of the oldest buildings in Aachen and of great historical importance. Although the educationalists have adjusted themselves to the young audience with monumental comic drawings of the Berlin artist Andree Volkmann and modern interactive media stations, the beautiful old architecture has well been preserved.

After registration, visitors can visit the house with the historic charter hall and the central hall called 'chapel'.

Opening hours

Only within booked groups
 or as participant of the public
 guided tour (see tip)

Contact

Fischmarkt 3, 52062 Aachen
museumsdienst@mail.aachen.de
grashauss-aachen.eu

Our tip: The Grashauss is primarily an extracurricular place of learning. If you would like to visit the Grashauss 'just like that', you can register for a guided architectural history tour (see above for contact details).



Suermondt-Ludwig-Museum

As a civic museum, the Suermondt-Ludwig Museum stands for art from antiquity to classical modernism. In the meantime, the collection includes 900 sculptures, 1,500 paintings and more than 10,000 graphic sheets, in addition to numerous arts and crafts objects. After almost two years of closure for air-conditioning renovation, the walls are now freshly painted and the works of renowned artists such as Rembrandt, Dürer, Cranach, Zurbarán, Liebermann and Macke are presented in a new and exciting arrangement. The works of renowned artists are presented in the former city palace 'Bürgerliche Kunstammer'.

Internationales Zeitungsmuseum

In an impressive residential house from the 15th century the 'Internationales Zeitungsmuseum' (International Newspaper Museum) offers one of the most recent and informative presentations on the international world of media of the 21st century. With articles like 'From Event to Information' or 'Lie and Truth' it conveys media competence in a clear and contemporary way. The world-wide unique collection is based on a stock of 300,000 international newspapers from five centuries.

Admission: 3 – 6 €, free admission for people under 22 years, for refugees and people with disabilities

Guided tours: +49 241 432-4998 | museumsdienst@mail.aachen.de

Opening hours

Mon: closed
Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Last admission 30 min.
before closing.

Contact

Pontstr. 13, 52062 Aachen
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izm@mail.aachen.de
izm.de

Our tip: Anyone who imagines the 'Newspaper Museum' to be a dusty archive is mistaken: It's all about the past, present and future of all types of media. Holographically staged objects and interactive elements make the visit exciting for the whole family.



Opening hours

Mon: closed
Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact

Wilhelmstr. 18, 52070 Aachen
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info@suermondt-ludwig-museum.de
suermondt-ludwig-museum.de

CHIO Aachen-Museum/History Tour

It is the most famous equestrian tournament in the world: the World Equestrian Festival CHIO Aachen. Each year more than 350,000 visitors passionately follow the competitions in five disciplines. In the CHIO Aachen-Museum the highlights from more than one hundred years can be seen once again, e.g. the riding boots of Hans Günter Winkler, as well as historical trophies, medals and many curiosities. Another special feature is the 'History Tour': Information boards at prominent locations on the CHIO Aachen venue inform visitors about the constructing development of the traditional tournament grounds in the Aachen Soers.

Admission: free

Opening hours museum

Wed and Fri: 12 to 5 p.m.
with prior registration
under +49 0241 9171 105

Accessibility History Tour

Mon – Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact

Albert-Servais-Allee 50
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Büchel-Museum in der Roten Burg

Since the end of 2018 one of the oldest town houses of Aachen, the 'Rote Burg', accommodates the privately run Büchel-Museum. As the first central exhibition, a comprehensive collection with graphic artworks and works of the artist Emil Orlik, who died in Prague in 1870, are shown. Impressive are his coloured woodcuts – Orlik learned this technique during his journeys to Japan. Additionally, temporary exhibitions of regional art collectors are planned in the new museum, as well as literary evenings with readings and music evenings for the promotion of young artists.

Admission: 3 – 6 €, free admission for people under 22 years

Opening hours

Thur – Sun: 12 to 6 p.m.

Contact

Büchel 14, 52062 Aachen
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info@roteburg-buechelmuseum.de
roteburg-buechelmuseum.de

Our tip: Guided tours for 5 or more people by telephone arrangement. Guided tours for groups of 10 people or more: 40 € on weekdays, 50 € on Saturdays and Sundays (by prior arrangement only)

NAK. Neuer Aachener Kunstverein

In 1986 the NAK was founded as a late echo of the legendary Fluxus-Festival. The NAK does not only take on a primary function for the local art scene, but is internationally recognized as an innovative platform for contemporary art. The exhibitions of the NAK are always accompanied by a varied supporting programme.

Admission: 2 – 4 €, free admission for children up to the age of 12 and members of all art associations affiliated with the AdKV (Association of German Art Societies)

Guided tours: +49 241 503255 | info@neueraachenerkunstverein.de

Opening hours

Tue – Sun: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact

Passtr. 29, 52070 Aachen
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info@neueraachenerkunstverein.de
neueraachenerkunstverein.de

Abbey treasure St. John the Baptist

St. John Baptist characterises the view of Burtscheid with its baroque domed building structure. Inside it accommodates an important church treasure, which consists of four parts: liturgical vessels, reliquaries, mosaic icons and chasubles. The oldest reliquary is a former rock crystal perfume bottle from Egypt of 990. The abbess's cross of 1230 and the bust of St. John the Baptist enrich the collection.

Admission: 2 – 2,50 €, (Groups and school classes by appointment)

Opening hours

Each 1st Sat and 3rd Wed
in the month from 3 p.m.–
5 p.m. (approx. 30 min.
guided tour included)

Contact

Abteiplatz, 52066 Aachen
+49 241 96101-0
abteischatz@st-gregor-von-burtscheid.de
st-gregor-von-burtscheid.de

Our tip: Burtscheid is Aachen's popular spa district with its own charm and ancient history. You can enjoy a nice picnic in the parks or stop off at one of the lovely cafés and restaurants after a stroll through the pedestrian zone.



Kunsthau NRW Kornelimünster

With its exhibitions and its collection the 'Kunsthau NRW Kornelimünster' provides a glimpse into the present situation and future of the art scene in North Rhine-Westphalia. Since 1948 the state of NRW has been supporting young artists by purchasing works. The collection is therefore rejuvenated every year and reflects the changing zeitgeist and artistic movements since the beginning of modern art in the region. The Kunsthau is housed in the monastery residence of the old imperial abbey, which from 1719 was converted into a magnificent baroque palace with lavish stucco work and paintings.

Admission: free

Guided tours: Free guided tours every last Sunday of the month with prior registration. Group tours on request.

Accessibility: Limited to some rooms on the ground floor



Opening hours

Thur – Sat: 12 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Contact

Abteigarten 6, 52076 Aachen
Kornelimünster
+49 2408 6492
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kunsthau.nrw

Our tip: Kornelimünster is a wonderful place to combine culture and nature: Not only is there a beautiful historic town centre with cafés, but also the starting point of the Eifelsteig hiking trail and a station on the Vennbahn route (see p. 58 – 59). You can stock up on information material (and much more) at 'Das Urig' on Benediktusplatz square in Kornelimünster: **dasurig.com**

Zollmuseum Friedrichs

The 'Zollmuseum Friedrichs' (custom museum) is a vivid centre in memory of the European border history. Approximately 3,000 exhibits show the history of customs and their development from the source of income to the protection of the local economy. This includes documents of the so-called 'sinful border' during the Fifties. In addition forbidden souvenirs e.g. stuffed bears, croc bags, ivory, snakeskin and evidences of trademark piracy can be seen.

Admission: free

Guided tours: Group tours (+/- 15 people) cost 90 €, School tours cost 45 €. The tours last 90 minutes and are only available by appointment on +49 241 432 4998 or museumsdienst@mail.aachen.de.



Public guided tours

Every 1st Sunday 11 a.m.
and every 3rd Sunday 2:30
p.m. per month



Contact

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zollmuseum@mail.aachen.de
zollmuseum-friedrichs.de



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Public guided tours

We show you the most beautiful places in Aachen!

