

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, our best tips as well as everything you need to know about gastronomy, leisure and more.

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



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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



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 – Thu: 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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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).





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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: at the Cathedral Information or at aachenerdom.de

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. Here (and online) you can purchase tickets for guided tours of the Cathedral and admission to the Cathedral Treasury. 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

Lousberg
25 Min.



Bf Aachen West
25 Min.



Ponttor
15 Min.

Westpark
20 Min.

Super C
10 Min.



= Old Town



= Parks and green spaces

XY Min. = Footpath from Tourist Info Eisenbrunnen



Quellenhof
15 Min.



Eurogress
15 Min.



Carolus Thermen
20 Min.



Ludwig Forum
20 Min.

Stadtspark
15 Min.



Synagoge



Aquis Plaza

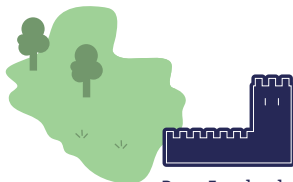


Suermondt-Ludwig-Museum
10 Min.



Theater

Theaterstraße



Burg Frankenberg
20 Min.



Marschierfort
12 Min.

Hbf 12 Min.





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: 6 – 10 €



Opening hours

Daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

At special events the Town Hall remains closed. For more information, see the Town Hall website.



Contact

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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



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: 6 – 10 €

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.



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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





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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 3,000 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: 6 – 10 € (separate prices for special exhibitions),
Free admission for children up to 6 years of age.

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



Opening hours

Tue – Wed: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Thu: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Fr – Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Only for booked groups & school
classes: Morning visits to the museum,
Tue – Wed: 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Our tip:

Museum Card 'Six for Six'

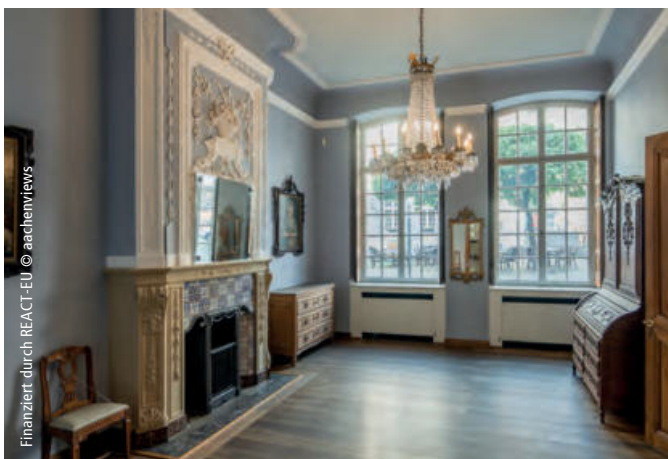
The museum card 'Six for Six' offers one admission to each of the five city museums (Ludwig Forum, Suermondt-Ludwig-Museum, Couven Museum, Centre Charlemagne, International Newspaper Museum) plus Town Hall.



Validity: 6 months, from date of purchase

Price: 18 – 30 €, available at all participating museums

Note: Tickets also available as 'Four for Six' and 'Two for Six'.



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: 6 – 10 €

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



Opening hours

Tue – Wed: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Thu – Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Only for booked groups
& school classes:
Morning visits to the museum,
Tue – Wed 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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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.





Grashaus

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 'Grashaus', which represents the station 'Europe' of the Route Charlemagne. The Grashaus is one of the oldest buildings in Aachen and of great historical importance. Although the educationalists have adjusted themselves to their 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. The Grashaus is, above all, an extracurricular learning centre rather than a traditional museum. After registration, visitors can explore the house with the historic charter hall.

Admission: Free

Guided tours: Free guided tours for individuals every first Saturday of the month at 3.00 pm. No booking is required. Guided tours for private groups / school classes: +49 241 432-4998 | museumsdienst@mail.aachen.de



Opening hours

Only within booked groups or as participant of the public guided tour. Registration via the museum service: +49 241 432-4998



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grashaus-aachen.eu

Our tip:

In the multimedia exhibition on the International Charlemagne Prize, located in the chapel room of the Grashaus, you can explore Europe's history, visions and prize winners in an interactive way. This part of the building is open as follows: Thu – Fri: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sat – Sun: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with free admission. Find out more at karlspreis.de.





