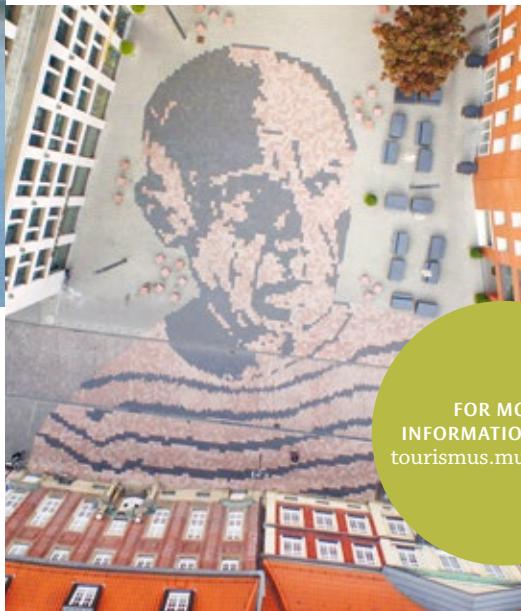


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Münster

A city break from the city's best side

WELCOME TO MÜNSTER

Dear Reader,

In reading this magazine, we assume you are considering a short break in our beautiful city. However: are you certain that you've thought things through properly? We don't mean your break in Münster. That's a great idea. Just the word "short" – what made you think of that? That might be a problem. After all, there's so much to see and experience here in Münster ... Even we – as "Münster professionals" – sometimes find it hard to keep up with everything that's happening here.

Nevertheless – we always try and do our best. That's what we did when we compiled this magazine for you. Chock-full: with must-sees, the latest information, the ultimate insider tips, useful links and contacts, personal recommendations from experts. Whether you would like to book a customised all-round no worries package or you would prefer to do everything for yourself: we are certain that you will find something of interest – have a look!

Moreover: during your visit in Münster, you may discover some surprising and exciting things that we haven't mentioned in this magazine. That's the way things are in our "city of learning and lifestyle" – every year, new faces arrive at the colleges and universities, bringing their ideas and creative projects with them. On this note: would you be kind enough to tell us about your discoveries? That will help us to stay up to date. Also, we naturally look forward to receiving your feedback.

Well, that's enough from us for now. We hope you have fun on your tour of discovery in our magazine. And we hope you will be embarking on another tour of discovery in Münster soon!

Yours, Bernadette Spinnen





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WHERE IT'S ALL HAPPENING

📍 Drubbel

📍 Spiekerhof

A MEDIEVAL CITY? A PLACE OF HISTORY? Sure! Yet the university, the students and any number of bicycles keep Münster forever young. Nestling around the cathedral is a lively city with many different faces.



∅ St. Lamberti Kirche (Church)

∅ Stadthaustrurm
(Stadthaus Tower) Münster

∅ St. Paulus Dom (Cathedral)



📍 Prinzipalmarkt

HEART OF THE CITY

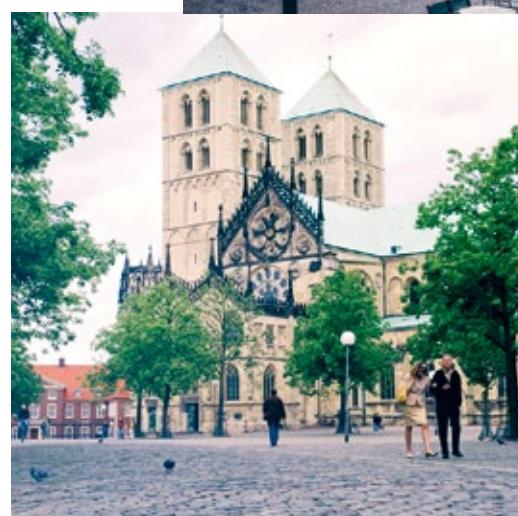
"ACLOSE YOUR EYES ... Close your eyes ... Close your eyes ... – Now open them!" Do you remember the old children's game *blind man's buff*? There's no better way to start your first trip to Münster: at the very heart of things.

That means standing on the cobblestones of the Prinzipalmarkt in the beating heart of the city. All you have do is turn around a couple of times – and many of the things that make Münster the city that it is are right in front of you. Before you, the historic Rathaus (Town Hall) with its Gothic gable. It was in the Town Hall's Friedenssaal (Hall of Peace), that world history was written: the Peace of Westphalia, which officially ended the 30 years' war in 1648. And that is why Münster's Town Hall – and its counterpart in the town of Osnabrück – carries the European Heritage Label.

To the right and left is an impressive ensemble of buildings: the steeped gables of the merchants' houses, damaged in the war but rebuilt according to the historic plans. It is here that you can get a feel for the beating heart of the age-old city of trade and commerce that was the proud capital of the Hanseatic League in Westphalia – a tradition kept alive by local businesspeople at the annual Hansemahl (Hanseatic Repast) celebrations. In the arched walkways where tradesmen and farmers once sold their wares, stroll past the exquisite shops, many of which remain independently owned.

BETWEEN THE STEEPED GABLES of the Prinzipalmarkt and the mighty spires of St. Paulus Dom (Cathedral)

Prinzipalmarkt



St. Paulus Cathedral

<p>★★★★ superior Hotel Kaiserhof Münster OLD TOWN DBL FROM €358</p> <p> 1 x evening dinner, Hotel with wellness suite</p>	<p>★★★★ superior Mauritzhof Hotel Münster OLD TOWN DBL FROM €510</p> <p> 3 course menu, Bicycle for 2 days</p>	<p>★★★★ Hotel Conti OLD TOWN DBL FROM €318</p> <p> Hotel with sauna, 1 bottle of champagne</p>	<p>★★★★ Hotel Europa OLD TOWN DBL FROM €318</p> <p> Soup at the hotelbar, Champagne in your room</p>	<p>★★★★ H4 Hotel Münster OLD TOWN DBL FROM €481</p> <p> 1 x evening dinner, 2 bottles of water</p>
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⌚ Münster's Historic Rathaus (Town Hall)

OLD TOWN

Double rooms starting from €230

- 2 nights including breakfast
- Bicycle for 1 day OR drink
- Guided tour of the Old Town at 11.00 am (*in German*)
- Visit to the Stadtmuseum (City Museum)
- Welcome Ticket (*free journey on Münster's public transport network*)
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THE HISTORIC TOWN HALL it was here that the Peace of Westphalia officially ended the 30 years in 1648.

The crowning glory of the Prinzipalmarkt is the 90 metre spire of the market square and civic church of St. Lamberti. The three wrought iron cages at the top recall the era of the Baptists who declared Münster the "New Jerusalem" in the 1530s. The revenge of the episcopal sovereign was bloody: the remains of the Baptist leaders were placed in the iron cages, serving as a warning and deterrent to future would-be peasant mutineers.

Above this is the highest office in Münster: the towerkeeper's suite, who to this day – as one of the last in Europe – surveys the well-being of the citizens from lofty height. Every evening from 9.00 pm, the rudimentary sound of the church horn can be heard marking the hour.

If you stand in front of the Town Hall and turn around, your eyes will take you across the Domplatz to the mighty spires of the St. Paulus Dom (Cathedral). In the 8th century, with the cloisters and the fortified cathedral, this was the hub of the city around which the homes of the tradesmen and townsfolk gradually developed in a circular pattern – and it remains the seat of the bishops of Münster to this day, the most famous of whom was Cardinal von Galen, who preached bravely in contempt of the Nazis as the "Lion of Münster".

Such is the historic atmosphere here that you might just feel as though you are walking in a museum. Yet it probably won't last long, as sooner or later, you will be distracted by the many young people in your midst, be it young women with



MÜNSTER'S
WATCH-WOMAN
in action – high above
the Prinzipalmarkt

⌚ St. Lamberti church



TIP

★★★ superior
Stadthotel
Münster

OLD TOWN
DBL FROM €232

Mineral water
in your room

★★★
Hotel
International
am Theater

OLD TOWN
DBL FROM €230

Fruit basket +
welcome drink

Hotel
Martinikhof

OLD TOWN
DBL FROM €260

Pinkus beer

Martje Saljé – tuermerinvonmuenster.wordpress.com

A VIEW OVER THE ENTIRE CITY

My favourite place is the tower keeper's suite in the church of St. Lamberti – right at the heart of things, but peaceful nonetheless! My insider's tip: the Hawerkamp grounds, with its combination of open air cinema, to discos, parties and art exhibitions. It's a unique location for the youth scene with inspiring buildings and graffiti. Münster musts: cycling along the Promenade, taking in at least two churches or museums, riding in a pedal boat on the Aasee (Lake Aa), joining one of the "Motto" city tours, and eating at one of the traditional Westphalian or one of the great vegan restaurants. Make sure you get a local resident to tell you the story behind the Täuferkörbe (Baptists' cages) of St. Lamberti.

trendy hairdos, smart-looking students or bearded hipsters – a colourful mix, frequently travelling by bicycle. Its fascinating history aside, Münster is also a young and exciting city of some nine different colleges, including one of the biggest universities in Germany. So, perhaps this city isn't such a museum after all ...

Well, how about "closing your eyes" again? Reflect for a moment, and absorb the sounds and smells. That was the introduction. Now, things are really going to get started – eyes open!



More about this topic:

Those interested in learning more about the history and personalities of Münster should consider booking one of the many different guided tours of the city:

www.k3.de/muenster
www.stadt-lupe.de
www.stattreisen-muenster.de
www.muensterbus.ms



SO YOU AREN'T the kind who likes everything planned out for you in advance? Do you feel like doing your own thing every now and then? Then you're in the right place. Can we recommend you a small, exceptionally helpful companion, however?

IN CHARMING COMPANY

That's right, we left you at the Domplatz. And it's from there that you have the choice to go in any direction you like!

