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## City guide



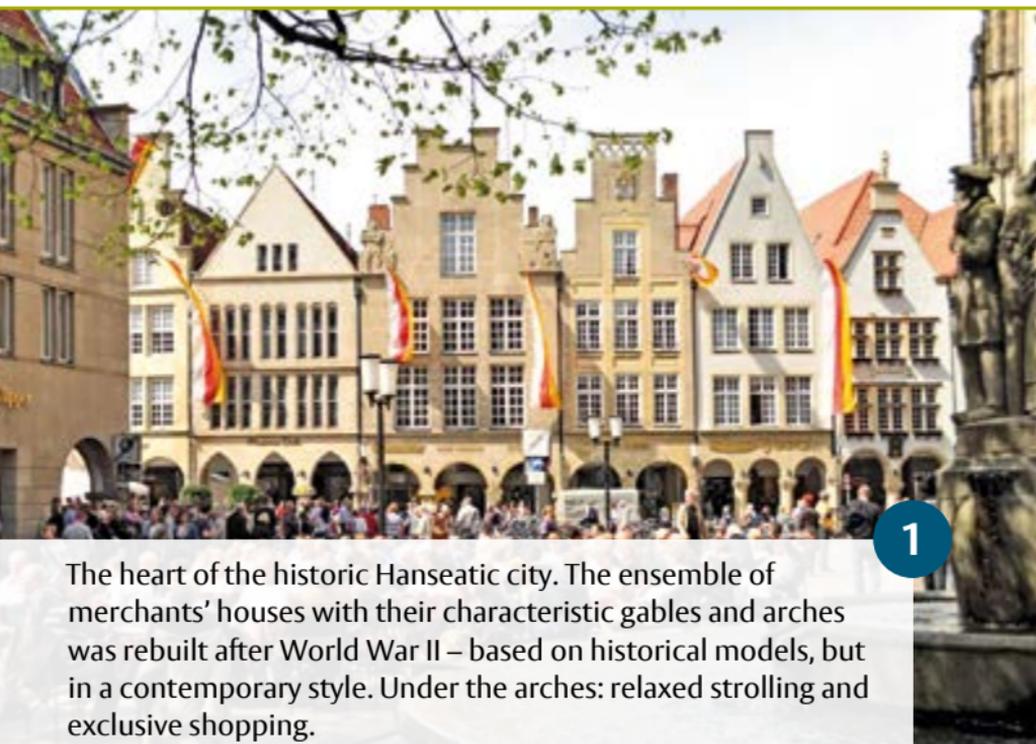
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# Dear visitor,

Everything we want to present to you in this city guide is quite simply worth seeing – very much so. But ultimately it only shows a few key points; a framework so to speak. Life actually happens in other places, around about and in-between. Especially in a city like Münster that thrives on excitement and contrasts, between honourable history and young beginnings. The pulse of such a city can only be experienced by those who are on the move with their eyes and ears open, their nose to the wind, and by those who can always be lured into sideway glances and byways.

This city guide should be seen as a suggestion, as a small guide to help you see the life of our city with your own eyes and experience it with all your senses.

*Welcome to your  
very own Münster  
experience!*



The heart of the historic Hanseatic city. The ensemble of merchants' houses with their characteristic gables and arches was rebuilt after World War II – based on historical models, but in a contemporary style. Under the arches: relaxed strolling and exclusive shopping.

## Prinzipalmarkt

[www.tourismus.muenster.de](http://www.tourismus.muenster.de)



## Friedenssaal (Hall of Peace)

The most important room in the Historical Town Hall: with the invocation of the Spanish-Dutch partial peace on 15th May 1648, the “birth certificate” of the modern-day Netherlands was virtually issued in the former council chamber. A few months later, on 24th October, the Westphalian peace of Münster and Osnabrück ended the Thirty Years’ War. The portraits of the sovereigns and the most important envoys commemorate this event of European significance.

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[www.westfaelischer-frieden-muenster.de](http://www.westfaelischer-frieden-muenster.de)



Münster’s landmark bears the European Heritage Label – symbolising a world historical date: The Thirty Years’ War ended in Münster and Osnabrück in 1648. Behind the town hall, Eduardo Chillida’s benches sculpture commemorates the core principle of the Peace of Westphalia – “Tolerance through Dialogue”.



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## Historic town hall

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# St. Paulus Dom (Cathedral)

[www.paulusdom.de](http://www.paulusdom.de)

Saxony missionary Liudger built a monastery here; the nucleus of the growing city. The cathedral's mighty figure dates back to the 13th century and was built in late Romanesque style with Gothic extensions. A work of art in the right nave: The astronomical clock from the 16th century with daily chimes and turning figures.

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The civic and market church from the 14th/15th century. On the tower there are three iron cages, in which the prince-bishop put the bodies of the Baptist leaders on show as a deterrent in the mid-16th century. The “highest office” of the city can be found above this – Münster’s tower watchwoman sounds her horn from high up above in the evening.

# St. Lamberti Kirche (Church)

[www.st-lamberti.de](http://www.st-lamberti.de)

# Dominikanerkirche (Church)

[www.stadt-muenster.de/dominikanerkirche](http://www.stadt-muenster.de/dominikanerkirche)

World art in a profaned church space. Gerhard Richter's double mirror with its powerfully swinging pendulum encourages meditation in the conflict between seeing and knowing, religion and science.

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The huge collection of Münster's history in 33 themed cabinets. Urban and architectural models illustrate the shape and change of Münster from the city's founding to the present day, with current exhibitions on specific topics delving into the city's history.