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: 6 – 10 €

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



Opening hours

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



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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.



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. The former city palace presents works by renowned artists such as Rembrandt, Dürer, Cranach, Zurbarán, Liebermann and Macke in an exciting combination, entirely in keeping with the mission statement of our 'Bürgerliche Kunstammer'.

Admission: 6 – 10 €

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



Opening hours

Tue – Wed: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thu – Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Only for booked groups

& school classes:

Morning visits to the museum,

Tue – Wed: 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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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

Thu – Sat: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.



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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, which took place in 1964 with Joseph Beuys and Wolf Vostell, among others. 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.



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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: 3 € (Small groups and school classes by appointment)



Opening hours

By arrangement only



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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.





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Kunsthaus NRW Kornelimünster

With its exhibitions and its collection the 'Kunsthaus 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 Kunsthaus 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. A special tip is the sculpture garden – open all year round, free admission and with secluded picnic areas!

Admission: free | **Guided tours:** Free guided tours every last Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. without registration. Group tours on request.

Accessibility: Limited to some rooms on the ground floor



Opening hours

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



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kunsthaus.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 in Kornelimünster: dasurig.com





Zollmuseum Friedrichs

Anyone visiting the Customs Museum at Horbacher Str. 497 enters a place that only gradually reveals itself. Situated almost on the state border and not far from an ancient Roman road, the museum combines regional history with impressive collections relating to customs, culture and everyday life. Behind the façade of a former customs house lies a surprisingly spacious building, where visitors are guided through around twenty rooms. An old film about smuggling sets the tone, before a fascinating journey takes visitors from Roman culture through the age of chivalry and the town's history to the theme of customs. The wealth of objects, models and stories creates an atmosphere that deliberately preserves its original character. Guided tours turn the visit into an experience that ultimately leads into the exciting world of smuggling, the 'Coffee Front' and the Westwall.

Admission: free

Guided tours: Free guided tours for individuals every first Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. and every third Sunday at 2.30 p.m. No registration required.

Guided tours for private groups / school classes:

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



Opening hours

Accessible only as part of guided tours (see above).



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Public Guided Tours

We show you the most beautiful places
in Aachen!

Image motif: Fountain 'Kreislauf des Geldes' at Elisengarten



Guided Tour of the Old Town

Also available in English

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 15 €, Children 6–17 years 5,50 €

Tickets: Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen or aachen-tourismus.de

Duration: 1,5 hours | **Meeting point:** Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen

Tour of the Town Hall

The 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. Immerse yourself in the fascinating history of the building and stroll through the richly decorated historic halls, including the famous Coronation Hall.

Price: Adults 18 € incl. admission, Children 6–17 years 5,50 €

Tickets: Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen or aachen-tourismus.de

Duration: 1,5 hours | **Meeting point:** Foyer Town Hall

Our tip:

Our city tours can also be booked exclusively for birthdays, team events, etc. 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/fuehrungen





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 Elisenbrunnen fountain to the Town Hall and from the Cathedral to the Bahkauv.

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

Tickets: Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen or aachen-tourismus.de

Duration: 1,5 hours | **Meeting point:** Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen

Aachen Cathedral

Also available in English

Tickets for public guided tours are available daily at the Cathedral Information Centre or online. Times, dates and ticket shop can be found at aachenerdom.de; opening times may change at short notice, due to special services or events.