Whether it's around the cathedral, or walking up the winding streets to the Kiepenkerl quarter. Or how about crossing the water, or over Münster's river, the Aa, passing the Überwasserkirche (Our Lady Beyond the Waters) church, and towards the baroque Schloss (Palace): the former residence of the crown prince and now the lively heart of the university with the extensive Schlosspark (Palace Park) and Botanischer

Garten (Botanical Gardens) behind it. That's if you don't decide to turn right and visit the galleries, bookshops and pubs of the Kuhviertel quarter ...

Or in the opposite direction and across the Salzstraße – one of the city's old trading routes, now a high-end shopping area - to the Erbdrostenhof, which together with the Clemenskirche church forms an attractive "baroque island" which was built by the great master Johann Conrad Schlaun, who also constructed the Schloss (Palace).

★★★★ superior
Seehotel
Krautkrämer

ALL-IN-ONE OFFER
DBL FROM €418

1x3 course menu,
Hotel with
wellness suite

★★★★ superior
Mövenpick
Hotel Münster

ALL-IN-ONE OFFER
DBL FROM €386

3 course menu +
1 bottle of wine, Sauna
+ fitness in hotel

★★★★ Hotel Schloss
Wilkinghege

ALL-IN-ONE OFFER
DBL FROM €370

1 bottle of water,
Parking space

★★★★ Tryp

ALL-IN-ONE OFFER
DBL FROM €287

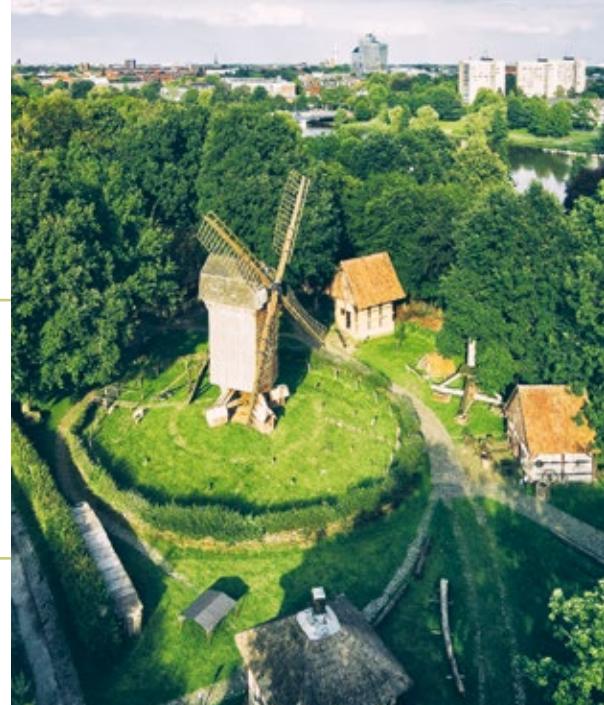
Welcome drink,
Hotel with sauna

★★ superior
Ibis

ALL-IN-ONE OFFER
DBL FROM €292

1 bottle of spirits
per room

Factory Hotel	Hotel Haus vom Guten Hirten	Hotel Martinihof	Hotel am Wasserturm
ALL-IN-ONE OFFER DBL FROM €298	ALL-IN-ONE OFFER DBL FROM €259	ALL-IN-ONE OFFER DBL FROM €265	ALL-IN-ONE OFFER DBL FROM €259
2 bottles of water	Hire bicycle	Pinkus beer	Parking space, 1 bottle of water



Back to where you were at the Domplatz, though: at the corner is the LWL-Museum für Kunst und Kultur – which is worth visiting to see the architecture of its courtyards alone, not to mention the permanent collection and visiting exhibitions. And from there, it is only a stone's throw to the Kunstmuseum Pablo Picasso, which is home to the biggest collection of prints by the famous Spanish artist in the world.

By now, the recommendation that we previously promised you surely has paid off. May we please present you with your charming companion – the münstercard! This card gives you free access to any number of different sights, guided tours, museums and attractions.



© Mühlenhof Open Air Museum

ON YOUR OWN INITIATIVE The historic trail of the Münsterland in the Mühlenhof at Lake Aa (above). The bronze model at the Domplatz (left) enables you to "understand" Münster's Old Town.

© Domplatz

You will only learn to value your companion if you further extend your tour of discovery, however: to the Aasee (Lake Aa) with its maritime gastronomy, and passing the remnants of some old sculpture projects, to the greenery of the Allwetterzoo (All-weather zoo), the Naturkundemuseum (Natural History Museum) and the Mühlenhof (Open Air Museum).

You can naturally explore everything on foot – but we recommend taking the solar powered electric boat or the city bus. And if you want to get that genuine Münster feeling, then hire a bicycle! And it's all possible: free of charge, all day – with the münstercard. A great offer!

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Prinzipalmarkt

GORY MÜNSTER



WELL? Are you feeling a bit wary about visiting Münster? If you watch German TV after all, you will know it is a city that's got a big reputation for its violent crime. Let us reassure you though: that's ONLY on TV!

And it's also something that the local residents often ask themselves: how has Münster, of all cities, become a fictional centre for violent crime? Yet the fact is, for more than 20 years, the TV detectives chasing criminals around Münster have enjoyed record TV ratings. Whether it is dead Chinese princesses, castrated studs or Father Christmases up to no good: the imagination of the scriptwriters seems to know no boundaries.

TATORT MÜNSTER

Double rooms starting from €212

- 2 nights including breakfast
- 1½ hours public "murder mystery tour", Saturday 4.00 pm and Sunday 3.00 pm (*in German*)
- Welcome Ticket (*free journey on Münster's public transport network*)
- Individual hotel services ☎

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IN PROPER STYLE BY BIKE – Tatort detective Thiel sets to work on the cobblestones of the Prinzipalmarkt

Münster's career as a centre for crime fiction began in 1995. It was then that TV channel ZDF filmed a murder mystery written by Münster author Jürgen Kehrer starring private detective Georg Wilsberg for the first time. In the first series, Wilsberg was played by Joachim Król, who was then replaced by Leonard Lansink in the second series, with three to four episodes being broadcast per year. To this day, the Wilsberg series is one of the most successful TV shows to be broadcast on ZDF.

Not to be outdone, in 2002, competitor TV channel ARD responded by bringing its famous murder mystery show to the city: "Münster Tatort". Ever since, detective duo Thiel and Boerne have been chasing both fictitious local criminals and record German TV ratings. The Münster edition of Tatort,

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TATORT MÜNSTER DBL FROM €334	TATORT MÜNSTER DBL FROM €464	TATORT MÜNSTER DBL FROM €364
Mineral water in your room	Bicycle for 2 days	3 course menu + 1 bottle of wine, Sauna + fitness in hotel

which brings together the unlikely pairing of Axel Prahl as the no-nonsense and down-to-earth detective Thiel and Jan Josef Liefert as the supercilious and classy forensics expert Professor Boerne, regularly attracts 12 million viewers and is the most popular edition of Tatort on ARD.

Incidentally, the character of Prof. Boerne was inspired by a real-life Münster personality: although he is nothing like the pompous character portrayed on TV, Münster-based forensics expert Prof. Bernd Brinkmann is one of the leading international experts in his field. As one of the forefathers of forensic DNA analyses, with his expertise, he has made a major contribution to numerous high-profile legal cases in Germany. He looks upon his TV "colleagues" with a mixture of professional scepticism and jovial pleasure.



★★★★ Hotel Conti	★★★★ Hotel Europa	★★★★ H4 Hotel Münster
TATORT MÜNSTER DBL FROM €318	TATORT MÜNSTER DBL FROM €318	TATORT MÜNSTER DBL FROM €456
Hotel with sauna, Welcome drink	Soup at the hotel bar, Welcome drink	1 x evening dinner, 2 bottles of water

★★★ superior Stadthotel Münster	★★ superior Ibis Hotel	Factory Hotel
TATORT MÜNSTER DBL FROM €212	TATORT MÜNSTER DBL FROM €270	TATORT MÜNSTER DBL FROM €288
Mineral water in your room	1 bottle of spirits per room	2 bottles of water



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AN UNLIKELY DUO:
Thiele and Boerne during filming work



Jürgen Kehrer – juergen-kehrer.de

MY TIPS – A CLEAR-CUT CASE

My favourite place in Münster is the Wochenmarkt (weekly market) at the Domplatz every Saturday morning – which, of course, is best experienced in good weather. And here is my insider's tip: relax on a canoe trip on the river Welse between the suburbs of Angelmodde and Handorf – it is here that you will see Münster from a completely different side. The things you shouldn't miss: the Astronomische Uhr (Astronomical Clock) in the cathedral – a fascinating technical artwork dating from the 16th century that still works.

TATORT MÜNSTER GROUPS OF 6 GUESTS AND OVER

Double rooms starting from €330

- 2 nights including breakfast
- City tour (*in German*)
- 4-course menu with "murder mystery quiz" at your own pace (*does not include drinks*)
- A choice of city tours: "Wilsberg", "Tatort", "Den Tätern auf der Spur" (*Hot on the trail*) or "Krimistadt Münster" (*Murder mystery city Münster*)
- Welcome Ticket (*free journey on Münster's public transport network*)
- Individual hotel services

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TATORT MÜNSTER
An actual
bookshop – but a
fictitious name:
filming work for a
Wilsberg
murder mystery



Michael Solder bookshop

It is apparent that the success of the Münster episodes of the TV murder mystery series has more to do with the character of the city than appears the case at first glance. Perhaps it is because Münster's cityscape varies between venerable history and colourful student life, and there are fewer dark corners here than there are in other towns, that "acts of evil" seem all the more unexpected and surprising. This lends the Münster episodes a sense of irony and dark comedy – which the fans and critics agree is exactly what has accounted for its success.