Image motif: Fountain 'Kreislauf des Geldes' at Elisengarten



© Tom Tietz

Guided Tour of the Old Town

Get to know the many facets of the historic old town: winding alleys, historical places, fountains and old town houses. At a guided tour history is brought to life. Whether Aachen Cathedral, Town Hall or dolls fountain; we show you the most beautiful places of Aachen Old Town and tell you exciting stories.

Price: Adults 12 €, Children 6–17 years 4,50 €

Meeting point: Tourist Info Elisengarten

Duration and Language: 1,5 hours | DE | EN

Tour of the Town Hall

Aachen Town Hall was erected on the foundation walls of the Carolingian King's hall. Built in the 14th century it belongs to the most beautiful buildings in the historical market square. Experience the neo-Gothic exterior in all its facets, often redesigned over the course of time. Immerse yourself in the fascinating history of the building and stroll through the richly decorated historic halls, including the famous Coronation Hall, the venue for the annual awarding of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen.

Price: Adults 15–18 € incl. admission, Children 6–17 years 4,50 €

Meeting point: Foyer Town Hall

Duration and Language: 1,5 hours | DE

Our tip: At weekends, we additionally offer exciting themed tours (German only). We also have a large selection of group tours in many other languages in our portfolio. Find out more at

aachen-tourismus.de/en/discover-aachen/guided-tours





Evening Stroll

If you want to get to know the old town in a relaxed and cosy atmosphere after work, let yourself be whisked away on this stroll through the city's alleyways and atmospheric squares. In the light of dusk, you will learn interesting facts about the famous buildings and sights – from the Eisenbrunnen fountain to the Town Hall and from the Cathedral to the Bahkauv.

Price: Adults 15 €, Children 6–17 years 5,50 €

Meeting point: Tourist Info Eisenbrunnen

Duration and Language: 1,5 hours | DE

Our tip: All city tours can as well be booked exclusively for birthdays, team events, etc.

Aachen Cathedral

Tickets for public guided tours are available daily at the Cathedral Information Centre. Times and dates can be found at aachenerdom.de; opening times may change at short notice, due to special services or events. Please note: Reservations and advance booking are only possible for closed groups.

Price: 5–7 €

Tickets: Dominformation, Johannes-Paul-II.-Straße

Duration and Language: 45 min. | DE | EN

Our tip: After a guided tour of the Cathedral, we recommend a visit to the Cathedral Treasury – visit the most important ecclesiastical treasury on this side of the Alps with a multi-lingual audio guide! More at aachener-domschatz.de



City tour in a cabriolet bus

With the double-decker convertible bus you will discover Aachen from a different perspective. In nice weather, the open seating area gives you a special feeling. The tour takes you to interesting sights away from Aachen's old town, such as the Carolus Thermen, the University Hospital, the Lindt & Sprüngli chocolate factories and even to the highest point of the Dutch mainland, the Dreiländerpunkt. There you can switch between Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands with just a few steps.

Price: Adults 20 €, Children 4–14 years 5 €

Tickets: Tourist Info Eisenbrunnen or citytour.de

Duration: ca. 2 hours

Our tip: If you buy 11 tickets you only pay for 10 tickets.

aixdrive Segway-tours

A guided tour of the town, which lets your heart beat faster: Discover Aachen on a Segway tour. After a short introduction into the technique as well as a test drive you'll get to know Aachen and the environment in a quite different way. Different tours are offered, e.g. the city tour, the Lousberg tour, the three-country tour or the tour 'On the tracks of Charlemagne'.

Price: from 55 €

Tickets: aixdrive.de

Duration: min. 90 minutes



Notice

Minimum age 14 years. Minors may only take part in a tour, if accompanied by a person with parental authority.



Through Aachen on your own

Discover the city for yourself!

Image motif: Elisengarten with St. Foillan and cathedral



Charlemagne guides you through Aachen

Would you like to explore Aachen on your own? Then our brochure 'Charlemagne guides you through Aachen' is just the thing for you! You can use it to discover the most important sights at your own pace. Simply follow the bronze nails that can be seen on the ground throughout the old town. These so-called 'Karlssiegel' guide you to all the highlights. You can obtain the brochure, which provides you with exciting background information on the 22 stations, from our Eisenbrunnen Tourist Information Centre.

Price: 3,95 € per brochure

Meeting point: Tourist Info Eisenbrunnen

Language: DE | EN | FR | NL | ES

City rally through Aachen

Test your knowledge at our city rally and become a true Aachen expert! There is fun and entertainment for 'children and teenagers' and 'adults'. The rallies are available in a group set (10 sheets + solution sheet) for 7 € at the Tourist Info Eisenbrunnen.

Language: DE

Our tip: Our digital travel planner 'Charlie' will guide you through Aachen! Create your own personalised trip and use the calendar and navigation function to make the most of your time in Aachen.
charlie.aachen-tourismus.de/en





Aachener Chronoskope®

By means of the worldwide unique Chronoskope® in Aachen city, you are given the possibility of making a time journey through the history of the imperial city. 2.50 m high metal columns with 3 eye-pieces in different heights allow young and old a view into the past. By pushing a button, two-minute animations with interesting information are activated free of charge and in four different languages (DE, EN, FR, NL).

Locations: Markt, Hühnermarkt, Hof, Münsterplatz, Katschhof and in the Kräutergarten.

Information: chronoskope-aachen.de

72 degrees – The hot springs of Aachen

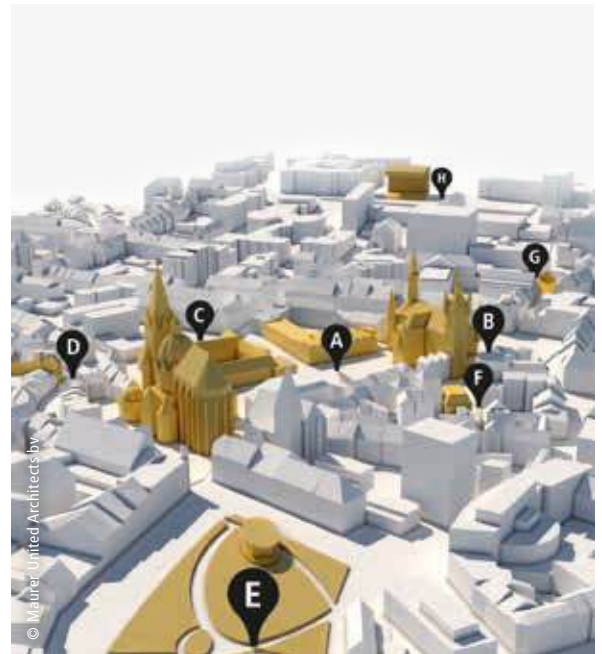
The 'Aachen 72 degrees' app takes you on a discovery tour through Aachen's city centre. The search leads to the hidden spring outlets and the still visible remains of past bathing culture. Time travellers from past centuries turn up unexpectedly and talk about their experiences in Aachen. The spring spirit 'Granni' tells amazing stories about 'his' thermal water. Using a smartphone or tablet, the geology of the thermal water becomes visible and the history of its use in the city and its environmental area comes to life.

Download: Google Play Store oder App Store

Information: aachen72grad.de

Route Charlemagne – A walk through Aachen's history

The 'Route Charlemagne' is an excursion tour along all great sights of Aachen's inner city. The 'Centre Charlemagne – Neues Stadtmuseum Aachen' (A) is centre and starting point of the 'Route Charlemagne', which leads to important places and buildings. Each station deals with its own subject of Aachen's town history around Charlemagne, but is also exemplary for the historic development within Europe. War and peace as well as Aachen's coronation tradition are in the focus of a visit of the Town Hall (B). In Cathedral and Treasury (C) religious aspects are in the foreground. In the 'Grashaus' (D) school classes learn all about Europe and its meaning. The 'Elisenbrunnen' (E) tells us about the spa resort Aachen.