Price: 5 – 7,50€

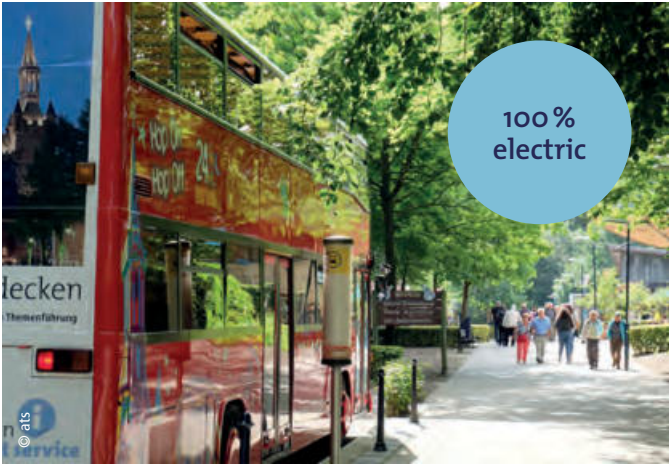
Tickets: Dominformation, Johannes-Paul-II.-Straße / aachenerdom.de

Duration: 45 min.

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

Also available in English

Would you like to see more of Aachen outside the historic Old Town? Then hop on the double-decker convertible bus for an approximately 2-hour discovery tour. Along the way, take a look at the other highlights of our favourite city, such as the Tivoli, the University Hospital and the Dreiländerpunkt, where the bus stops for about 20 minutes so you can walk back and forth between all three countries. From April to October on Wednesdays and from Friday to Sunday, the CityTour bus runs three times a day at 2.5-hour intervals along 15 stops outside the Grabenring. The ticket is valid for 24 hours. We recommend enjoying the entire tour in one go.

Price: Adults 24€ , Children 4–14 years 5€

Tickets: Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen or aachen-tourismus.de

Duration: approx. 2 hours

Our tip:

If you buy 11 tickets you only pay for 10 tickets.





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Through Aachen on your own

Discover the city for yourself!

Image motif: Elisengarten with St. Foillan and Cathedral



Charlemagne guides you through Aachen – with Augmented Reality!

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. You can obtain the brochure, which provides you with exciting background information on the 22 stations, from our Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen.

The highlight: at selected stops, Charlemagne will welcome you personally via the free YONA app and share fascinating insights and fun mini-games.

Price: 5,95 € per brochure

Meeting point: Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen

Language: Brochure: DE, EN, NL, FR, ES

Augmented Reality Charlemagne: DE, EN

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'. Particularly great for school classes, family outings or team events!

You can obtain the questionnaires and answer sheets from the Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen.

Price: 7 € for 10 sheets + answer sheet

Meeting point: Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen

Language: DE



Aachen: Have a listen

The 'Aachen – Off Track' audio guide for smartphones features two tours that lead out from the city centre into greener neighbourhoods brimming with Aachen charm. It offers an experience away from the Cathedral, the Town Hall and the Elisenbrunnen, appealing to visitors and locals alike. At some stops, local residents share personal stories about places that are important to them. Historical facts are interwoven with surprising anecdotes that even long-time residents may not yet know. 'Aachen – Off Track' is available as a free app.

Touren: Lousberg – town history with views (1.5 – 2 km, depending on the route chosen), Frankenberg – city vibes and neighbourhood charm (approx. 1.9 km)

How it works:

'Aachen – Off Track' can be downloaded free of charge from the App Store or Google Play. We recommend using headphones for the best experience. To ensure all features work properly, please make sure that location and notification permissions are enabled. Enjoy exploring!

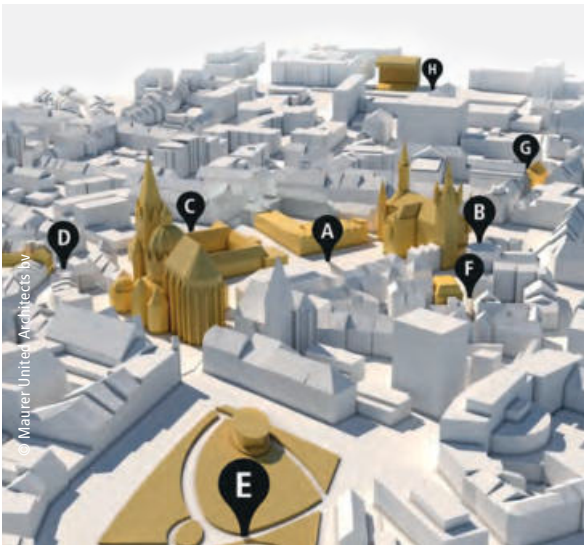
Language: DE

You can find further information here



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 Elisenbrunnen for 9,80 €.