It is therefore no surprise that Münster's TV detectives are now one of the city's attractions, with murder mystery brochures, sightseeing tours and tourist packages "on the trail of crime" all available to visitors. If you decide to follow in the footsteps of Münster's detectives, just remember: don't worry, you're with the good guys!

And we local people have long since got used to the idea of having to live in a city of fictitious violent crime: we follow the on-location filming with interest, and the advance screenings of new episodes are regular cinema events.

And the feeling is mutual: Leonard Lansink regularly holds "Promikellnern" charity events at the Aasee (Lake Aa), and has raised considerable funds for the fight against cancer in Münster. And according to the Wilsberg crew, "Alex", played by Ina Paule Klink, is considering renting an apartment in Münster. A murder mystery flat share in Münster? That's something we shall certainly look forward to!

Antiquariat



★★★ Hotel Conti

TATORT MÜNSTER
GROUPS
DBL FROM €358

🛏️ Hotel with sauna,
Welcome drink

★★★ Hotel Europa

TATORT MÜNSTER
GROUPS
DBL FROM €358

🛏️ Parking space
Soup at the hotel bar,
Welcome drink

★★★ superior Hotel am Schlosspark

TATORT MÜNSTER
GROUPS
DBL FROM €344

🛏️ Parking space

★★★ superior Stadthotel Münster

TATORT MÜNSTER
GROUPS
DBL FROM €330

🛏️ Mineral water in
your room



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trail yourself:**
are you interested where our
detectives are investigating? Then
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tour with our experts.

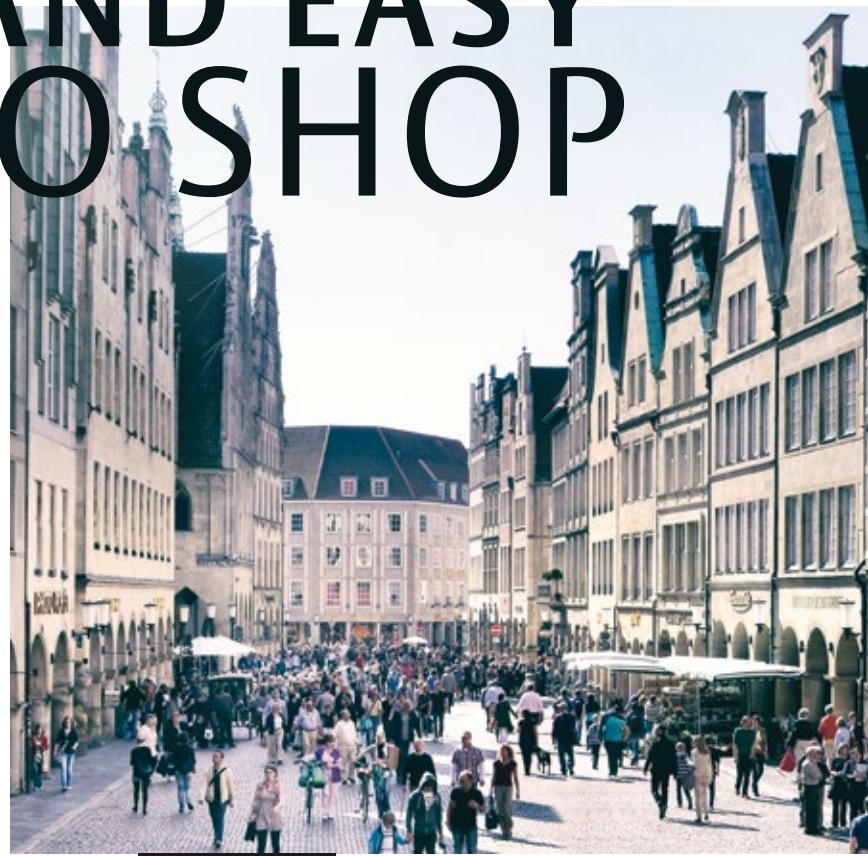
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A GREAT AND EASY PLACE TO SHOP

OF COURSE – if you feel like shopping at the well-known high street shopping chains, you won't be disappointed in Münster. But the big chain stores are far from what makes Münster such a special place to shop, aren't they?



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SHOPPING

Double rooms starting from €284

- 2 nights including breakfast
- Brochure: "Münster Goes Shopping"
- Münster shopping voucher to the value of €10
- 1 glass of Prosecco or champagne at the hotel
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There must be something else – something special. Something that attracts so many people from the surrounding region – from the Ruhr region, northern Germany, and as far afield as the Netherlands to go shopping in Münster.

Of course, the unique flair of the Old Town has a charming appeal which is itself an invitation for some relaxed strolling and shopping. More important, however, is the fact that the city is home to the kind of shops that you simply can't find elsewhere: the many independent, owner-managed stores which nestle on the Prinzipalmarkt and on the city's traditional avenues of commerce: elegant clothes retailers, watches and jewellery shops, high-quality home accessories, high-end specialist traders.

And shoppers don't necessarily need to have deep pockets. True to its character as a youthful city, Münster is also home to creative retail outlets selling home-made, sustainable and natty recycled goods, not to mention the sought-after concept stores

★★★★ superior
Ringhotel
Landhaus Eggert

SHOPPING
DBL FROM €472

1x3 course menu,
1x3 course menu at the
"Sylt am Bült", 1 glass of
champagne

★★★★ superior
Mauritzhof
Hotel Münster

SHOPPING
DBL FROM €474

3 course menu,
Prosecco

Factory
Hotel

SHOPPING
DBL FROM €284

1 shopping bag
per person,
2 bottles of water

SHORT DISTANCES, RELAXED STROLLING



TIP

oriented to specific lifestyles. And you'll even find plenty of creations by local artists and designers at the "Münster Souvenirs" shop.

And even better: you can discover the variety of offerings over astonishingly short distances, in shopping districts which may be close together but nonetheless have their own particular character – places where (window) shopping is varied and enjoyable.

Whether it is the more traditional atmosphere under the arches of the Prinzipalmarkt, continuing across the Roggenmarkt, through the Kiepenkerl quarter and on to the Rosenplatz. Or it is on the Salzstraße, with its characteristic mix of styles – cutting-edge stores combine with pearls of baroque design. The most-visited shopping street is the Ludgeristraße, which is home to a special attraction: the Münster Arkaden, an attractive shopping arcade on three levels. Then there are the Stubengasse and the Hansecarré, two new places to go and fill in the time when visiting the city centre. Not to mention the gates to the heart of the city: from the newly designed Museumsvorplatz to the Rothenburg, passing high-end specialist retailers, galleries and local independents to the Prinzipalmarkt. Or on the other hand, the gates to the Alter Fischmarkt, which combines the Hörster quarter with St. Lamberti: elegantly gabled town houses, charming courtyards – and an action-packed children's department store.

It's a sure thing: strolling around town and hitting the shops can be fun. But it can also get tiring. Isn't there anywhere to sit down and take things easy for a while? There certainly is – and now is the ideal time!



Shopping info in the internet:

Plan your shopping tour in Münster in advance with the suitable websites.

www.wochenmarkt-muenster.de

www.muenster-souvenirs.de

www.arkadenmuenster.de

Siggi Spiegelburg – [siggi_spiegelburg_couture](https://www.instagram.com/siggi_spiegelburg_couture)

RELAXING AFTER SHOPPING

I love the Kreativkai at Münster's port: it's a great place to sit down and enjoy the atmosphere. It is home to a variety of restaurants and cafés: Italian food at "Pasta e Basta" and "Café Med", the "Supremo" coffee shop at the end of the port and the nearby Wolfgang Borchert theatre. Must-sees are the LWL-Museum für Kunst und Kultur and the Kunstmuseum Pablo Picasso between all of the shopping streets.

AN OASIS OF ELEGANCE when you hit the town:
the Münster Arkaden

© Münster Arkaden





ONE OF the many cafés in Münster

© Michaelisplatz

ON EVERYONE'S LIPS

CRAFT BEER is the latest trend to hit the gastronomy scene. Did you know, however, that it's been popular here for over 200 years? And Münster is also home to the first organic brewery in Germany.

EXTENDED ENJOYMENT

Double rooms starting from €322

- 3 nights including breakfast
- Tour of the city on the MÜNSTERBUS
- Trip on Aasee (Lake Aa) 2018: 24.03. until 28.10. and 2019: 13.04. until 27.10.
- Welcome Ticket (*free journey on Münster's public transport network*)
- Individual hotel services

Only available: Friday – Monday, SGL possible

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Theresa Bauer – cityofbikes

TIPS FOR YOUR CITY TOUR

One of my favourite places: the Hansaring, with its cafés, boutiques, creative courtyards and pubs. Tip: Breakfast at "Exkaffee", coffee & cake at "Eulen und Lerchen". Make sure you don't miss out on exploring the Stadthafen (city port) – a place of interesting contrasts.

My insider's tip: a long Friday afternoon at the LWL-Museum or the open studios at Hawerkamp.

Nevertheless – Münster's youthful craft beer scene merits respect: there are some fantastic beers. But when it comes to Pinkus Müller – now that's in a different league. The last of the Mohicans and the first pioneer: the Müller brewery is the last of what was once more than 150 breweries for dark beer in Münster. And in 1978, it was the first brewery in Germany to brew a beer with completely organic ingredients. Pinkus beer is now exported all over the world, and all of the varieties are now in organic quality.

The successful intermingling of tradition and trendy enjoyment isn't necessarily typical of the gastronomy in Münster. It tends to be very broadly based. Your advantage: a huge selection, with superb offers being available in Münster that suit every taste – from starred cuisine to exotic fast food. Firstly there are the traditional pubs – including the oldest one in Münster, the "Alte Gasthaus Leve" which dates from

1607 – which serve traditional regional fare at a high level. Then there is the young, international Münster: with gastronomic influences from every corner of the world – after all, the city is home to people from more than 180 nations. Young chefs who aren't afraid to try out new things, who serve a wide selection of vegetarian and vegan.