The Couven Museum (F) demonstrates how citizens used to live in past times. The 'Internationale Zeitungsmuseum' (G) (International Newspaper Museum) deals with history and future of the media landscape. Last but not least there is the SuperC (H) next to the main building of the RWTH Aachen as a symbol for modern science.

Our tip: Further information can be found in the travel guide 'Route Charlemagne Aachen – a walk through history', which can be purchased from the Tourist Info Centre for 9,80 €.



Street Art City Aachen

Aachen is not only known for its historic city centre – street art as art in urban space leaves impressions worth seeing. It is an expression of creativity, social criticism and attitude to life. Go on a street art tour either with one of our guides or on your own with the Street Art Cities app (basic version free of charge) and discover the works of our city's street art scene. Experience how these works of art enrich the cityscape and be inspired by the creativity and diversity.

Download: Google Play Store oder App Store

Information: streetartcities.com/cities/aachen

Future Lab App

What connects Aachen Cathedral with multimedia specialists? The digital Science Guide not only explains this. It takes you on 1,3 km to 13 science stations – in Aachen's old town and the RWTH Aachen University city centre campus. The Future Lab app shows well-known and unknown places in Aachen, taking a look behind the scenes. It presents the most exciting projects and facts from Aachen's universities in compact, easy-to-understand articles with GPS control, audio guide, images, videos, specialist statements and 3D objects – from artificial mother-of-pearl and special waistcoats for the visually impaired to the world champion in robot construction.

Download: Google Play Store oder App Store

Information: futurelab-aachen.de/app



Shopping in Aachen

Shopping against a historical backdrop,
in small alleyways or in the mall

Image motif: Small Münsterplatz



Shopping in Aachen

Shopping in front of historic scenery with picturesque facades and narrow alleys, student atmosphere and international flair... this is a special experience, which you would hardly find anywhere else. Aachen, on the one hand, offers department stores as well as small and big shopping malls and, on the other hand, also special, exclusive, partly owner-run boutiques and shops with their very own style. Between shopping and strolling around you should have a break in one of the beautiful cafés or bistros that invite you to linger – this makes your shopping day a perfectly enjoyable experience.

The shops are mainly open from Mon – Sat from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (the exact opening hours of individual shops may vary).

Our tip: In the online portal for Aachen you find all information needed for shopping in Aachen. You would like to discover new stores and get to know the latest shopping news? At aachen-shopping.de you got it all!



Are you looking for original souvenirs from Aachen or the perfect gift? Then you're sure to find the right thing for every occasion here. aachen-tourismus.de/en/service/souvenirs



Factory outlets

Those with a sweet tooth in particular will find a great selection of factory outlets and outlet stores in Aachen. An absolute must – and not just around Christmas – is a visit to the factory outlets of Lambertz and Lindt, whose Printen (kind of spicy gingerbread) and chocolate make people happy. Nearby, Bahlsen offers biscuits at a 25-50% discount and the Zentis factory outlet attracts fans of jams and marzipan. Last but not least, lovers of high-quality cosmetics will get their money's worth: The Babor outlet offers a wide selection with personalised advice.

Info and opening hours:

aachen-tourismus.de/aachen-entdecken/shopping

Our tip: A Lindt branch can be found in Krämerstraße in the immediate vicinity of the cathedral. Around the cathedral you will find Aachen's most delicious export hit, the Öcher Printe, from Aachen's traditional bakeries. Enjoy the flavour!



Markets

Aachen's Christmas market is undoubtedly an absolute shopping highlight! Every year in the run-up to Christmas, the squares and alleyways around the Cathedral and Town Hall are transformed into a paradise of twinkling lights, colourful splendour, festive sounds and enticing smells. A must for every Christmas fan! In September, 300 exhibitors of arts and crafts and design present their products at the European Market in the heart of Aachen, which attracts up to 200,000 visitors every year and brings together creativity and craftsmanship from all over Europe. For junk lovers, the charming old town flea market takes place several times from spring to autumn, delighting visitors with its historic backdrop and unique atmosphere. Everyone will find their own personal gem there!

Fairtrade City Aachen

Aachen has been a Fairtrade city since 2011 and has a colourful range of Fairtrade shops, restaurants and active aid organisations such as Misereor and Missio. The topic is more topical than ever, as quality and the large selection of Fairtrade products complement each other perfectly today.

Find out more: aachen-shopping.de/fairtrade

Our tip: On our group tour 'Global Aachen – Fairtrade City', you will go on a walk through the city centre, immerse yourself in the world of Fairtrade and sustainability and raise your awareness for a fairer world while shopping!



My favourite place in Aachen: The Annastraße

As I walk along, the anticipation of entering our beautiful old town mixes with fascination over the picturesque house facades. On the way, I enjoy the silence that lasts here for a little while until the street opens like a gate to the Fischpüddelchen and reveals the view of the cathedral spires. Individual and noble stores can be found here. From chic handbags, fine handcrafted jewelry to special second hand bargains or even fine wool for needlework and impressive painting art - here the astonished guest and the savvy Aachen connoisseur will find tasteful specialties.

- Susanne, Team Service Center



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Theatre & Entertainment

Fascinating theatrical art and cultural highlights in the city

Image motif: Theatre Aachen | Staging 'House of Karls'

Theater Aachen

Sinfonieorchester Aachen   

Mörgens

Opulent operas, magnificent plays, nationally acclaimed concerts: Aachen Theatre, which celebrates its 200th birthday in 2025, takes you on journeys beyond the boundaries of everyday life and invites you to encounter stories and characters that touch and move – across all genres and for all generations. Aachen Theatre's smallest venue, the Mörgens, is a 'performance space for all'. Many of the projects and events that take place here invite to participate, interact and get involved.

Advance booking: Theatre box office | +49 241 4784-244
 theateraachen.de | theaterkasse@mail.aachen.de
Evening box office: 1 hour before start of the performance



Opening hours

Theatre box office
 Tue – Fri: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Sat: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Contact

Theater Aachen
 Theaterplatz, 52062 Aachen
 theater@mail.aachen.de
 theateraachen.de
 Mörgens
 Mörgensstraße 24, 52064 Aachen

Puppet Theatre 'Öcher Schängche'

The 'Öcher Schängche' puppet theatre has been delighting audiences since 1921. The programme of the popular stage in the 'Barockfabrik' on Löhergraben ranges from children's plays to classics with lots of 'Öcher Platt'. The latest High German creation is the stick puppet cabaret 'Pech & Schwefel'. Depending on the play, tickets are available in advance by telephone or at the Schmetz bookshop, with remaining tickets available half an hour before the start of the performance in the foyer of the Barockfabrik.

Advance booking: +49 241 172016 | albert.baurmann@t-online.de



Opening hours

Children's plays (Sundays)
 Pre-order Sundays:
 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
 Adult plays (Thursdays)
 Pre-order Mon – Thu:
 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.



Contact

Löhergraben 22, 52062 Aachen
 +49 241 172016
 info@oecher-schaengche.de
 oecher-schaengche.de

Schmetz bookshop

Ticket sales for 'Pech & Schwefel'
 Mon – Fri: 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Sat: 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Schmetz bookshop

Münsterplatz 7-9, 52062 Aachen
 +49 241 31369
 info@buchhandlung-schmetz.de




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Grenzlandtheater Aachen

The Grenzlandtheater offers a varied theatre programme: from upscale comedy and (modern) classic and contemporary drama to musical; for those who are looking for sophisticated entertainment and experiencing theatre firsthand, the Grenzlandtheater is the right place to be.

Advance booking at the theatre: +49 241 4746-111
grenzlandtheater.de | tickets@grenzlandtheater.de

Evening box office: 90 minutes before the performance starts

 **Opening hours**
Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
and 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

 **Contact**
Friedrich-Wilhelm-Platz 5/6
52062 Aachen
+49 241 4746-10
info@grenzlandtheater.de
grenzlandtheater.de

Black Table Magic Theater Aachen

Experience magic moments at close range directly at the Black Table. One table, one artist, two hands, 70 spectators and 120 minutes show!