AachenQuest

Experience Aachen as an interactive puzzle city! Discover the imperial city in a whole new digital way: with AachenQuest, you can solve exciting puzzle tours directly on your smartphone – without any additional apps. Ideal for families, groups of friends and puzzle enthusiasts. Depending on the tour, you can expect a mixture of history, logic and fun – whether it's devil myths, chicken theft or the mysterious Octagon League. Whether with friends, family or as a gift: the tours are flexible and perfect for rediscovering Aachen in a playful way.

Tickets: Tourist Info Elisenbrunnen or aachenquest.de

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 or App Store

Information: futurelab-aachen.de/app



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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:

At **aachen-shopping.de**, all the information and news you need for your shopping day are right at your fingertips – from the 'Schenk Lokal' voucher for shops in Aachen right through to the find of the week. Discover your favourite store!



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/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/shopping

Addresses:

Lambertz Factory Outlet, Ritterstraße 9

Lindt Factory Outlet, Süsterfeldstraße 130

Bahlsen Factory Outlet, Süsterfeldstraße 27

Zentis Factory Outlet, Jülicher Straße 177

Babor Factory Outlet, Neuenhofstraße 190

Our tip:

Here in Aachen, you'll find the world's largest Lindt factory outlet! An impressive variety of chocolates awaits you in the brand-new store, spread over 1,500 square metres. In the Maître Chocolatier Atelier, you can have your own chocolate personalised.





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 relevant than ever, and 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! (In German only.)





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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 'Der Liebestrank / L'elisir d'amore'

Theater Aachen

Sinfonieorchester Aachen



Mörgens

Whether musical theatre, drama or a concert, whether classical or contemporary, whether comedy or tragedy – Aachen Theatre transports you into the realm of the imagination and opens up new perspectives beyond the everyday. A world-class opera ensemble and impressive acting bring stories and characters to life that move and linger in the mind. The Aachen Symphony Orchestra, one of the oldest in Germany, stands for the utmost versatility and excellence, with over 140 performances a year, at home and abroad.

In May 2025, the multi-arts centre celebrated its 200th anniversary and sees itself as a place of lively debate, cultural diversity and social responsibility. It brings diverse artistic perspectives to life in a way that is sensory, entertaining and stimulating – always in dialogue with the debates of our time.

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'. Tickets for this event are available in advance by telephone, depending on availability, with any remaining tickets available half an hour before the start of the event 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



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Grenzlandtheater Aachen

The Grenzlandtheater offers a varied theatre programme: from upscale comedy, classic and contemporary drama to musical; for those who are looking for sophisticated entertainment and experiencing theatre firsthand, this 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, 62 spectators and 120 minutes show! Currently four different programmes.

Advance booking: black-table.de



Opening hours

Various programmes

Tue – Sun: from 3 p.m.

Exclusive bookings on request



Contact

Borngasse 30 / Cineplex Aachen

52064 Aachen

+49 241 90068309

info@black-table.de

black-table.de

DAS DA Theater

Whether it's a night at the theatre, a summer event or a family day out: DAS DA THEATER delights audiences with contemporary and musical productions, classics and imaginative children's plays for kids aged 3 and older. The largest private theatre in the Aachen city region welcomes more than 68,000 visitors every year. Popular highlights are the theatre dinner at Gut Hebscheid – a five-course meal included! – and the open-air musical at Burg Wilhelmstein.

Advance booking: Box office | shop@dasda.de | dasda.de
Schmetz am Dom bookshop | Münsterplatz 7-9 | +49 241 31369
Buchhandlung am Markt bookshop | Trierer Str. 788 | +49 241 526251
Evening box office: 1 hour before start of the performance



Opening hours

Tue – Fri: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Contact

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

Theater K

An established fixture on the local cultural scene in Aachen for almost 40 years, Theater K continues to perform at new venues with its professional acting ensemble. Plays, scenic musical readings and other crossover projects take place in Aachen's museums, vacant buildings and often outdoors at surprising locations.