All served in style. And the nuances are also becoming more varied. Restaurants, which attempt to reinterpret and refine traditional dishes. And young chefs, eager to experiment with fresh ingredients from the local region.

And such ingredients are plentiful in Münster. Go and see for yourself at one of the best weekly markets in Europe – every Wednesday and Saturday morning at the Domplatz. Farmers from the surrounding region side by side with fishmongers and cheese sellers from the Netherlands, local organic butchers, and herb sellers from Münster's suburbs. Not to mention Italian delicatessen or exotic snacks from Iranian-Westphalian coproduction – a feast for the senses that you certainly shouldn't miss out on.



An overview of Münster's gastronomy

www.muenster-geht-aus.de

Gastronomy tour of the Old Town

www.k3.de/muenster

www.stadt-lupe.de

www.stattreisen-muenster.de

www.eat-the-world.com/muenster

www.muensterland-qualitaet.de

www.wochenmarkt-muenster.de

Domgasse

SMALL BUT SWEET – a bistro in a very quaint corner



<p>★★★ superior Seehotel Krautkrämer</p> <p>EXTENDED ENJOYMENT DBL FROM €438</p> <p> 2x half board (3-course menu), Hotel with wellness suite</p>	<p>★★★ superior Mövenpick Hotel Münster</p> <p>EXTENDED ENJOYMENT DBL FROM €405</p> <p> 3 course menu + 1 bottle of wine, Sauna + fitness in hotel</p>	<p>★★★ Hotel Conti</p> <p>EXTENDED ENJOYMENT DBL FROM €378</p> <p> Hotel with sauna, 1 bottle of champagne</p>	<p>★★★ Hotel Europa</p> <p>EXTENDED ENJOYMENT DBL FROM €378</p> <p> Parking space, 1 bottle of champagne, Soup at the hotel bar</p>	<p>★★★ superior Hotel-Restaurant Überwasserhof</p> <p>EXTENDED ENJOYMENT DBL FROM €322</p> <p> 1 bottle of water</p>
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MÜNSTER – A WINTER FAIRY TALE

⌚ Münster Christmas Market



EXCUSE ME? Did you say “fairy tale”? Yes: many find Münster that beautiful. And in the festive season you can experience the city in a very special light.

CHRISTMAS IN MÜNSTER

Double rooms starting from €378

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⌚ St. Lamberti church square

THE LICHTERMARKT before St. Lamberti – one of five festive “Christmas islands”



📍 Münster Christmas Market

★★★★ superior
Seehotel
Krautkrämer

CHRISTMAS
IN MÜNSTER
DBL FROM €438

🎁 4 course Christmas
menu, Hotel with
wellness suite

★★★★ superior
Mauritzhof
Hotel Münster

CHRISTMAS
IN MÜNSTER
DBL FROM €522

🎁 3 course menu,
Champagne reception

★★★★ superior
Mövenpick
Hotel Münster

CHRISTMAS
IN MÜNSTER
DBL FROM €378

🎁 Christmas buffet,
Sauna + fitness in hotel

Even though we local people have been known to moan about the huge numbers of visitors who flood into our city in the run up to Christmas, we still join in with the fun: whether it is meeting friends for a mug of mulled wine, eating some potato waffles, browsing the market stalls for Christmas gift ideas ... the Christmas market is simply part of life in Münster.

And the best thing - there are, in fact, five! And despite some 300 market stalls, things never seem overwhelming. On the contrary, the markets are more like festive islands, each with its own flair, distributed around the picturesque corners of our Old Town.

Starting at the Aegidii-Markt at the new Museumsvorplatz – with the nativity scene, wooden pyramids, Christmas glockenspiel and fairy tale world, it's an event for the whole family. Or the traditional Christmas market around the Town Hall: with its jewellery, wood carvings, high quality art and crafts and a nostalgic carousel romantic electric candle-light. Not far away, the Lichermarkt that nestles before St. Lamberti (Church): blue kiosks, famed by the impressive gabled houses and the biggest Christmas tree in Münster. A little further on, the small but cosy Christmas village around the Kiepenkerl monument, with its Westphalian specialities, arts and crafts. And finally the Giebelhüeskesmarkt, with the medieval backdrop of the Überwasserkirche (Church) church and with superb views of the illuminated cathedral spires.

Wherever you may stroll in these Christmas islands, you will find beautiful and original wares, whether as souvenirs or gifts.

And a tip: make sure at some point, or in the evening when things are a little quieter, you step back from the festivities. Head for the Prinzipalmarkt, stand still, and take a look at the discreet Christmas lights on the gabled façades. You may even hear the sound of distant trumpets. Or even Santa Claus under the archways. Yes, the city can be a fairy tale, after all!



📍 Kiepenkerlviertel

★★★★ Hotel Conti

CHRISTMAS
IN MÜNSTER
DBL FROM €378

🎁 Hotel with sauna,
1 bottle of champagne,
welcome drink

★★★★ Hotel Europa

CHRISTMAS
IN MÜNSTER
DBL FROM €378

🎁 Parking space,
welcome drink, Soup at
the hotel bar

Factory
Hotel

CHRISTMAS
IN MÜNSTER
DBL FROM €442

🎁 2 bottles of water



All information on our Christmas markets:

What, where and when? We have put a summary together for you.

www.stadt-muenster.de/weihnachtsmarkt



**BE CAREFUL
NOT TO TRIP:
ART!**

IS IT CULTURE that brings you to Münster? Great. You aren't one of those bargain-hunters though? They like coming here because there's so much free artwork on offer. Free and outside – in the public realm. What Münster is famous for. Worldwide. And also warm hearted culture vultures.

"Art in the public realm" – is the theme of the "sculpture projects" that make Münster into the hotspot of the international art scene every ten years. The 2017 event even impressed some critics more than the "Documenta" that took place simultaneously.

2017 may be over. But the theme isn't: Münster's cityscape is characterised by art in the public realm, whether it is at the Aasee (Lake Aa), where Claes Oldenburg's giant sized billiard balls have long since become symbols of Münster. Or in the interior of the Zwinger, the intense "Gegenläufige Konzert" (concert in reverse) installation by Rebecca Horn. Lothar Baumgarten's jack-o-lanterns in the Baptists' cages at the Lambertiturm church tower. Or, light and poetic the heavenly message of Ilya Kabakov. More than 64 works of art are testament to the sculpture projects of the last 40 years.

27TH INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL 2019

Double rooms starting from €458

- 2 nights including breakfast buffet
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MÜNSTER JAZZ FESTIVAL – the concerts enthuse all lovers of great music

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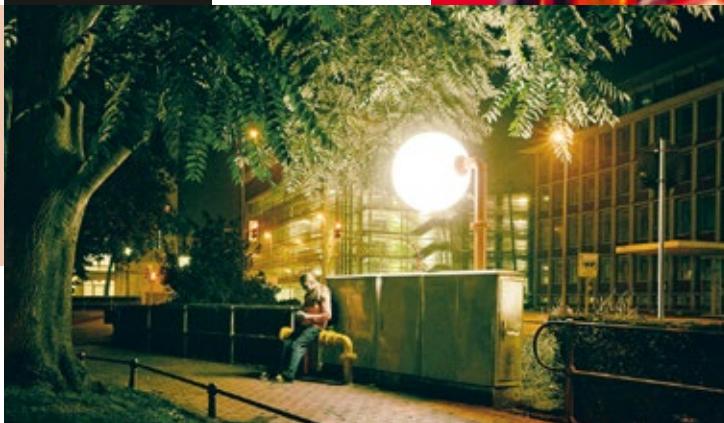


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★★★
Parkhotel Hohenfeld

JAZZ FESTIVAL
DBL FROM €458

Hotel with swimming pool, Parking space



ILLUMINATIONS
around the railway station – Tobias Rehberger's installation "The moon of Alabama" (I.)

📍 LWL-Museum für Kunst und Kultur



AVANT-GARDE with
industrial charm – the
städtische Kunsthalle (City
Art Gallery) at the port (r.)

📍 Stadthafen



📍 Aasee (Lake Aa)

ATTRACTIVE PLACES: the architecture of
the LWL Museum (l.), Claes Oldenburg's
giant billiard balls at Lake Aa

It is worth visiting these sights on a “Skulptour” – with the help of the appropriate brochures or apps. As you can see: you don't have to go to a museum to experience art and culture in Münster. And yet: you most certainly can! In over 30 superb museums, with top class and frequently surprising and unconventional exhibits.

First of all, of course, the biggest museum: the LWL Museum für Kunst und Kultur, with an impressive permanent collection and interesting visiting exhibitions. It is worth visiting for its modern architecture, with its elegant, inviting forecourt to the Rothenburg, alone. From there it is only a few steps to the Kunstmuseum Pablo Picasso: a unique collection of prints with first-rate international networking which provides for new material on the history of Picasso's work and that of his contemporaries. If you want to learn about the history of Münster in more detail, the Stadtmuseum on the Salzstraße is the right place to go. And who would have thought that we were also home to the only museum for lacquer art in Germany – with exotic masterpieces, mostly from the Far East?

Before planning your evening, you should make sure you take a look on what's on offer on the city's stages: whether it is a performance of a famous opera such as the “Magic Flute” at the Theater Münster (the Münster Theatre), a play by Kleist at the Wolfgang Borchert Theater, which has a spectacular location at the Flechtheim Hafenspeicher (Port Warehouse), or experiencing the latest avant-garde dance theatre at the Pumpenhaus theatre, it is simply a matter of the programme and your preferences. In the city centre, the Boulevard Münster theatre presents “Theater zum Anfassen” (theatre that you can touch). And by the main railway station, the GOP Varieté presents performances by international artistes and entertainers.