Advance booking: black-table.de

 **Opening hours**
Various programmes
Tue – Sun: from 3 p.m.
Exclusive bookings on request

 **Contact**
Borggasse 30 / Cineplex Aachen
52064 Aachen
+49 241 90068309
info@black-table.de
black-table.de

DAS DA Theater

The repertoire of the biggest private theatre of the StädteRegion Aachen, with more than 500 performances and 55,000 spectators per year, is characterized by premieres, contemporary pieces, classics and musical works. In autumn and winter, the theatre dinner at Gut Hebscheid offers fine food and the best entertainment; in summer, there is opulent open-air theatre at Wilhelmstein Castle.


Advance booking: Schmetz bookshop: +49 241 161688 | dasda.de
Evening box office: 1 hour before start of the performance

 **Opening hours**
Tue – Fri: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

 **Contact**
Liebigstraße 9, 52070 Aachen
+49 241 161688
theater@dasda.de
dasda.de

Theater K

Resident in Aachen for 33 years, the Theater K with its professional drama ensemble has played at several venues. Dramas, scenic musical readings and other cross-over projects take place in the TuchWerk or in various Aachen museums.

 **Opening hours**
Times vary depending
on the programme


 **Contact**
Strüverweg 116, 52070 Aachen
+49 241 151155
theater-k@arcor.de
theater-k.de


Theater 99

The Theater 99 is Aachen's oldest independent theatre. Here, comedians, independent and amateur theatres, street artists and also groups of children and pupils are continually coming and going.

Advance booking: All points of sale on akut-theater99.de
ticket-regional.de | +49 651 9790777

Evening boxoffice: 1 hour before start of the performance

 **Opening hours**
Times vary depending
on the programme

 **Contact**
Gasborn 9 - 11, 52062 Aachen
+49 241 9290959
info@akut-theater99.de
akut-theater99.de



Music and festivals

People love to party in Aachen! Throughout the year, there are numerous festivals and events that delight visitors and locals alike. Dance fans should not miss the **'Schrittmacher Festival'**, where international dance art is presented. At the **'Kimiko Festival'**, alternative music meets creative workshops – perfect for a relaxed weekend. The **'Kurpark Classix'** offers pop and classical music in the open air in a wonderful setting. At **'Stadtglühen'**, the summer cultural festival of the independent scene, you can marvel at free acts at various locations in the city. In September, the **'September Special'** transforms the city centre into a large stage where live music, culture and culinary delights come together. In addition to these nationally renowned events, Aachen also hosts many charming street and neighbourhood festivals throughout the year, where you can experience the typical Aachen attitude to life at first hand. No matter what time of year – there's always something going on in Aachen!

Our tip: You can find all events and festivals in our event calendar. aachen-tourismus.de/en/discover-aachen/events



My favourite place in Aachen: The Ferris wheel at the September Special

The September Special is one of my favourite events. For me, this weekend marks the end of a beautiful summer and the beginning of autumn every year. We enjoy the atmosphere with friends in the old town: strolling from one free concert to the next, eating a snack at one of the food trucks and drinking a delicious cocktail! The biggest highlight for me, however, is a ride on the Ferris wheel at Katschhof square. The atmosphere is particularly magical when you float above the rooftops of Aachen at dusk and admire the many colourful lights.

- Sophie, Team Service Center & Tourist Info



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Food and Drinks

Fine delicacies, regional home cooking, international specialities and more!

Image motif: Markt

Aachen is all about enjoyment! From cosy cafés to traditional regional cuisine, Mediterranean specialities and Asian delicacies – Aachen has something to suit every taste and budget. The Old Town is home to charming eateries, while the neighbourhoods entice visitors with trendy food spots. Whether you're a student, tourist or local - the gastronomic diversity promises delicious discoveries for everyone. Immerse yourself in Aachen's culinary world and be surprised!

On the following pages you will find the offerings of our member establishments for fine dining, restaurants, bistros, bars, cafés, breweries and wine bars. The small icons provide information about accessibility, on-site amenities and the food on offer. If a location is particularly suitable for groups, e.g. because separate rooms can be booked, the maximum possible group size is indicated.



Accessibility
(access & toilet)



Terrace or
beer garden



Particularly suitable
for families



Breakfast and/or
brunch



Regional
specialities



Distance to the
Tourist Info

Our tip: You can find all the catering establishments that are members of aachen tourist service e.v. with practical additional information at aachen-tourismus.de/en/enjoyment-and-going-out

Use the QR code to go directly to the current overview.
We wish you bon appétit!



Fine-Dining



Ratskeller

Markt 40, Aachen
+49 241 35001
ratskeller-aachen.de

Seats: 200 | Groups: 200



📍 0,4 km



lokal

Mostardstraße 17, Aachen
+49 241 91065832
lokal-dining.de

Seats: 20 | Groups: on request



📍 0,6 km



Le Saladier Hotel Buschhausen

Adenauerallee 215, Aachen
+49 241 600 80
hotel-buschhausen.de

Seats: 90 | Groups: 60



📍 2,8 km



Bilderberg Kasteel Vaalsbroek

Vaalsbroek 1, Vaals NL
+31 43 3089308
bilderberg.nl/vaals/kasteel-vaalsbroek

Seats: 90 | Groups: on request



📍 8 km



St. Benedikt *

Benediktusplatz 12, Kornelimünster
+49 2408 2888
stbenedikt.de

Seats: 24



📍 11,2 km



Restaurant Pirandello Winseler Hof

Tunnelweg 99, Landgraaf NL
+31 45 5464343
winselerhof.nl

Seats: 80 | Groups: 120



📍 20,2 km



Fletcher Hotel Kasteel Erenstein

Oud Erensteiner Weg 6, Kerkrade NL
+31 45 5461333
kasteelerenstein.nl

Seats: 40 | Groups: 200



📍 20,7 km



Les Salons

Château St. Gerlach
Joseph Corneli Allée 1, Valkenburg NL
+31 43 608 8888
stgerlach.nl

Seats: 62 | Groups: 200



📍 34 km



Restaurant Ralf Berendsen **

Domaine La Butte aux Bois
Paalsteenlaan 90, Lanaken B
+32 89 73 97 70
ralfberendsen.be

Seats: 35 | Groups: 20



📍 48,6 km

Restaurants and bistros



Cafélysée

Hartmannstr. 12-14, Aachen
+49 241 9160 730
cafelysee.de

Seats: 110 | Groups: 70-80



📍 0,1 km



Elisenbrunnen Restaurant

Friedrich-Wilhelm-Platz 14, Aachen
+49 241 94313490
eb-aachen.de

Seats: 210 | Groups: 80



📍 0,1 km



Restaurant Luna am Theater

Theaterplatz 7, Aachen
+49 241 44108030
restaurant-luna.de

Seats: 110 | Groups: 90



📍 0,2 km



Hanswurst | Wurstrestaurant

Münsterplatz 6, Aachen
+49 241 47581491
hanswurst.de

Seats: 50



📍 0,2 km



McDonalds

Holzgraben 11, Aachen
+49 241 25913
mcdonalds.com/de

Seats: 140



📍 0,2 km



Postwagen
Krämerstr. 2, Aachen
+49 241 35001
postwagen-aachen.de
Seats: 90 | Groups: 90



📍 0,4 km



Curry-Palast
Komphausbadstr. 39/41, Aachen
+49 241 29602
currypalast.de
Seats: 74



📍 0,4 m



Smashup! am Dom
Schmiedstr. 5, Aachen
+49 160 1213183
smashupburger.de
Seats: 75



📍 0,4 km



Zum goldenen Einhorn
Markt 33, Aachen
+49 241 32693
zum-goldenen-einhorn.de
Seats: 84 | Groups: 62



📍 0,5 km



Novo² Bar, Lounge & Eatery
Novotel Aachen City
Peterstr. 66, Aachen
+49 241 5159512
novotel.com
Seats: 150 | Groups: 100