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

Theater 99 is Aachen's oldest independent theatre. It is a hub for theatre professionals and amateur performers, cabaret artists, comedians, as well as children's and youth groups. It is run by the Aachen Culture and Theatre Initiative (AKuT e.V.), which provides a home for numerous artists and is heavily involved in cultural education.

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 late summer, 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/events





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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 & Drinks

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

Image motif: Marketplace

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/genuss-und-ausgehen

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



Fine-Dining



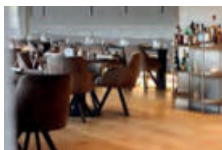
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Mostardstraße 17, Aachen
+49 241 91065832
lokal-dining.de

Seats: 20 | Groups: on request



 0,6 km



Haus am See

Diepenbenden 61, Aachen
+49 241 46828569
hausamsee-aachen.com

Seats: 185 | Groups: 35



 3,8 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



Create by Guido Braeken Van Oys Maastricht Retreat**

Kasteellaan 1, Eijsden NL
+31 43 2400040
vanoys.com

Seats: 34 | Groups: on request



 33,6 km



Les Salons

Château St. Gerlach

Joseph Corneli Allée 1, Valkenburg NL

+31 43 608 8888

stgerlach.nl

Seats: 84 | Groups: on request



📍 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



Postwagen Zum Ratskeller

Krämerstraße 2 / Markt 40, Aachen

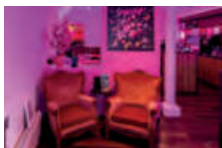
+49 241 35001

postwagen-ratskeller.de

Seats: 300 | Groups: 110



📍 0,4 km



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



📍 0,4 km



BASIC?
Gastrobar
Büchel 5, Aachen
+49 160 95002801
basicgastrobar.de
Seats: 55 | Groups: 15



📍 0,4 km



Goldener Schwan
Markt 37, Aachen
+49 157 57108629
goldener-schwan.com
Seats: 220 | Groups: ca. 80



📍 0,5 km



ABACCO'S STEAKHOUSE
Franzstraße 51, Aachen
+49 241 55924290
abaccos-steakhouse.de/aachen
Seats: 340



📍 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



Wei&Wei

Karlsgraben 45, Aachen
+49 241 46865500
weiundwei.de
Seats: 30



 1 km



La Fabrik

Bachstraße 20, Aachen
+49 241 40046424
la-fabrik.de
Seats: 500 | Groups: 350



 1 km



O'FRA Pizzabar

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



 1,1 km



Trattoria Bar Centrale 46

Zollernstraße 46 / Bachstraße 72,
Aachen
+49 241 56827680
trattoriabarcentrale46.de
Seats: 75 | Groups: 25



 1,1 km



Parkhotel Quellenhof

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



 1,1 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



**by Buschhausen
Hotel Buschhausen**

Adenauerallee 215, Aachen
+49 241 600 80
hotel-buschhausen.de
Seats: 90 | Groups: 60



📍 2,8 km



**Restaurant Il Mercato
Art Hotel Superior**

Am Branderhof 101, Aachen
+49 241 60970
art-hotel-superior.de
Seats: 100 | Groups: 100



📍 3,2 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



Restaurant Art Hotel Aachen

Adenaurallee 209, Aachen

+49 241 608360

art-hotel-aachen.de

Seats: 60 | Groups: 60



📍 3,6 km



Forsthaus Schöntal

Kornelimünsterweg 101, Aachen

+49 241 559430

forsthaus-schoental.de

Seats: 220 | Groups: 100



📍 4 km



Restaurant Gut Entenpuhl

Entenpuhler Weg 11, Aachen

+49 241 71393

gut-entenpuhl.de

Seats: 375 | Groups: 75+50



📍 5,2 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

**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

**Maes, Cuisine du Terroir****Van Oys Maastricht Retreat**

Kasteellaan 1, Eijsden NL

+31 43 2400040

vanoys.com

Seats: 44 | Groups: on request



33,6 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



Baristinho
Kleinmarschierstr. 48-52, Aachen
+49 241 99034065
baristinho.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