The music and festival scene in Münster is also international. This is particularly so at the Münster Jazz Festival, whose “Quality and Contrasts” concept ensures sell-out shows on the first weekend of January every two years. And in January 2019, the Jazz Festival, which is now a fixture on the international jazz scene, celebrates its 40th anniversary.

With a lively scene in its Hawerkamp district, Münster also hosts regular events for punk, indie, metal and electronic music, with the Vainstream and Docklands festivals being famous throughout Germany. Held on a lakeside stage at Lake Aa with Mediterranean open air flair, the Aaseerenaden festival, by contrast, attracts lovers of classical music.

And then there's the Film Festival and the literary scene ... That's enough for now, however! We've almost certainly forgotten to mention at least half of what's happening. There is so much happening in Münster, and so many new things, that we suggest you embark on your own journey of discovery! And please be so kind to tell us if you discover something exciting!



All events, all dates:

www.stadt-muenster.de/tourismus/veranstaltungen
www.lwl.org/LWL/Kultur/museumkunstkultur
www.skulptur-projekte.de
www.jazzfestival-muenster.de
www.kunstmuseum-picasso-muenster.de
www.lwl.org/LWL/Kultur/lwl-naturkunde/portal
www.stadt-muenster.de/museum
www.pferdemuseum.de
www.vainstream.com
www.docklands-festival.de
www.aaseeterrassen.de/aaseerenaden
www.theater-muenster.com
www.wolfgang-borchert-theater.de
www.variete.de/Muenster
www.filmfestival-muenster.org

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TIP

Frank Behnke – www.theater-muenster.com

MÜNSTER – FULL OF FAVOURITE PLACES!

There are so many places full of culture that I like visiting: the sun patio at the "Marktcafé" on Saturday mornings, the beautiful Botanischer Garten (Botanical Gardens), or the old cemetery at the palace moat. I also like the "Schlosstheater" and "Cinema" art house movie theatres. My tip: a drink at "Babel" or relaxing in the "Mambo Bar" after midnight, where there is something of the "St. Pauli" feeling. And make sure that you visit the beautiful Theater Münster: 1,000 roof lamps, its superb 1950s architecture and its excellent programme.

INTERESTING INSIDE AND OUT –
Münster's theatre, a pioneering piece of architecture when it was built in the 1950s.

A PRINCELY PLACE TO CYCLE

📍 The Kreuzviertel Münster



THE BELL – the most widely played
musical instrument in Münster ...

A BICYCLE? Did you know? According to the statistics, every resident of Münster owns 1.67 bicycles, including toddlers and retirees. Sounds like a few too many. So we'll be pleased to lend you one! You can be certain of feeling princely on it: almost like a permanent resident.

Prinzipalmarkt



Perhaps that's the reason why so many visitors from the Netherlands like visiting Germany's city of cycling: whether it is a local shopping trip, commuting to work, for exercise or even attending a wedding, in Münster, the bicycle – known locally as the "Leeze" – is the transport means of choice.

The popularity of the bicycle doesn't come from nowhere: the heart of the city is compact, with many of the key destinations within immediate proximity of each other and easy to access by bike.

And then there is the Promenade, which channels the cyclists around the Old Town – our "green highway", which is admired by many visitors and is for the exclusive use of cyclists and pedestrians. The Promenade provides easy access to the University, the Schloss (Residence), the main railway station and the popular recreation area of the Aasee (Lake Aa). Cycling also fits in excellently with the

particular lifestyle of the city – in Münster, health, sustainability and exercising in the great outdoors are traditionally considered to be important. On average, each resident of Münster spends 20 minutes cycling per day, and complete 40 percent of all their journeys in the city by "Leeze". The local residents even complete 20 percent of their "medium distance" journeys by bike – which means trips into the city centre with a distance of up to eight kilometres.

With more than half a million bikes on Münster's roads, it is naturally the case that parking space for bicycles are also required. That is why Münster was the first city in Germany to build a specialist parking facility for bicycles in 1999, which is situated at the main railway station. These days, the city is home to three such facilities, which provide space for up to 3,500 bicycles and include services such as leisure bike hire and bike washing amenities. There are even solutions for those wanting to transport bulky



ADMired BY
OUR VISITORS:
the Promenade – the
cycling highway
around the Old Town

⊗ Promenade

★★★ superior
Seehotel Krautkrämer

BICYCLE TOUR
DBL FROM €538

1x 3 course menu,
1x 4 course menu,
1x back massage at hotel

★★★ superior
Ringhotel Landhaus Eggert

BICYCLE TOUR
DBL FROM €452

3 course menu
both evenings,
Rental bike

★★★ Parkhotel Hohenfeld

BICYCLE TOUR
DBL FROM €312

1 aperitif and
2 x 3 course menu, hotel
with swimming pool



Simone Schwerdtner – [@wolkenweit](#)

ALWAYS ON THE MOVE MÜNSTER – MY HOME TOWN

As a travel blogger, I get around a lot – but there is one place in the city that is my all-time favourite: the Prinzipalmarkt with its view of St. Lamberti church. From there, it isn't far to my insider's tip – the "Fyal" café, another of my favourite home town places. Münster is a unique place for carefree travel – quite simply, spending the whole day exploring the city by bicycle.

goods: "Lasse" and "Lotte" cargo bikes are available to hire for free.

Of course, the high levels of bicycle traffic can also cause problems: reckless cyclists, carelessly parked bikes ... And yet: imagine what the city would be like if all of its cyclists decided to travel by car instead! Oh yes, there's another local difficulty we should mention: bicycle theft. It's a problem that has a negative effect on Münster's rankings in the crime statistics. Enough of that topic, though. Wait a moment – where's that bicycle that we lent you? You didn't forget to lock it, did you?!



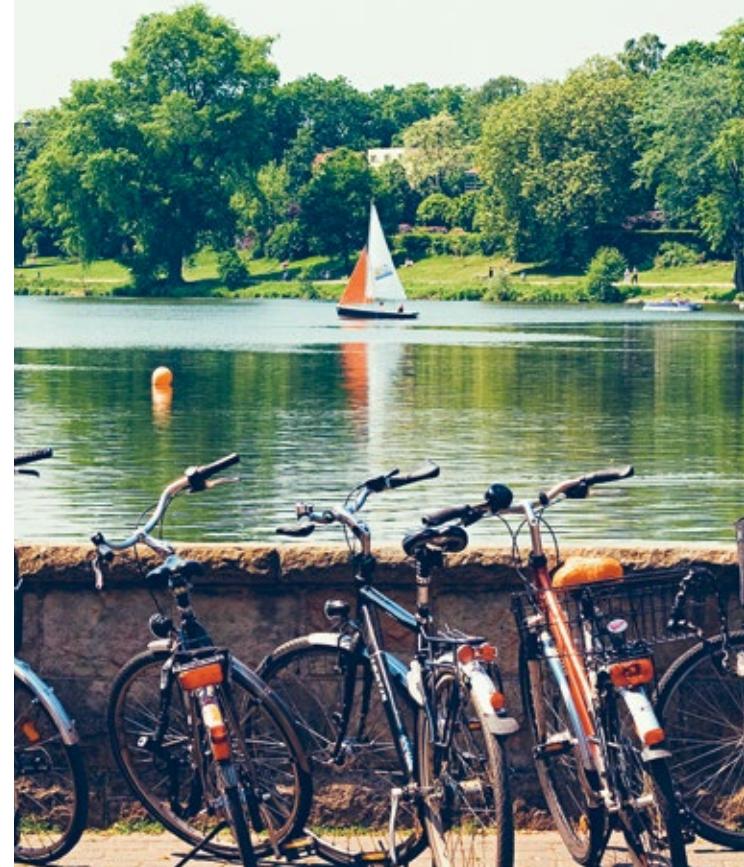
Exploring Münster on two wheels:

the most authentic way of enjoying your holiday in Münster is by bicycle - the best idea is to hire a bicycle on location.

www.stadt-muenster.de/tourismus/fahrradhauptstadt

www.radstation.de

www.lastenrad-ms.de



📍 Lake Aa

Hotel Haus vom
Guten Hirten

BICYCLE TOUR
DBL FROM €229

🚲 Rental bike

Hotel am
Wasserturm

BICYCLE TOUR
DBL FROM €260

🚲 Parking space,
1 bottle of water

BICYCLE TOUR

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- Cycling map
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© Prinzipalmarkt

A LONG TABLE in the open air – the Hansemahl (Hanseatic Repast) at the Prinzipalmarkt



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CELEBRATING PARTIES

IF SOMEONE you've never seen before invites you to take a place at the "dining table" – then don't be surprised. That someone is likely to be from the Prinzipalmarkt. And it will be the month of May.

The Prinzipalmarkt, Münster's dining table, the grand table for the annual Hanseatic Repast: it is here, in the open air, that at the beginning of May, Westphalian fare made from regional produce and fair trade products is served by Münster's merchants. Shows and guided tours on topic of "commerce" are in the Hanseatic tradition: in the middle ages, Münster was an important trading destination in this mighty European network – a tradition which it maintains to this day.

The Prinzipalmarkt is particularly popular place for celebrations: at the "Münster- Mittendrin" festival, for one weekend in August, the whole of the city becomes a festival site – with stands and stages, international celebrities and heroes of the local scene catering for a relaxed atmosphere. The city's outer districts are also great for partying: for example, the Hafenfest at Münster's lakeside – with water sports and a party atmosphere around the stages in the old Stadthafen (city port), now the most popular place to go out in Münster. Or the "X-Viertelfest", a festival centred around the Kreuzkirche (church): a place where one invariably bumps into people one hasn't seen for ages over live music or a glass of wine. The most recent of the district-based events are in the Erpho and Mauritz quarter – and they are particularly charming: it is here that local residents open their gardens and courtyards to visitors, surprising them with music, drinks and homemade cakes and cookies.