📍 0,7 km



UpTown Sky Lounge & Restaurant
INNSiDE by Meliá Aachen
Sandkaulstr. 20, Aachen
+49 241 510370
innside.com
Seats: 90 | Groups: 30



📍 0,8 km



Restaurant Am Knipp
Bergdriesch 3, Aachen
+49 241 33168
amknipp.de
Seats: 220 | Groups: 40



📍 0,8 km



Gold of Naples
Pontstr. 125, Aachen
+49 241 91991532
goldofnaples.de
Seats: 36



📍 0,9 km



Tangente
Pontstraße 141, Aachen
+49 241 95781555
dietangente.de
Seats: 30 | Groups: 30–100



📍 1 km



O'FRA Pizzabar
Dammstraße 61, Aachen
+49 241 93291611
o-fra.de
Seats: 30



📍 1,1 km



Parkhotel Quellenhof
Monheimsallee 52, Aachen
+49 241 91320
parkhotel-quellenhof.de
Seats: 65 | Groups: 400



📍 1,1 km



García Latin Fusion & Tapas
Ludwigsallee 25, Aachen
+49 241 96903800
garcialatinfusion.com
Seats: 60 | Groups: 15



📍 1,3 km



Park-Terrassen
Dammstr. 40, Aachen
+49 241 66696
park-terrassen.de
Seats: 500 | Groups: 500



📍 1,3 km



Bar & Restaurant Kochkultur
Carolus Thermen
Passstraße 79, Aachen
+49 241 18274612
carolus-thermen.de
Seats: 80 | Groups: 80



📍 1,5 km



**Restaurant Mercure
Aachen Europaplatz**
Joseph-von-Görres-Str. 21, Aachen
+49 241 16870
mercure-aachen-europaplatz.de
Seats: 90 | Groups: 250



📍 1,9 km



ferbers
Kapellenstr. 51, Aachen
+49 241 56828262
ferbers.de
Seats: 150 | Groups: 50



📍 1,9 km



Restaurant Il Mercato
Art Hotel Superior
Am Branderhof 101, Aachen
+49 241 60970
art-hotel-superior.de
Seats: 100 | Groups: 100



📍 2,4 km



Restaurant Art Hotel Aachen
Adenauerallee 209, Aachen
+49 241 608360
art-hotel-aachen.de
Seats: 60 | Groups: 60



📍 2,9 km



L'Osteria Aachen
Gut-Dämme-Straße 1, Aachen
+49 241 96979929
losteria.net
Seats: 286 | Groups: 25



📍 3,3 km



THE ASH Aachen
Gut-Dämme-Straße 3, Aachen
+49 241 96979969
ash-steakhouse.de
Seats: 250 | Groups: 28-70



📍 3,5 km



Gut Entenpfuhl
Entenpfuhler Weg 11, Aachen
+49 241 71393
gut-entenpfuhl.de
Seats: 150 | Groups: 80



📍 5,6 km



Sakura Japanisches Restaurant
Trierer Str. 702, Aachen
+49 241 91997340
sakura-aachen.de
Seats: 20

📍 6,7 km



De Bokkerijder Dreiländerpunkt
Viergrenzenweg 232, Vaals NL
+31 43 3061589
bokkerijder.nl
Seats: 200 | Groups: 200



📍 8,2 km



Restaurant Zur Heide | Hotel
Raafstr. 76-80, Aachen
+49 2408 925260
hotel-zur-heide-aachen.de
Seats: 80 | Groups: 80



📍 8,2 km



**Kloosterbrasserie de Kanunnik
Abdij Rolduc**
Heyendallaan 82, Kerkrade NL
+31 45 5466888
rolduc.com
Seats: 50 | Groups: 500



📍 15 km



Landgasthof Gut Marienbildchen
Münsterbildchen 3, Roetgen
+49 2471 2523
gut-marienbildchen.de
Seats: 60 | Groups: 30



📍 16,6 km



**Fletcher Hotel-Restaurant
Parkstad-Zuid Limburg**
Roda JC Ring 59, Kerkrade NL
+31 45 5436470
fletcherhotelparkstad.nl
Seats: 70 | Groups: 125

📍 16,8 km



Best Western Hotel Slenaken
Heijenratherweg 4, Slenaken NL
+31 43 4573546
hotelslenaken.com
Seats: 70 | Groups: 250



📍 19,1 km



**Hotel Restaurant
Vichter Landhaus**
Münsterau 140, Stolberg-Vicht
+49 2402 98910
vichter-landhaus.de
Seats: 150 | Groups: 100



📍 20,3 km



Restaurant SnowWorld Landgraaf
Witte Wereld 1, Landgraaf NL
+31 45 5470700
snowworld.com
Seats: 1.470 | Groups: 300



📍 20,8 km



Achat Hotel Monschau
Laufenstr. 82, Monschau
+49 2472 860
achat-hotels.com/hotels/monschau
Seats: 250 | Groups: 200



📍 31,6 km



Landhotel Kallbach
Simonskall 24-26, Hürtgenwald
+49 2429 94440
kallbach.de
Seats: 100 | Groups: 140



📍 32,7 km



Bistrot Le Ciel
Domaine La Butte aux Bois,
Paalsteenlaan 90, Lanaken BE
+32 89 739770
labutteauxbois.be
Seats: 100 | Groups: 40



📍 48,6 km



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My favourite place in Aachen: The Pontstraße

Aachen is definitely the most beautiful city in the world that has something to offer for everyone. For example, Pontstraße, which winds its way through the inner city, is my personal favourite place. Especially on summer evenings I like to meet my friends in one of the beautiful bars or cafes. With a cappuccino or cocktail I can switch off super and chat comfortably with my friends. Afterwards, the clubs invite you to dance and party with loud music. There is a relaxed atmosphere, where you can also get to know new people.

- Corinna, Team Marketing & Communication

Cafés



ferbers am Elisengarten
Friedrich-Wilhelm-Platz 13b,
Aachen
Seats: 80



0 km



Nobis Printen
Münsterplatz 3, Aachen
+49 241 968000
nobis-printen.de
Seats: 100



0,2 km



Lammerskötter im Hof
Hof 4, Aachen
+49 241 35200
lammerskoetter.de
Seats: 100 | Groups: 40



0,3 km



Isabella Glutenfreie Pâtisserie
Münsterplatz 13, Aachen
+49 241 40006944
isabella-patisserie.de
Seats: 10



0,3 km



Aachener Café Haus
Krämerstr. 11, Aachen
+49 241 9008890
aachener-cafe-haus.de
Seats: 100 | Groups: 60



0,3 km



Café van den Daele
Büchel 18, Aachen
+49 241 35724
van-den-daele.de
Seats: 90 | Groups: 40



0,3 km



Café-Konditorei Middelberg
Rethelstr. 6, Aachen
+49 241 39167
cafe-middelberg.de
Seats: 130 | Groups: 60



0,4 km



Milou Das Katzencafé
Alexanderstr. 55, Aachen
+49 241 99033650
katzencafe-aachen.de
Seats: 40



0,7 km



Café Madrid
Pontstr. 141, Aachen
+49 241 1605201
cafemadrid.de
Seats: 130 | Groups: 50



1 km



Café M
Dammstr. 29-31, Aachen
+49 241 9518461
cafe-M-Aachen.de
Seats: 50 | Groups: 30



1,3 km



Oecher Eis-Treff
Bismarckstr. 72, Aachen
+49 241 943 776 96
eis-treff.de
Seats: 14



1,5 km

Bars, breweries and wine bars



Degraa am Theater | Brauhaus
Kapuzinergraben 4, Aachen
+49 241 36017
aachener-brauhaus.de
Seats: 200 | Groups: 90



📍 0,1 km



Hopfen + Malz Bierladen
Elisabethstr. 6, Aachen
+49 241 90101590
hopfenundmalz.de
Seats: 120 | Groups: 60



📍 0,1 km



Grotesque Absinth-Bar
Rennbahn 1, Aachen
+49 241 47586835
grotesque-bar.de
Seats: 33 | Groups: 12



📍 0,4 km



Vertical die Weinbar
Kockerellstr. 13, Aachen
+49 241 9006741
diweinbar.de
Seats: 50 | Groups: 20



📍 0,6 km



The Wingman Beer & Booze Bar
Annuntiatenbach 3, Aachen
+49 241 56002272
thewingman.de
Seats: 75 | Groups: 30–40



📍 0,7 km



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Natur, Action & Wellness

Do you want even more inspiration?
Aachen has so much to offer!