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: 34



📍 0,7 km



Leana und Luise
Boxgraben 72, Aachen
+49 241 91798123
leanaundluise.de
Seats: 40



📍 0,9 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

dieweinbar.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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Nature, Action & Wellness

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

Image motif: Vennbahnroute (page 59)

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.staedtereion-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 largely 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](https://www.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 Aachen-Düren-Heinsberg region offers visitors exciting adventure possibilities and contrasts within a small area. Abandoned industrial sites, extensive heath landscapes and river valleys are waiting for you to be discovered.

More information: **[gruenmetropole.eu](https://www.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

euregiobike

City-wide e-bike rental stations,
including one at the Tourist
Information Centre
euregiobike.de

Climbing

Kletterwald Aachen

Unterer Backertsweg
52074 Aachen
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kletterwald-aachen.de

Adventure Valley by SnowWorld Landgraaf

Witte Wereld 1
NL-6372 VG Landgraaf
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snowworld.com

Zoo

Aachener Tierpark | Euregiozoo

Obere Drimbornstraße 44
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euregiozoo.de

GaiaZoo

Gaiaboulevard 1
6468 PH Kerkrade
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gaiazoo.nl

Outdoor pool

Freibad Hangeweiher

Am Hangeweiher 32
52074 Aachen
+49 241 72788
aachen.de
Opened: May to September

Miniature golf

Kurpark Minigolf

Miniature golf course in
Aachen City Park
+49 160 1590106
kurpark-minigolf.de
Opened: April to October

Miniature golf course at 'Gut Entenpfuhl'

Entenpfuhler Weg 5
52074 Aachen
+49 241 77240
minigolf-entenpfuhl.de
Opened: March to November

Labyrinth

Dreiländerpunkt

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

Historic railway

Selfkantbahn

Railway station Gillrath
Bergstraße 1
52511 Geilenkirchen
+49 2451 66990
selfkantbahn.de

De Miljoenenlijn

Railway station Simpelveld
Stationstraat 22
NL-6369 VJ Simpelveld
+31 45 5440018
miljoenenlijn.nl

Indoor

Trampoline hall

Superfly Air Sports Aachen

Roermonder Str. 55
52134 Herzogenrath
superfly.de/aachen

Skiing

SnowWorld Landgraaf

Witte Wereld 1
NL-6372 VG Landgraaf
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Sauna, wellness & beauty

Babor Beauty Spa Aachen

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Beauty am Tivoli

Krefelder Str. 121
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tarlan-tosifi.com

Carolus Thermen

Stadtgarten/Passstr. 79
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carolus-thermen.de

Sauna village

Roetgen-Therme

Postweg 8, 52159 Roetgen
+49 2471 120-30
roetgen-therme.de

Cinemas

Apollo Kino & Bar

Pontstraße 141–149
52062 Aachen
+49 241 9008484
apollo-aachen.de

Capitol Theater

Seilgraben 8,
52062 Aachen
+49 241 4131829
capitol-aachen.de

Cineplex Aachen

Borngasse 30
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+49 241 4131820
cineplex.de/aachen

Eden Palast

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52064 Aachen
+49 241 4017020
cineplex.de/aachen

Arcade hall

Hall of Game

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hallofgame.fun



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Swimming

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Ulla-Klinger-Halle Kronenberg

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52074 Aachen
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aachen.de



Carolus Thermen Bad Aachen

Time for something special

In the thermal world, you can immerse yourself in the soothing, warm mineral thermal water, both indoors and outdoors. Fifteen saunas and steam baths, an idyllic sauna garden with a lake, and other facilities invite you to leave the stresses of everyday life behind and recharge your batteries. At the CAROLUS Spa, gentle touches provide pure relaxation. The three restaurants treat you to light, Mediterranean, regional and seasonal delicacies.