The "Send" festival, by contrast, looks back on a centuries-old tradition. What started life as a market to accompany the diocese synod, it is now the biggest festival in the region, attracting hundreds of thousands visitors three times a year for a week-long event at the Schlossplatz – with amusement rides, show stands, the "Pottmarkt" market and fireworks.

Something very different – but very typical of Münster – is the "Grünflächenunterhaltung" event on two Saturdays in the summer: a green, open air concert hall along the Promenade where amateurs and professionals, groups and soloists entertain the crowds live and unplugged.

Also on the Promenade, but a festival that is more for collectors and bargain-hunters, is one of the biggest open air flea markets in Europe. On four dates between May and September – particularly at the atmospheric flea market in the summer evenings – this is where you can find almost anything. Even some cutlery for your home dining table.



Online event information

We have put a summary of things worth knowing about Münster's events together for you.

www.stadt-muenster.de/tourismus/veranstaltungen

↗ Hawerkamp



↗ The Fürstbischofliches Schloss (Residence) Münster



MÜNSTER ENJOYS ITSELF – a culinary festival before the backdrop of the Schloss (Residence)

LEARNING. CREATES. LIFESTYLE.



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TIME TO THINK –
time for something new



Information on Münster's colleges and universities:

Find out where Münster creates knowledge. And where your bright young things could study.

www.uni-muenster.de

www.fh-muenster.de

www.muenster.de/hochschulen

WHAT WOULD MÜNSTER BE without learning, or its colleges and universities? An attractive and charming city, growing old gracefully. A little like a museum, a permanent exhibition. Nice to look at. But sooner or later, you've seen it all.

Münster's fountain of youth are its nine colleges and universities. Replenishment takes place every year – with thousands of new faces and talented young people moving into the city. They are everywhere to be seen, filling the historic backdrop of the city with their exuberance, vigour, creativity and new ideas.

They reclaim places for themselves - frequently at unlikely locations, such as the alter Stadthafen (old city port). Or a former office building. Or a former factory. Some things are only temporary and disappear again, while others take root and become hubs around which new things become crystallised. Impetus or models for the lifestyle of tomorrow? Maybe. Right now, it is impossible to say.

And the youngsters are great in number! Münster is home to some 60,000 students – around 20% of its



Prof. Dr. Timo Betz – bit.ly/TimoBetzTEDx

OUT OF THE LABORATORY AND INTO THE TOWN

For me, it's a place that does everything: the Germania Campus, where I spent a lot of time with my family. In the summer it's a sports field, in the winter it's an open air ice rink (incidentally, the only one in Münster).

It is also a venue for live bands which create a great atmosphere. My personal recommendation: the "Lido" pizzeria which is also on the campus. For me, it's my favourite place to enjoy a tasty pizza with my children. What else shouldn't you miss? As a scientist, I always enjoy going to the Naturkundemuseum, where I learn something new on every visit.

residents: of the cities with more than 300,000 inhabitants, that's the biggest proportion in Germany, and it is only the small university towns that have a high density of students.

The magnetism of Münster for bright young things is naturally due to the quality of our nine colleges and universities. This is particularly true of the Westfälische Wilhelms Universität (the University of Münster), which is one of the biggest universities in Germany, offers degrees in subjects as diverse as English and Dentistry, and holds particular expertise in its "Cells in Motion" and "Religion and Politics" clusters. The Fachhochschule Münster (Münster University of Applied Sciences) is also excellent – and has been acknowledged as one of the leading centres for research in Germany. And how about the smallest of all – the Hochschule der Kapuziner (Capuchin College), a place of philosophy, theology and of in-depth ethics-based study.



⊗ Schlossplatz

THE CENTRE (ABOVE)
of the University of
Münster – one of
the biggest universities
in Germany



What do these things offer visitors to Münster, though? Well take a look at Münster's calendar of events: from the new archaeological findings in the Middle East, to international events such as TEDx-Münster (one of the speakers provides tips), to art tours at the Academy, to contemplative lectures on art and literature, to the lively Science Slam event – Münster's academic community continuously provides the city and its visitors with new knowledge and interesting debates. But the most important thing: you will feel it wherever you go in our city. Münster has a lively, thriving atmosphere – rather than being a sleepy town famed for its museums ...

Incidentally: this magazine was written in the autumn of 2017. By the time you get to read it, it may well be the case that a good few new things are already on offer. It isn't our fault: that's just the way things are in the faced-paced world of science and learning.

A COMMITMENT TO PEACE

TO BE HONEST: that Münster became a place of world history in the year 1648 wasn't down to our good efforts. It was more of a coincidence. Or a better word: a gift. And we do our best to handle it with care.

© Münster's historic Town Hall



IN HONOUR OF A SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT – the Westphalian Peace Prize
is awarded to Helmut Schmidt (2012)



📍 Münster's historic Town Hall

2015: The conferral
of the European
Heritage Label

Around the same time, our neighbours also became sovereign: on 15th May 1648, with the peace agreement that was reached between Spain and the Netherlands, the modern Netherlands was born – where the term “Vrede van Munster” (Peace of Münster) is known by every school child.

Today, we remember our legacy of peace in Münster with the “1648 – Dialogue for Peace” event week. Every two years, the Westphalian Peace Prize is awarded – its recipients have included names as well-known as Helmut Kohl, Kofi Annan and Helmut Schmidt, in addition to young people who are committed to working for peace and understanding.

2018 – on the 370th anniversary of the Peace of Westphalia and the ECHY, the European Cultural Heritage Year - a major exhibition on peace will take place at five locations in Münster. And with the Catholic Day, which is also taking place here in May 2018 – there couldn't be a better motto for this year's event: “Seek peace” www.katholikentag.de.

Above all else, it was a gift for Europe: on 24th October 1648, the Peace of Westphalia in Münster und Osnabrück heralded the end of the 30 years' war, a bloody conflict that had laid much of Europe to waste. That is why our historic Town Hall – and its counterpart in the town of Osnabrück – carries the European Heritage Label. And in its Friedenssaal (Peace Hall), you should be certain to admire the portraits of the emissaries who were responsible for this herculean achievement.

And it was a new kind of achievement: the conflict was resolved through dialogue and patient negotiations. Both locations were chosen for good reason: the protestant and catholic powers were able to negotiate without crossing swords. The distance was also short enough to enable rapid communications by messenger.

The final result was a peace accepted by all and with far-reaching consequences: the era of the bloody confessional wars had finally come to an end. And a principle had been created that continues to characterise Europe and modern international law to this day: an order of peace between equal sovereign states.



📍 Hall of Peace

AN ACTIVE CITY



⌚ Schlossplatz



⌚ The Stadthafen

A PLACE OF ACTION – whether it's at the Schloss (Residence) (above) or at the Stadthafen (City Port) (l.)

The Münster version, the "Sparda Triathlon", is both distinguished and flawlessly organised: every summer, with more than 1,000 participants, before enthusiastic crowds and the beautiful backdrop of the port. Recently, high international culture has also been included: one of the most popular works of the 2017 sculpture projects, Ayşe Erkmen's "Unterwasser-Steg" (underwater walkway) in the port basin, served as a starting platform for the swimmers on

the "people's course". Creative – but typical: "the people" of Münster actively participate in the top level sports events. That includes the Münsterland Giro, for example, one of the most recent highlights in the professional cycling season, where you can watch exciting high-performance sport touring the region on an alternating route, the final lap of which always takes in the Prinzipalmarkt, before heading to the finish, with world class sprint in front of the

magnificent baroque Schloss (Palace). You can also experience Germany's city of cycling in action: fans of the "Leezen" from Münster and its surrounding region give their best in a variety of heats.

And then there is Münster's Volksbank Marathon, a key fixture in the German running calendar, which attracts professionals and ambitious amateurs from both Germany and abroad. Not to mention the four-man relay races that draw hundreds of participants from Münster and its surrounding area. Yet above all, it is the fans that create the atmosphere along the route – up until the nail-biting finale at the finishing line under the arches of the Prinzipalmarkt.

The Münsterland is a land of equestrianism – and Münster is at the heart of things. It therefore comes as no surprise that the city region is home to some excellent bridleways that are more than 100 kilometres in length. The Allwetterzoo (All-weather zoo) even features its own Westfälisches Pferdemuseum (the Westphalian equestrian museum), about equestrian sports and the cultural history of the horse. Every August, the traditional "Turnier der Sieger" (Tournament of Winners) brings the international elite of dressage and show jumping together on the meadows in front of the Schloss (Residence) – a glorious event for all horse lovers.

The glory days of SC Preußen Münster 06, however, lie somewhat in the past. The runners-up in the German Bundesliga of 1953 now play in the third division – but remain eager to return to the higher echelons. After all, SCP was one of the founding members of the Bundesliga. SCP has previously been home to top international players such as Fifi Gerritzen, Erwin Kostedde and Christoph Metzelder.

If it's top quality ball sports you're looking for in Münster, look no further than the USC women's volleyball team: the former champions continue to hit the heights in the Federal German Volleyball league today.

Ball sports doesn't always have to be football or volleyball – how about a round of golf? There is plenty of green space in Münster for plenty of greens – the city and its surrounding area are perfect for golf. The city district is home to four golf courses – you always wanted to improve your handicap, didn't you?

TAKING A BREATHER BENEATH STEEPED GABLES – runners at the Münster Marathon



Prinzipalmarkt



Ingrid Klimke – [ingridklimke](#)

A BIKE RIDE IN NATURE

My favourite place? I might as well be honest, it's the Wochenmarkt (weekly market) in Münster. The city also features many other great places – one place that may be a little far out but is easy to reach (including by bicycle), is my insider's tip: the traditional "Hölt'ne Schluse" country inn on the Max Clemens Canal, which has an especially cosy atmosphere in the winter. And in the summer, you should make sure you go for a walk or take a cycling trip in Münster's unique nature discovery area: the nearby Rieselfelder are the ideal place to relax.