Image motif: Vennbahnroute

Why don't you stay longer?

Enjoy not only the great historical centre of Aachen, but also the wonderful, surrounding nature, which is best explored on foot or by bike. If that's not enough, you can let off steam by climbing, swimming or skiing, marvelling at wild animals or relaxing at the wellness facilities. Guaranteed without boredom!

Hiking in the Aachen Forest

Always close to the city and yet surrounded by greenery, the Aachen Forest offers 240 kilometres of signposted hiking trails that are connected to the hiking hub network. You can explore old cultivated land with stately farms and castles, hike leisurely along streams in the cosy forest belt of the time-honoured 'Öcher Bösch' and climb gentle hills with fantastic views. Whether the low mountain range of the Eifel, the hilly countryside in Belgium called 'Mergelland' or the slag heap landscape of the Aachen Land region, everything can be easily explored on attractive day trips from Aachen.

Our tip: Beautiful hikes and cycle tours – many of which start in Aachen city centre – can be found on the Aachen city region's tour portal. tourenportal.staedteregion-aachen.de



The border triangle and labyrinth

The view of the region around Aachen from the border triangle is breathtaking. Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium meet on the highest mountain in the Netherlands at 323 metres. Surrounded by diverse nature, the border triangle offers observation towers with far-reaching views.

The adventure playground and the three-country labyrinth are ideal for a half-day trip with children, promising excitement, action and fun. There are plenty of restaurants and cafés for refreshments or you can make yourself comfortable on the large meadow, which invites you to enjoy a relaxed picnic at sunset. Hikers will love the border routes. Whether for action, relaxation or simply to cross borders – the border triangle offers something for everyone!



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My favourite place in Aachen: The agricultural paths near Orsbach

There are some great spots in the immediate surroundings of Aachen! For example, the agricultural paths near Orsbach, north of Aachen, which is my personal favourite spot. Coming from Laurensberg on the Herzogsweg, you first have a fantastic view over all of Aachen. If you then walk further in the direction of Orsbach you are almost alone there and can enjoy the peace and the wonderful landscape. Sturdy shoes are definitely an advantage. At dusk you can even be lucky and spot some deer in the fields.

- Karolin, Team aachen convention



(Themed) paths for hiking and cycling

GrenzRouten

On the GrenzRouten you can explore the landscape, culture and history of the three-country region Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. The routes lead through the wide hedged landscape of East Belgium, along rows of gnarled beech trees at the historic Landgraben of the Aachen Empire to the Limburg Heuvelland. The 6 to 19 km long loop trails additionally offer theme tours through the three countries and their common border country history.

More information: grenzrouten.eu



120 km long walking trail network in the Euregio

Eifelsteig

True to the motto: 'where rock and water accompany you', the Eifelsteig is characterised by a varied, close-to-nature route with a high percentage of natural paths, magnificent views and a great number of formation changes: From the highland moors of the 'Hohes Venn' and beech hedges of the Monschau countryside, which are partly as high as the houses, through the national park Eifel with rock passage ways to especially impressive volcanic lakes near Daun and through the south of the Eifel to the destination Trier. More information: eifelsteig.de



313 km long premium hiking trail from Aachen/Kornelimünster to Trier with 15 stages, each between 14 and 28 km

Our tip: The 'Inderoute' – partner route of the Eifelsteig – is perfectly suited for starting the Eifelsteig hiking tour!

Vennbahnroute

The Vennbahn belongs to the longest railway track cycle paths in Europe. While the track was formerly mainly used for the transport of coal and iron ore for more than 100 years, today cyclists pass the three countries Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg. The track is mainly asphalted and accompanied by nature, borderland flair and Vennbahn history. It can also easily be managed by untrained sportspersons and families. More information: vennbahn.eu



125 km long cycling and hiking path from Aachen to Troisvierges (LUX). Average gradient: 2 % (offside the track 3–10 % is possible)

Grünmetropole

Pure nature, interesting sights, places of historical interest and cultural variety. The Grünmetropole is worth a visit! The region Aachen-Düren-Heinsberg offers the visitor exciting adventure possibilities and contrasts within a small area. Abandoned areas characterized by industry, extensive heath landscapes and river valleys are waiting for you to be discovered.

More information: gruenmetropole.eu



Combination of several hundred kilometres of cycling and hiking trails, e.g. the hiking trails in the Wurmatal valley, the Wasserburgen route and the RurUfer cycle path.

Our tip: Discover the 'Grünmetropole' by bicycle or on foot with the aid of the online tour planner of the 'Grünmetropole'

Additional leisure time tips

Outdoor

Bicycle rental service

Radstation (WABe e.V.)
Bahnhofstraße 22,
52064 Aachen
+49 241 99033216
radstation@wabe-aachen.de

VeloCity Aachen
velocity-aachen.de

Climbing

Kletterwald Aachen
Unterer Backertsweg
52074 Aachen
+49 241 51000824
kletterwald-aachen.de

SnowWorld Kletterpark
Landgraaf
Witte Wereld 1
NL-6372 VG Landgraaf
+31 45 5470700
snowworld.com

Outdoor pool

Freibad Hangeweier
Am Hangeweier 32
52074 Aachen
+49 241 72788
aachen.de
Opened May to September

Zoo

Aachener Tierpark | Euregiozoo
Obere Drimbornstraße 44
52066 Aachen
+49 241 59385
euregiozoo.de

GaiaZoo
Dentgenbachweg 105
NL-6468 PG Kerkrade
+31 45 5676070
gaiazoo.nl

Miniature golf

Hotel Buschhausen
+49 241 60080
hotel-buschhausen.de

Kurpark Minigolf
Minigolfplatz im
Stadtpark Aachen
+49 160 1590106
kurpark-minigolf.de
Opened April to October

Minigolf am Gut Entenpfuhl
Entenpfuhler Weg 5
52074 Aachen
+49 241 77240
minigolf-entenpfuhl.de
Opened April to November

Labyrinth

Dreiländerpunkt
Viergrenzenweg 97
6291 BM Vaals
+31 43 3065200
drielandenpunt.nl

Historic railway

Selfkantbahn
Bergstraße 1
52511 Geilenkirchen
+49 2451 66990
selfkantbahn.de

De Miljoenenlijn
Zuid Limburgse Stoomtrein
Maatschappij
Stationsstraat 20-22
NL-6369 VJ Simpelveld
+31 45 5440018
zlsn.de

Indoor

Escape Room & VR

7th Space VR-Erlebniswelt
Markt 1-3
52062 Aachen
+49 241 89435515
7th.de

Trampoline hall

Superfly Air Sports Aachen
Roermonder Str. 55
52134 Herzogenrath
superfly.de/aachen

Skittle

Hotel Buschhausen
Adenauerallee 215
52066 Aachen
+49 241 60080
hotel-buschhausen.de

Sauna, wellness & beauty

Babor Beauty Spa Aachen
Schmiedstr. 12,
52062 Aachen
+49 241 4013244
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Beauty am Tivoli
Krefelder Str. 121
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+49 178 6160797
tarlan-tosifi.com

Carolus Thermen
Stadtgarten/Passtr. 79
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Saunadorf Roetgen-Therme
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+49 2471 120-30
roetgen-therme.de

Cinemas

Apollo Kino & Bar
Pontstraße 141-149
52062Aachen
+49 241 9008484
apollo-aachen.de