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
+49 241 18274-0
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

19 €

21 €

40 €

44 €

up to 4,5 h

21 €

23 €

44 €

48 €

full day

23 €

25 €

48 €

52 €

Prices as of July 2026, 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

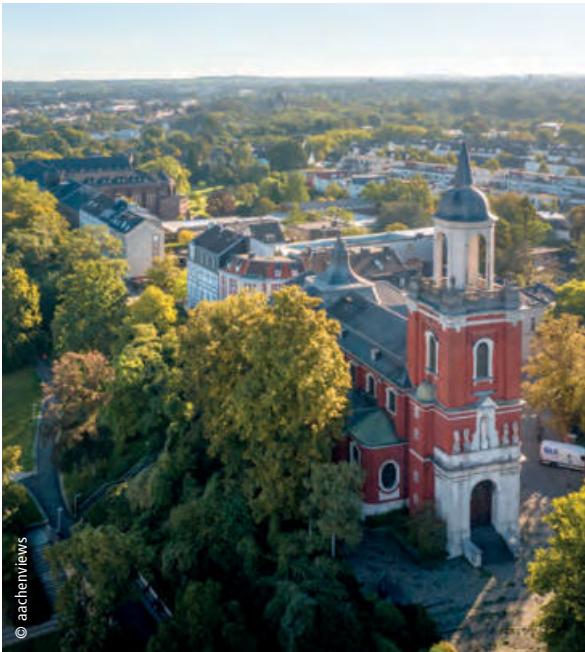
Aachen is also a spa and bathing city!

Image motif: thermal fountain in Burtscheid

Spa and rehab in 'Bad Aachen'

Burtscheid – Aachen's spa and rehabilitation district

Burtscheid has retained the charm of a quiet neighbourhood with its own history and is popular with Aachen residents and visitors alike. The pedestrian zone with its small shops and their diverse range of goods around Burtscheider Markt, the weekly market, cafés and restaurants offer many opportunities to linger. The Burtscheid parks invite you to take a stroll or simply relax under the old trees. The premises of the spa administration 'Haus des Gastes' are also located directly on Burtscheid Market.



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



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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**
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via.life/schwertbad-aachen

 **VIALIFE Rosenquelle**
Kurbrunnenstraße 5,
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via.life/rosenquelle



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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

With ASEAG buses, you can reach your destination with ease. You can get tickets from the Tourist Information Centre, or download the movA app and use the eezy.nrw fare: simply check in on the app when you board and check out again when you alight. You'll always pay the cheapest price – with no hassle over fares.

The AVV is responsible for cross-border journeys in the Region & Euregio. So if you'd also like to visit the Eifel or Maastricht, you can get all the information you need there. More 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, carsharing, e-bikes and cabs, all tickets for public transport 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:

You can find real-time information on the availability of car parks, charging points, bus services, car-sharing and more on our website: aachen-tourismus.de/anreise



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 four Park & Ride areas from where you can catch a bus into the city centre on a regular basis:

- 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 coach stop for a maximum of three coaches is located on **Friedlandstraße 2-4**. 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 1-3** 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 4-10** 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). There is also a boarding and alighting stop on 'Sandkaulstraße'.

The car park on **Wilmersdorfer Straße** has space for 12 coaches. There is a kiosk and toilets in the immediate vicinity.

During the Aachen Christmas market, **Bendplatz** offers free parking for all coaches. Coming from the motorways, simply follow the special signs to the coach park **Bendplatz (Süsterfeldstraße)**. The Christmas market can be reached on foot or by shuttle bus. A drivers' meeting point has been set up for all coach drivers.