Sport for professionals and dedicated amateurs:
visit our website for an overview of the wide range of sports attractions and activities on offer in Münster.

www.stadt-muenster.de/tourismus/sportliches

A CITY OF OASES – in
this case, at the
Überwasserkirche
(Church) by the
Aasee (Lake Aa)



⌚ The Überwasserkirche (church)

TOWN, COUNTRY, RIVER

A TRIP to nature in the
Münster district?
Why not put a whole
day aside? It may only
be a few steps away.
Try it out!

Taking some fresh air – what a tonic after all the Münster sightseeing and the cultural calendar that is chock full of events!

Onto the bicycle and into the countryside. Cycling alongside dreamy rivers, through shady beech groves, past imposing farmhouses, enjoying a cosy picnic on the edge of endless meadows with flocks of birds and cattle. The country becomes more hilly, with fields of ripe, crackling corn, passing a baroque castle on route (which was once the home of Droste-Hülshoff), passing another flood plain, before finally admiring the silhouette of the Old Town over the evening lake from afar. Incidentally: you might not realise it, but you haven't left the Münster city district all day!

It's actually a simple calculation. Of all the cities in North Rhine-Westphalia, Münster is in tenth place in terms of residents, but has the second largest urban area. What does that mean? The answer is simple: plenty of space for nature – in addition to the urban density, any number of oases of recreation. And those start in the city centre – with the “green heart” of Münster, the city's former fortifications which

circle the Old Town, known as the Promenade. The Promenade is only a few metres from the busiest road junction in Münster, the Ludgerikreisel, and another short walk will take you to Lake Aa.

Back when Münster's city river, the Aa, was dammed to create a lake, nobody could have guessed what would eventually become of it: a superb park and area of greenery which borders the city centre. A paradise for lovers of nature and sailing, for joggers and day-trippers. And, by the way, for lovers of culture as well: it is here that reminders of past sculpture projects are to be found. The western end of the lake is home to another tempting destination, especially for families: Münster's extensive Allwetterzoo (All-weather zoo) and the Naturkundemuseum (Natural History Museum).

Also nearby is the Mühlenhof Open Air Museum, with its wooden windmill and buildings dating from the 16th to 19th centuries, which showcases the region's farming history.

And your return trip to the city centre? Cross the lake with the Solaaris water bus, which is naturally solar powered. After all, you are in the "climate capital" of Münster, which has won many awards for its extensive efforts surrounding climate protection and sustainability. But with so much greenery and nature in the offing, that's something that shouldn't come as such a surprise!



Information for your time out in nature:

Plan your trip on land or water online with the following websites

www.allwetterzoo.de

www.overschmidt.de/aaseeschiffahrt-aktuelles

www.muehlenhof-muenster.org

www.biostation-muenster.org



⌚ The Pleister Mühle (mill)

⌚ Lake Aa



RECREATION with high culture:
the Pardo Pier at Lake Aa



TIP

Georg Hopp – [@faengerderzeit](#)

EXPERIENCING MÜNSTER BY WATER AND AIR

Something that's very special is taking a morning trip in a hot air balloon during the hot air balloon festival. My everyday tip: lying on your back beneath the sculpture of Ilya Kabakov on Lake Aa and watching the clouds. My favourite place near there: the Pardo Pier, the wooden jetty at Lake Aa – which is at its most beautiful at sunrise over a coffee. And make sure you experience the Nacht der Museen (Museums Night), when you can stroll around the galleries and museums in Münster and see the evening out with red wine and live music.



⌚ Schloss Nordkirchen (Residence)

WHETHER YOU'RE NOBILITY OR NOT

MÜNSTER'S SCHLOSS (RESIDENCE), a baroque jewel: if you've got a taste for it there are more than one palaces in the Münster region. Have you ever heard of the "Route of 100 Castles"?

From the dreamy moated castle, via the grand country house in its green hiding place, to the "Westphalian Versailles" in Nordkirchen – the route is considered the queen of cycling tours. And it goes without saying that you don't have to be nobility to enjoy it: the well-known park landscape of the Münsterland is quite simply a paradise – both for leisurely cycling trips and sports enthusiasts. Through idyllic river floodplains, along the byways alongside the Ems, Werse and Stever rivers. Or on the "Pättkes Tour" along typical narrow paths through meadows and woodlands, passing imposing farmhouses. And if you want to follow in the footsteps of the Westphalian Friedensreiter (peace riders), the Friedensroute (peace route) connects the historic Town Halls of Münster and Osnabrück.

Over 5,000 km of well-maintained cycling paths: we will be happy to provide you with maps and help with your orientation, such as tips for rewarding destinations, also in the immediate vicinity of Münster. To Burg Hülshoff, the birthplace of Annette von Droste-Hülshoff. Or to the highest point in the Münsterland: the Longinusturm (Longinus Tower) in the Baumbergen, which is a dizzying 187 m high! Did we mention that you can also visit all of these sights by car? You might just miss out on that typical "Münsterland feeling" though! www.muensterland-tourismus.de

AROUND MÜNSTER:
the Münsterland –
a paradise for excursions,
whether sports or leisure

⌚ The Werse



⌚ Haus Rüschhaus

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES of Münster – via your networks, with your friends. And with us! Maybe you have discovered something great that we haven't?

#exploremuenster

And maybe you want to be inspired one more time? Last but not least, here are the ultimate insider tips from our influencers and experts – these are the things you shouldn't under any circumstances miss when visit Münster:

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Martje Saljé

“A guided tour of the historic Old Town, and above all, the Täuferkörbe (Baptists' cages) at St. Lamberti church are must-haves on any tour of Münster.”

Jürgen Kehrer

“Make sure you don't miss out on seeing the Astronomische Uhr (Astronomical Clock) in the Cathedral, which has been going for more than 400 years.”

Georg Hopp

“Enjoying the peace of Lake Aa on the Pardo Pier, a wooden jetty which reaches into the lake.”

Simone Schwerdtner

“Experiencing Münster's lively gastronomy in the heart of the city, at the 'Fyal' for instance, over a good cup of coffee.”

Frank Behnke

“After a walk around the city and a guided tour of the Old Town, enjoy the peace and beauty of the Botanischer Garten (Botanical Gardens).”

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↙ Münster's historic Town Hall



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www.tourismus.muenster.de



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INFORMATION AVAILABLE
EVERYWHERE – including the
Historisches Rathaus (Town Hall)

We have put all the important information together for you online at www.tourismus.muenster.de. We are naturally available to assist you offline and in person, however. The **Münster Information** office at Heinrich-Brüning-Straße 9 is open Mondays to Fridays from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm. Alternatively, contact the **Information office in the Historic Town Hall** at Prinzipalmarkt 10, which is open on the following days: Tuesdays to Fridays from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. We are also available to assist you by telephone: +49 (0) 251 – 2724

Our service includes a holiday rooms agency. Our Münster tourism professionals provide a free telephone **booking service** Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 6.00 pm and Saturdays from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, and provide help with arranging hotels and holiday apartments at no extra cost. Book online at www.tourismus.muenster.de. Bookings can be made without a credit card until 6.00 pm, with payment only being necessary upon arrival at the hotel. The city of Münster charges a 4.5% accommodation tax for paid overnight stays in tourist accommodation. Business stays are exempt from this tax, however.



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Münster for kids

All of those streets, churches and sights! For youngsters, they can be something of challenge, though. A city break with children? That's when parents have to think of something! But don't worry: Münster is a young, family-friendly city – with many offers that even the youngest of visitors can be certain of enjoying: www.stadt-muenster.de/tourismus/kinder

Travelling safely

Münster has done a lot of work to ensure that people who suffer from disabilities can get around the city without facing barriers and safely (the Münster Information office has also been certified as being barrier-free).

We have put plenty of useful information together for your visit to Münster – from guided tours to wheelchair hire. www.muenster-barrierefrei.de

Many routes lead to Münster

You can reach Münster by car directly via the A1 and A43 motorways. An environmental zone has been created in the heart of our "federal capital of climate protection" which is navigable to vehicles that have the green Umweltplakette (Environmental Badge). www.umweltzone.stadt-muenster.de

Münster's Hauptbahnhof (main railway station) is connected to the IC, EC and ICE railway networks. The current connections can be found at www.bahn.de and www.hkx.de. You can also travel comfortably and cheaply by coach to and from Münster; for further information, visit www.fernbusse.de or www.busliniensuche.de.

Münster-Osnabrück (FMO) International Airport also offers direct flights to destinations in Germany and abroad. FMO is approximately 30 minutes from Münster city centre by taxi or bus www.fmo.de.

It goes without saying that Germany's city of cycling is a popular destination for cycling tourists. With a first-rate network of cycle routes which reach far and wide into the surrounding region, Münster is perfect for visitors arriving on two wheels www.tourenplaner-muensterland.de and www.radroutenplaner.nrw.de.

Collaborations:



STAYING IN MÜNSTER



FIND Find detailed information about the partner hotels included with our offer HERE. For your superior orientation, we have given every hotel a number that you can find with ease in the city hotels map (see QR code). Please call us if you require further information. We will be pleased to assist you.



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DBL Double room, SGL Single room,
TBR Three-bed room, FBR Four-bed room,
AP Apartment, JS Junior suite, SU Suite

1 ★★★★ superior



HOF ZUR LINDE ROMANTIC HOTEL

7 km
from the city centre

18 DBL, 8 SGL,
5 SPA-JS, 13 JS, 8 SU

Just 7 kilometres from the centre of Münster, the Hof zur Linde Romantic Hotel is situated by the river Werse. A hotel where Westphalian hospitality comes first, and guests are quick to feel at home. 52 individually designed rooms and suites, some of which feature a fireplace or sauna, await your visit. Our cosy restaurant invites you to enjoy our fresh cuisine.