Capitol Theater
Seilgraben 8,
52062 Aachen
+49 241 413180
capitol-aachen.de

Cineplex Aachen
Borggasse 30
52064 Aachen
+49 241 413180
cineplex-aachen.de

Eden Palast
Franzstraße 45,
52064 Aachen
+49 241 4017020
cineplex-aachen.de

Ski

SnowWorld Landgraaf
Witte Wereld 1
NL-6372 VG Landgraaf
+31 45 5470-700
snowworld.com

Casino

Spielbank Aachen
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spielbank-aachen.de



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Swimming

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Schwimmhalle Ost
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+49 241 9039191
schwimmhalle-ost.de

Schwimmhalle Süd
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52066 Aachen
+49 241 61528
aachen.de

Ulla-Klinger-Halle
Kronenberg
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52074 Aachen
+49 241 76861
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salvea Schwertbad Aachen
Benediktinerstraße 23
52066 Aachen
+49 241 6002-0
schwertbad.de

Carolus Thermen

Wellness of the extra class

In the thermal world you can relax in pleasantly warm mineral thermal water in indoor and outdoor pools. In addition to 15 saunas and steam baths, a sauna garden with lake and many other offers invite you to enjoy intensive sweating and relaxing. With numerous massages and treatments the CAROLUS spa opens up the whole world of wellness for you. In the three restaurants there is something for every taste from light snacks, over Mediterranean cuisine to regional and seasonal dishes.



Opening hours

Mon – Sun: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
(Admission until 9.30 p.m.)
limited opening hours:
24/25/31.12. and 01.01.



Contact

Passtraße 79, 52070 Aachen
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mail@carolus-thermen.de
carolus-thermen.de



Duration

	Thermal bath		with sauna	
	Mon – Fri	Sat, Sun, holidays	Mon – Fri	Sat, Sun, holidays
up to 3,5 h	18 €	20 €	38 €	42 €
up to 4,5 h	20 €	22 €	42 €	46 €
full day	22 €	24 €	46 €	50 €

Prices as of December 2024, subject to change

Our tip: The Carolus Thermen have an adjacent multi-storey car park. The parking fee is 6 € per car; entrance height: 1.95 m



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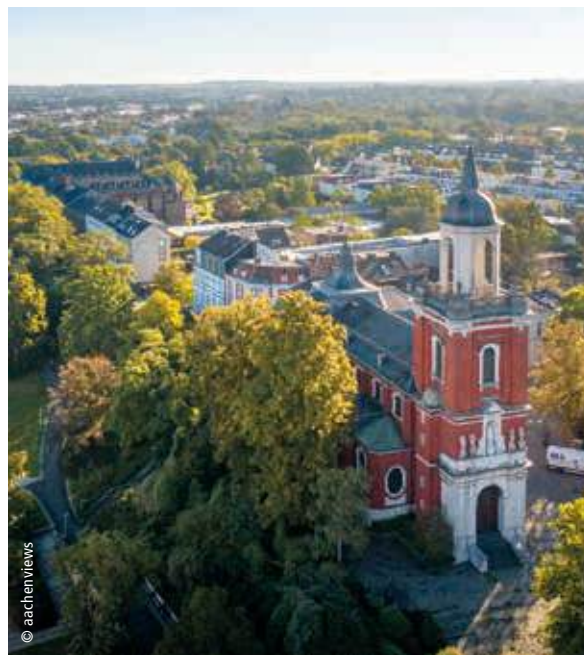
Spa and Rehab in Aachen

Aachen is also a spa and bathing city!

Image motif: thermal fountain in Burtscheid

Spa and rehab in 'Bad Aachen' Burtscheid – Aachen's spa and rehabilitation district

The pedestrian zone with its small shops and their varied offer around the market square of Burtscheid, the weekly market as well as cafés and restaurants offer many possibilities to stay and linger. The Burtscheid spa gardens invite you for walks or to simply relax under old trees. Right at the Burtscheid market square there are also the guest facilities of the spa administration 'Haus des Gastes'. Burtscheid has retained the charm of a quiet neighbourhood with its own history and is popular with Aachen residents and visitors alike.



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Already in early times the Romans in the former 'Porcetum' discovered hot springs and used them for alleviation of diseases. Today the spa and rehabilitation facilities are mainly located in Burtscheid. Therefore, Aachen is permitted to call itself 'Bad Aachen'.



Contact

Haus des Gastes
Burtscheider Markt 18– 20,
52066 Aachen
+49 241 60880-57
mail@bad-aachen.de
bad-aachen.de



Mineral thermal springs in Burtscheid

The Burtscheid mineral thermal springs with their 73°C are the hottest springs within Central Europe and are especially suited for alleviation of the following health complaints:

- Rheumatic disorders
- Degenerative disorders of the musculoskeletal system
- Conditions following accidents,
- Secondary treatment of paralysis, and
- Surgery on the musculoskeletal system
- Joint alterations due to gout

Today the bathing tradition in the mineral thermal water of the medicinal springs is being continued in a modern form in the Carolus Thermen Bad Aachen. Further information can be found on page 63.

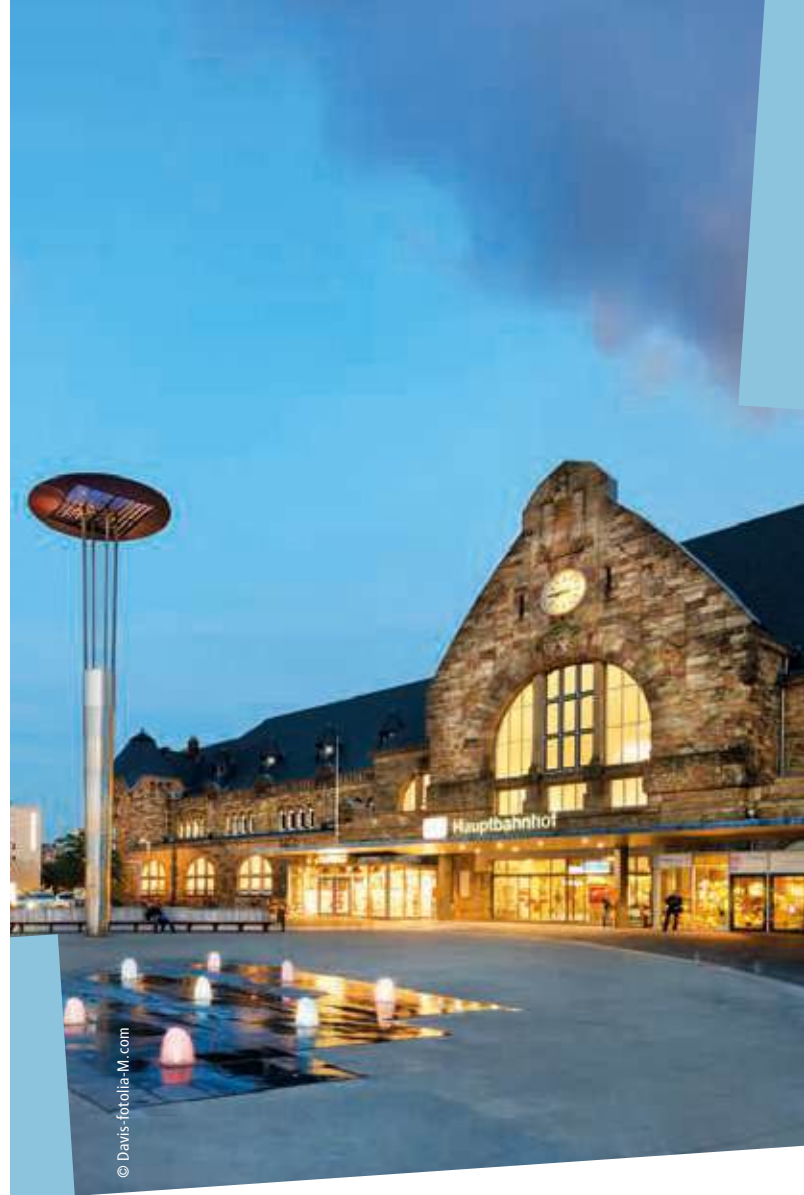
Our tip: Compared with the Burtscheid springs, the Aachen springs contain a slightly higher proportion of free hydrogen sulphide (H₂S).