Motorhome pitches Aachen

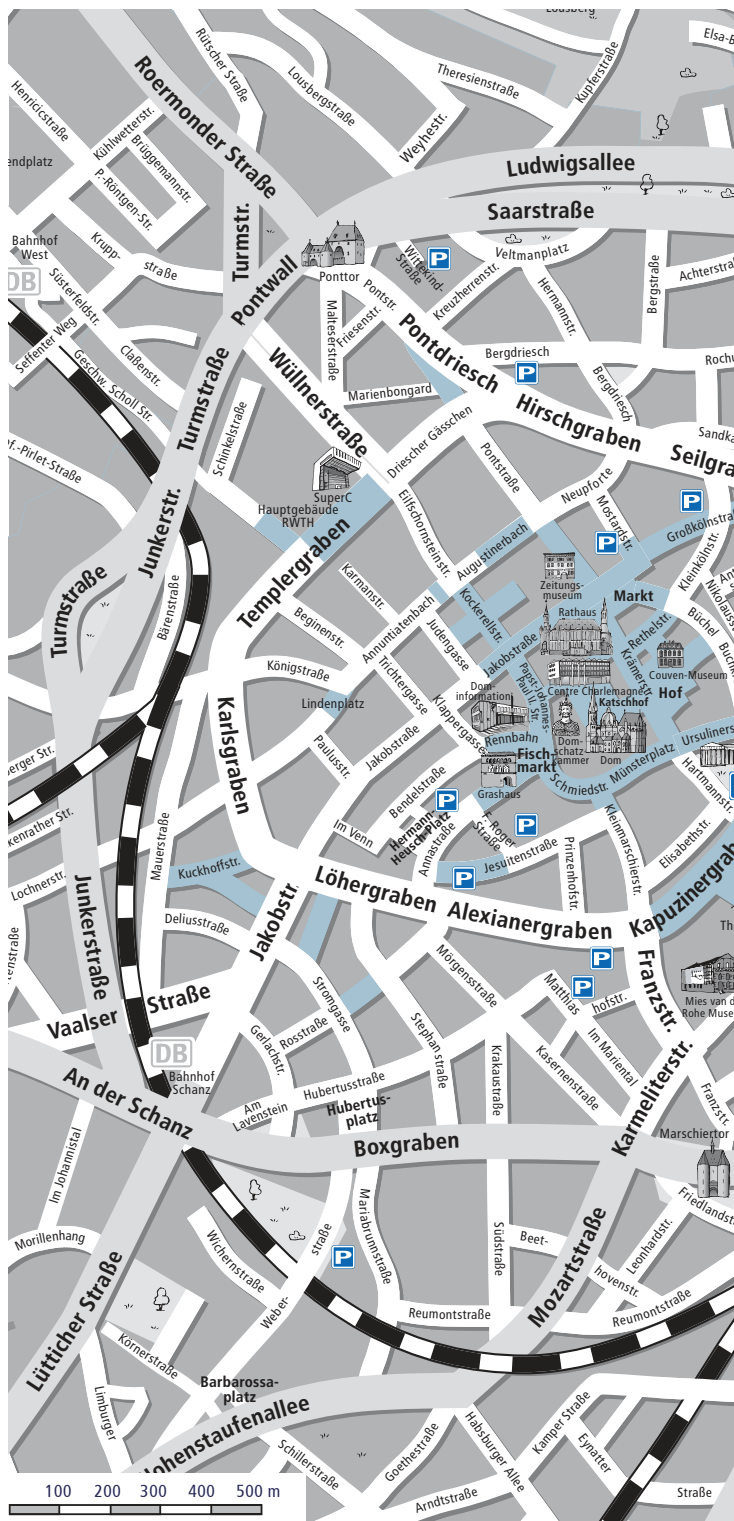
The generously designed parking place for motorhomes and caravans with space for 65 vehicles is open all year 'around the clock' and can be accessed at any time. The distance to Aachen city centre is only 2.3 kilometres. The location offers optimal access to motorways as well as convenient bus connections 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
Opened 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

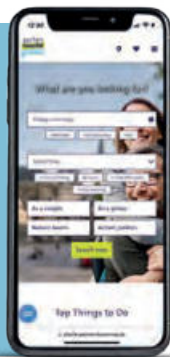
Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon – Sat: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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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