# Stadtmuseum (City Museum)

[www.stadt-muenster.de/museum](http://www.stadt-muenster.de/museum)

# Theater Münster (Münster Theatre)

[www.theater-muenster.com](http://www.theater-muenster.com) and [www.muenster.de/theater.html](http://www.muenster.de/theater.html)

A modern “thunderclap” in post-war architecture. The flagship in Münster’s diverse stage scene offers high-class music from all genres – from drama to music theatre, dance, children’s and youth theatre and concerts for the discerning ear.

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The only institution of its kind in the world houses a comprehensive collection of lacquer art from Asia, Europe and the Islamic world – with objects from over two millennia.

# Museum für Lackkunst

(Museum for Lacquer Art)

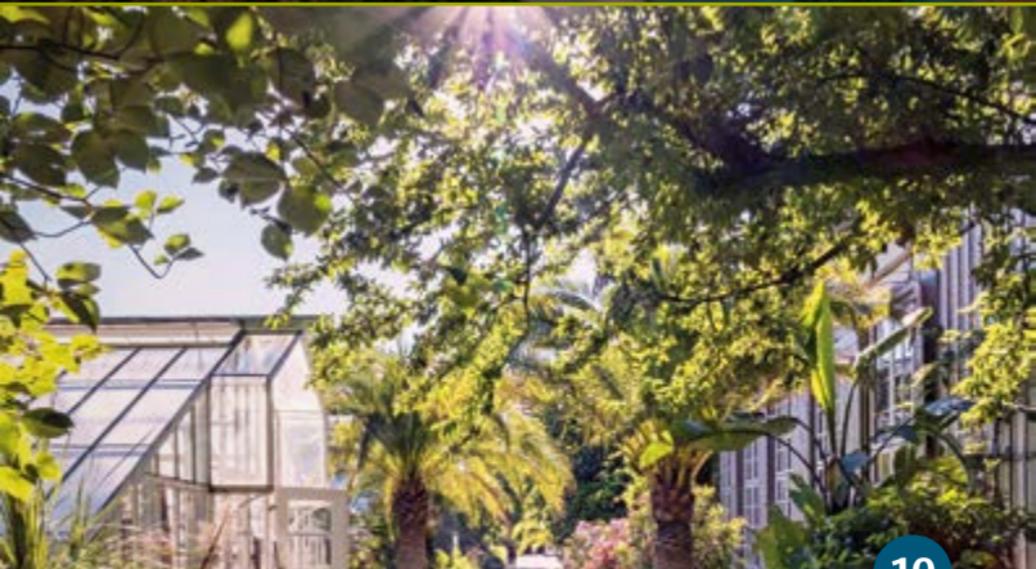
[www.museum-fuer-lackkunst.de](http://www.museum-fuer-lackkunst.de)

# Schloss (Residence)

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Built as a prince-bishop residence in the 18th century by the Baroque master builder J. C. Schlaun. The three-winged complex with rich façade decoration is today home to the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität (University of Münster).

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With its beautiful old trees, the university's botanical garden, which dates back more than 200 years, is hidden away in the park behind the castle. Native and tropical, in greenhouses and open spaces – an idyllic oasis to dream, discover and relax.

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# Botanischer Garten

(Botanical Gardens)

[www.garten.uni-muenster.de](http://www.garten.uni-muenster.de)

# LWL-Museum für Kunst und Kultur

[www.lwl-museum-kunst-kultur.de](http://www.lwl-museum-kunst-kultur.de)

Spectacular since its reopening in 2014, not only as an artistic and cultural experience, but also as an architectural experience. Masterpieces spanning from the early Middle Ages and German Impressionism to the contemporary Avant-garde period are displayed on the 7,500 square metre exhibition area.

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Behind the noble Westphalian façade, the only museum dedicated to the work of Pablo Picasso. Numerous temporary exhibitions provide insight into the life and work of the great Spaniard and his contemporaries.

# Kunstmuseum Pablo Picasso Münster

[www.kunstmuseum-picasso-muenster.de](http://www.kunstmuseum-picasso-muenster.de)

# Mühlenhof Freilichtmuseum

(Mühlenhof Open Air Museum) [www.muehlenhof-muenster.org](http://www.muehlenhof-muenster.org)

Bock windmill, manor house, dwellings, blacksmiths, even a village school – almost 30 half-timbered buildings from the 17th to 19th century as authentic evidence of the rural tradition of Westphalia.

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In green spaces at the back of the Aasee (Lake Aa) – about 300 kinds of animals over 30 hectares – many facilities are accessible on weather-protected paths. Perfect for the equestrian state of Westphalia: a museum on the natural and cultural history of horses and equestrian sports.

## Allwetterzoo (All-Weather Zoo)

[www.allwetterzoo.de](http://www.allwetterzoo.de)

# LWL-Museum für Naturkunde (LWL-Museum of Natural History)

[www.lwl-naturkundemuseum-muenster.de](http://www.lwl-naturkundemuseum-muenster.de)

The right place for dinosaur fans, star gazers, and anyone who is interested in nature and people. The planetarium has the world's sharpest digital image resolution.

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Lake air lures visitors outdoors right next to the old town, with a magnetic effect on walkers, joggers, water sport enthusiasts and sculpture fans. You can enjoy a Mediterranean-like flair on spacious patios.

# Around Aasee (Lake Aa)

[www.aaseepark.de](http://www.aaseepark.de)

# Harbour

[www.tourismus.muenster.de](http://www.tourismus.muenster.de)

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Münster's night-life district at the city harbour. In old harbour buildings and extraordinary new buildings, an exciting mix of art and culture, gastronomy and trendy clubs – right on the water.



In addition to the listed attractions, Münster offers a rich selection of leisure opportunities, city tours / trips and rental bikes.

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-  Hospital
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-  Bike station with bike rental
-  Camp site
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