Rehab facilities

Medical specialists, trained qualified personnel and a healthy environment provide for optimal rehabilitation during your stay and make it a successful experience.

📍 **VIALIFE Schwertbad Aachen**
 Benediktinerstraße 23,
 52066 Aachen
 +49 241 6002-0
schwertbad-aachen.via.life

📍 **VIALIFE Rosenquelle**
 Kurbrunnenstraße 5,
 52066 Aachen
 +49 241 6007-0
rosenquelle.via.life



Arrival and Mobility

Tips and parking options for your journey by bus & train, car and camper

Image motif: Central Station

Local public transport in Aachen

Local public transport is well organised. All urban and suburban areas can be reached by bus and train. The same ticket is valid for both modes of transport in the area covered by the traffic association Aachener Verkehrsverbund (AVV). Tickets for the bus routes of ASEAG, Aachen's public transport service provider, are available from the customer centre at the bus station or from our Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen. Right on our doorstep, you will find bus stops for all city directions. More information at: aseag.de | avv.de



Opening hours

Mon – Fri: 7.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sat: 8.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Contact

Kunden-Center ASEAG am Bushof
Schuhmacherstraße 14
52062 Aachen
+49 241 1688-3040

Our tip: With the movA app, you can see all mobility offers for Aachen at a glance. From bus and train to e-scooters and cabs, all tickets for public transport in the AVV area can be booked here.



Arrival and traffic

Car park guidance system

Electronic display boards show the way and provide information about the current number of parking spaces available in Aachen's multi-storey car parks. apag.de | contipark.de | q-park.de

Our tip: Real-time information on car park capacity utilisation, mobility, etc. can be found on our website: aachen-tourismus.de/en/discover-aachen/getting-there



Aachen environmental zone

A green sticker is required to enter Aachen city centre with a vehicle. More information at aachen.de/umweltzone

Park & Ride

Outside the environmental zone there are in total five Park & Ride areas from where you can catch a bus into the city centre on a regular basis:

- Hangeweier (Hermann-Löns-Allee)
- Jülicher Straße/Berliner Ring
- Tivoli-Parkhaus (Krefelder Straße)
- Waldfriedhof (Monschauer Straße)
- Westfriedhof (Vaalser Straße)

Our tip: With the Park & Ride ticket, up to five people can park for 5 € and travel by bus within the Alleenring (round trip). More information at aachen.de/parkandride

Coach stops

A new coach stop for a maximum of three coaches is located on 'Friedlandstraße' since summer 2024. Parking is permitted from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for two hours with a parking disc.

There is a bus stop on 'Karmeliterstraße' where two coaches can stop for a limited time between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. just to get on and off.

There are two bus stops on 'Sandkaulstraße' and 'Theaterplatz' where parking is permitted for a maximum of 2 hours during the day with a parking disc (from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. unlimited).

During the Aachen Christmas Market, 'Bendplatz' offers free parking for all coaches.



Camping in Aachen

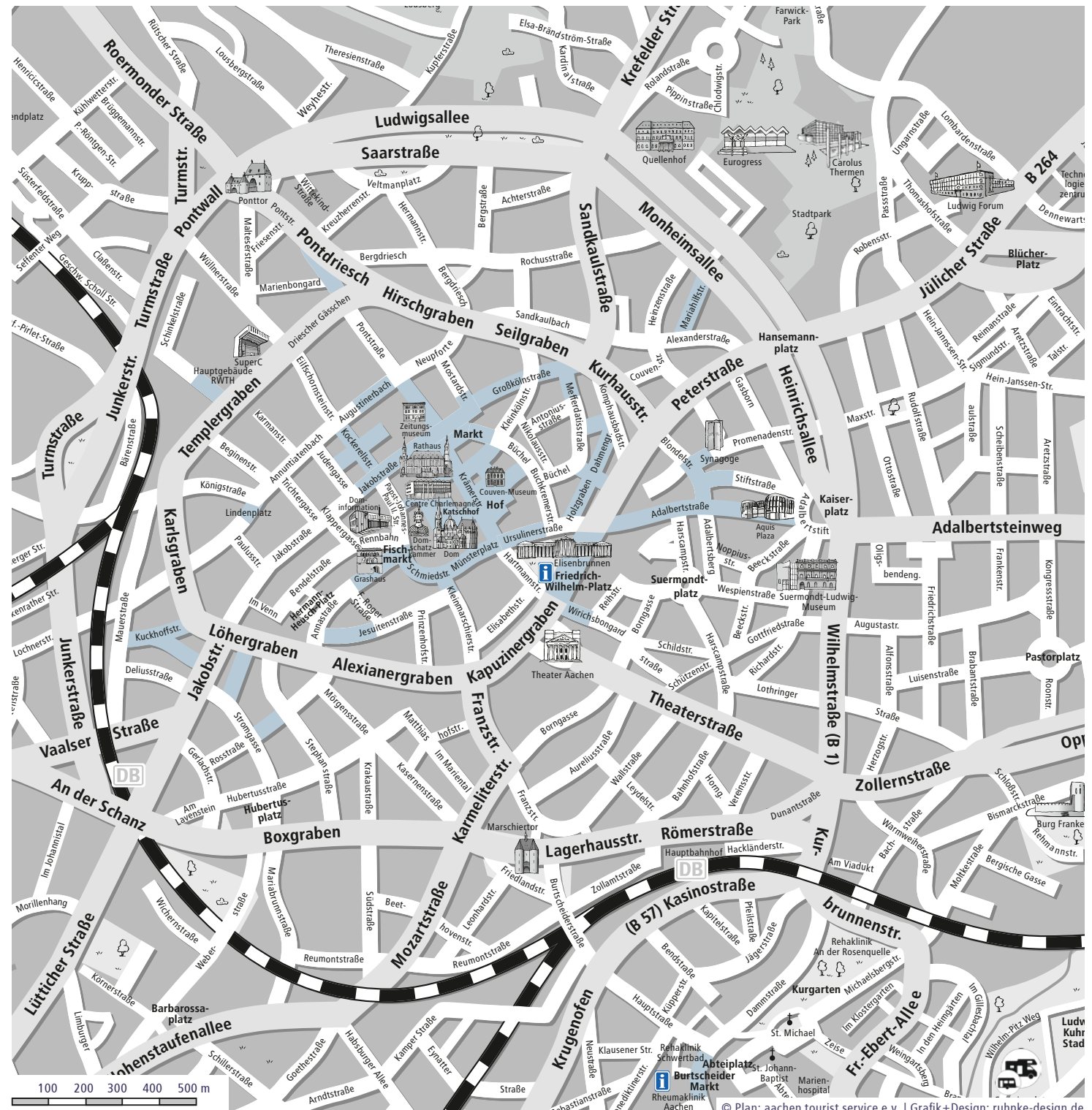
The generously designed parking place for mobile homes and caravans with 46 paved lots is open all year 'around the clock' and can be accessed at any time. The location offers optimal access to motorways as well as convenient bus connections into the city of Aachen. Free WIFI is available.

Stellplatz Bad Aachen

Branderhoferweg 11
52066 Aachen
+49 241 99000 991
mail@aachen-camping.de

Camping in the area

Hoeve de Gastmolen (6 km)
Lemierserberg 23
NL-6291 NM Vaals
+31 43 3065755
info@gastmolen.nl
gastmolen.nl
Open from April to October



Contact

Booking and advice Service Center

Website: aachen-tourismus.de
E-Mail: booking@aachen-tourismus.de
Phone: +49 241 18029-50
Service hours: Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets, souvenirs and advice on site

Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen
Friedrich-Wilhelm-Platz
52062 Aachen

Opening hours:

January to March April to December
Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon – Sat: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sat and Sun: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sun: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our tip: Let Charlie, our 'digital Aachen at a glance' guide you through Aachen with even more personal tips and information on current events!

charlie.aachen-tourismus.de/en



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