2 ★★★★ superior



HOTEL KAISERHOF MÜNSTER

Central, between the main railway station and city centre

41 DBL,
54 SGL, 5 SU

A privately-run 4 star superior hotel known for its hospitality, quality and comfort. Opposite the railway station, a short walk from Münster's Old Town as well as the shopping streets, pubs, port and tourist sights. Air-conditioned rooms and suites, a 500 sqm. spa and two restaurants – including the only Michelin-starred restaurant in Münster. Free WiFi & Sky TV. Hotel parking available for all guests.

3 ★★★★ superior

BEST WESTERN PREMIER SEEHOTEL KRAUTKRÄMER

8.5 km
from the city centre

47 DBL, 19 SGL,
5 JS, 4 SU

One of the leading country hotels in the Münsterland, in a green location right on the Hiltruper See (lake). 75 generously furnished non-smoking rooms and suites – most of which feature a balcony and views of the lake – invite guests to relax in a stylish atmosphere. Highlights: The famous "Krautkrämer" restaurant, the hotel bar and the wellness area with its indoor pool. The golf course is just 500 m away.



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★★★★

superior

LANDHAUS EGGERT

RINGHOTEL

11 km
from the city centre28 DBL, 5 SGL,
3 SU, 1 AP

The 4 star superior country hotel nestles in a green location just 10 km away from the city centre. In the special ambience of the Westphalian-English architecture, a first-rate restaurant and a small but sweet wellness suite await your visit. For travellers who are seeking peace and comfort ...

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superior

MAURITZHOF

HOTEL MÜNSTER

In the
city centre46 DBL, 6 SGL
(INC. 4 SU)

Whether it's a professional or leisure visit to Münster, we are certain you will find something you want at our hotel. Look forward to staying at one of the most exceptional hotels in the heart of Münster: situated right on the Promenade, your distances are short and your senses are relaxed. A choice of 52 elegantly furnished rooms in 5 categories is available, from the comfort room to the luxurious suite.

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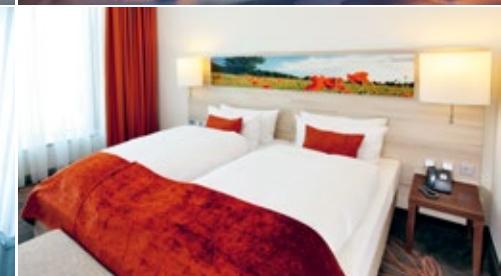
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MÖVENPICK

HOTEL MÜNSTER

Central, right on the
Aasee (Lake Aa)164 DBL, 60 SGL
(INC. 5 JS, 2 SU)

The Mövenpick Hotel Münster isn't just one of the best hotels in Münster because of its unique location. Enjoy the proximity to Lake Aa and the city centre, and be inspired by the attentive service and modern atmosphere. Two restaurants, a lounge bar and the sauna and fitness suite on the roof patio also invite you to relax and enjoy yourself.



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★★★★

HOTEL CONTI

WITH CONTI BISTRO

Central,
50 m to the IC BF

52 DBL, 49 SGL

A family-run hotel in the heart of the city with a railway collection in the breakfast room. With public transport freely available on the doorstep, this hotel is suitable for every category of stay. The hotel rooms are fully soundproofed, the hotel features a sauna, free WiFi, a choice of free newspapers and a generous breakfast buffet. The hotel also has its own car park.

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★★★★

HOTEL EUROPA

WITH BISTRO DREI PRINZEN

1.5 km
from the city centre51 DBL, 10 SGL
(INC. 18 TBR, 6 FBR)

Münster's Old Town is just a short stroll away from this family-run hotel in the Erphoviertel district. The hotel also has its own parking. There are two bus stops a few metres away. A hearty breakfast buffet, free WiFi, a 24h bar, a choice of newspapers and magazines, and a bicycle hire service are all available at the hotel. There are also several restaurants in the vicinity.

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★★★★

H4 HOTEL

MÜNSTER

500 m to the
main railway station138 DBL
(INC. JS & SU)

In the heart of Münster, the 4-star H4 Hotel Münster, with its 138 comfortable and light-flooded rooms and suites (some of which feature a balcony), invites you to a relaxing stay. Our advantages at a glance: roof patio, free WiFi, 42 inch LCD TV, superior and modern furnishings, air-conditioned rooms (individually controllable), barrier-free hotel. We look forward to welcoming you!



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PARKHOTEL HOHENFELD MÜNSTER

6 km
from the city centre

54 DBL, 30 SGL,
11 AP

In the superior country house style of an historic Münsterland country estate in an idyllic setting just outside Münster, our hotel features 84 comfortable double and single rooms. Our "Landhaus Hohenfeld" hotel is also home to ten individual apartments and one suite. Enjoy cutting-edge German cuisine at the Park Restaurant and try out local beers at our "Börneken" tavern.

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RESTAURANT HOTEL SCHLOSS WILKINGHEGE

4.5 km
from the city centre

14 DBL, 8 SGL,
13 SU

Schloss Wilkinghege, surrounded by a moat and a beautiful park, is a moated castle that is typical of the Münsterland. Discover this third generation, privately-managed hotel that is just outside Münster. 35 individually furnished hotel rooms offer modern comfort and invite you to relax. The restaurant promises excellent cuisine.

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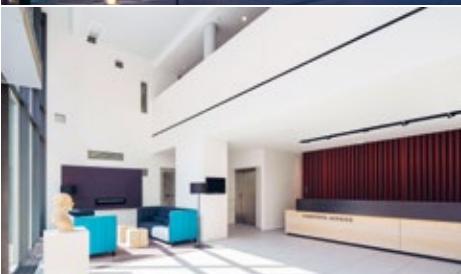
★★★★

TRYP MÜNSTER KONGRESSHOTEL

2 km
from the Old Town

131 ROOMS
(INCL. 2 JS)

The Tryp Kongresshotel Münster has 131 modern non-smoking rooms, a freely available sauna, four air-conditioned conference rooms and parking facilities. The hearty breakfast buffet leaves nothing to be desired. Our restaurant can be booked for groups and events. Our 24-hour hotel bar, with a varied menu of light refreshments, invites guests to relax.



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superior

HOTEL AM SCHLOßPARK

Central,
at the Schlosspark

22 DBL, 3 SGL,
3 AP

Behind the impressive façade, situated in a quiet side road and yet in a central location: the family-run Hotel am Schlosspark. The rooms are light-flooded and comfortably furnished. An extensive breakfast buffet underlines the pleasant atmosphere of the hotel. The car park at the rear of the hotel is freely available for the guests to use.

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★★★

superior

STADTHOTEL MÜNSTER

In the heart
of the Old Town

77 DBL,
60 SGL, 3 SU

The STADTHOTEL MÜNSTER combines 3 star superior comfort with a friendly atmosphere, comfort amenities and attentive service. For leisure and business travellers. For conferences and meetings. For a short break or a longer stay. In a central location in the city centre, with parking adjacent to the hotel.

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superior

HOTEL-RESTAURANT ÜBERWASSERHOF

In the heart
of the Old Town

35 DBL,
20 SGL

The hotel in the heart of the Old Town is the perfect starting point for sightseeing and business. Our all-around service: soundproofed glazing, rental bicycles, free WiFi/flat-screen TV, conference rooms, garages, partially extra-long beds and beds for allergy sufferers, as well as a Westphalian breakfast buffet (lactose/gluten-free available on request) and an Italian gourmet restaurant. Reception is open 24 hours.



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HOTEL INTERNATIONAL AM THEATER

Central and quiet city centre location

9 DBL, 10 SGL, 4 SU

A stylish ambience, international flair and a warm welcome result in a very special atmosphere for our guests. In a central city centre location only a few minutes' walk from the cathedral and Old Town with all of its sights and shopping facilities, we are pleased to welcome you to our family-run hotel.

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IBIS

Central, between the main railway station and city centre

superior
65 ROOMS

Whether it's a professional or leisure visit: you are always welcome. Located between the main railway station and the Old Town, our hotel features 65 modern rooms: with sound proofing, air conditioning and extra sleep comfort thanks to Sweet Bed by ibis™. The rooms also come with a desk, flat screen TV and WiFi. Conference Centre and the Hafen district are nearby.

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FACTORY HOTEL

2 km from the Old Town

144 ROOMS (INCL. 16 SU)

The hotel is one of more than 200 individually managed design hotels worldwide. The central element of the Germania Campus was constructed in the year 2008 in and around the historic walls of the former Germania Brewery. The exposed brickwork and steel girders of the building which is more than 100 years old are in deliberate contrast to the concrete, and lend the hotel a special sense of character.



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HOTEL HAUS VOM GUTEN HIRTEN

Central, 19 DBL, 7 SGL, 5 OF WHICH on the Dortmund-Ems Canal FAMILY ROOMS

Our hotel team welcomes you to a quiet and convenient location just outside Münster city centre. Our hotel is characterised by its personal and family-friendly atmosphere and attentive service. As an integration company, we are a member of the Embrace Hotels group. All of our rooms are barrier-free! Four of our rooms are ideal for wheelchair access.

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HOTEL MARTINIHF

Central location, just a few metres from the Old Town 53 ROOMS

Situated in the heart of the city yet in a peaceful location, we extend you a warm welcome to our family-run hotel. Strengthened by our hearty breakfast buffet, this is the ideal starting place to explore our beautiful city, with all of its sights, on foot. We will only be too pleased to offer you our suggestions and tips. We look forward to your visit!

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HOTEL AM WASSERTURM

12 km from the city centre 19 DBL, 28 SGL

Situated in the parkland of the Münsterland, our hotel offers space, catering and technical facilities for conferences and comfort for a good night's sleep. Our hotel is an integration company, which means people with and without disabilities work side by side on the first employment market - all our employees look forward to making your stay as comfortable as possible.

