

City Guide

Discover and
experience
Münster



Includes map of city centre!

WELCOME TO MÜNSTER

Just what is typical of this city? Is it the imposing cathedral, the venerable churches and the dignified patrician houses? Or the Gothic Town Hall with its historical legacy of the Peace of Westphalia? Or perhaps rather the exuberant atmosphere, the many young faces everywhere in the streets and cafés – and the multitude of bicycles?

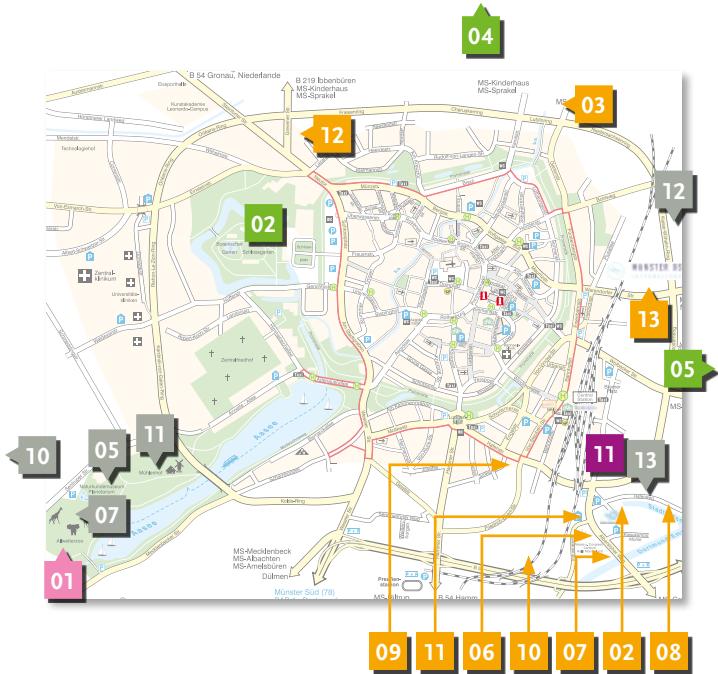
Münster: An old city or a young one? Actually, it's the wrong question. Because it's precisely this contrast, this excitement, which gives the city its unmistakable flair. It's a Hanse city, and a cathedral city, with over 1200 years of rich tradition. At the same time it's an academic city with a large student population. All this makes Münster unique among Germany's large cities.

A rich history and today's vibrant culture, both inter-linked in everyday life in the city, are what you can experience at first hand here. For example, a trendy pub located within medieval walls, Picasso's art in a Westphalian courtyard, or the gems of Baroque master-builders side by side with icons of contemporary architecture.

Münster's charm and beauty feed on this interplay.
Welcome to your very own journey of discovery!



By the side of Lake Aa



Münster – discover and experience it:

The easy-to-follow colour guidance system will help you find your way around without any problem. All the descriptions of the sights inside the brochure have numbers which can be found on the maps.



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GUIDED TOURS RELAX IN MÜNSTER

Of course, you could just sit in a café on Cathedral Square or on the Prinzipalmarkt, watch the world go by and let Münster's special flair weave its spell. Wonderful, sure. But on the other hand, that can't really be all there is, can it? Just think of all the things you'd be missing! There are so many exciting things to see – really! So, if you've finished your cappuccino – we could set off now ...





GUIDED TOURS “MUST-SEE SIGHTS”

Actually, to call this a tour is overdoing it a bit. Everything is very close at hand, and when you see it you're already getting a very concise picture of what's important in Münster and characteristic of the city. Off we go!

01 – 05

From the Historic Town Hall to St. Lamberti (church)
about 1 hour

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HISTORIC TOWN HALL AND STADTWEINHAUS

This 14th century Gothic building with its characteristic gable is Münster's landmark. It was almost completely destroyed in the war but was rebuilt in the 1950s as a near-replica through private initiative taken by the business community and with the help of donations made by the people of Münster. The Stadtweinhaus next door dates from 1615, and it was here that the city scales and wine stores were kept in earlier times. Decisions taken by the city council and the courts used to be announced from the balcony, under the city's coat of arms. The square behind the Town Hall is named after the Peace of Westphalia, the basic principle of which – “Tolerance through Dialogue” – is recalled by the bronze benches created by Eduardo Chillida.



FRIEDENSSAAL (HALL OF PEACE)

The most important room in the historic Town Hall: The Spanish-Dutch Peace Treaty was ratified here, in what was then the Council Chamber, on 15 May 1648, and this marked the birth of The Netherlands as a country. A few months later, on October 24, the Peace of Westphalia was signed here and in Osnabrück, bringing the Thirty Years' War to an end. The portraits of the sovereigns and of the most important emissaries are a reminder of this event of European significance. The Hall of Peace, preserved in its original state, can be viewed from Tues–Fri, 10 am–5 pm, and on Sat, Sun and public holidays from 10 am–4 pm (except when official events are taking place).

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PRINZPALMARKT

This is the heart of the historic Hanse city. From the 12th century onwards merchants and traders built their houses in this area, adjacent to the Cathedral, and sold their wares under the arcades. This collection of 48 arched houses with their Gothic or Renaissance gables was largely destroyed in the World War II, but they were rebuilt on the basis of their old forms – some as exact replicas, some in a simplified, modern style. This today is where a large part of the city's life takes place. This is not only where visiting heads of state are received and festivities are held, but also where people take a stroll, go shopping and enjoy life.

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ST. LAMBERTI (CHURCH)

This late Gothic hall church dating back to the 14th/15th centuries forms one end of Prinzipalmarkt. This is where Cardinal von Galen, the so-called "Lion of Münster", preached his courageous sermons criticizing the Nazis. On the church tower three iron cages have been preserved in which the bodies of the Anabaptist leaders were displayed in the mid-16th century to act as a warning to the population. Above this is the room of the tower keeper. Every evening (except Tues) the tower keeper blows her horn every half-hour until midnight. First mentioned in documents in 1481, the tower keeper's job was originally to stand guard and watch out for fires.

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GUIDED TOURS “MORE MÜNSTER”

If your first look around Münster whetted your appetite, why not try some more? The following pages suggest a route you can follow to take a closer look at Münster's characteristic lifestyle.

06 – 24

From the Krameramtshaus to the Apostelkirche (church)
about 2 hours

06 Krameramtshaus Alter Steinweg 6–7



Originally the seat of the Merchants' Guild, this is one of the oldest guild houses (1589). The Dutch emissaries stayed here during the negotiations of the Peace of Westphalia. “Netherlands House” since 1995: an academic and cultural centre unique in Germany.

07 City Library Alter Steinweg 11



This postmodern building dating from 1993 is considered to be an especially successful example of contemporary architecture (Bolles-Wilson/Wilson) in an historical environment. The narrow street between the two parts of the building extends the longitudinal axis of St. Lamberti (church).

08 Dominikanerkirche (church) Salzstraße 10



This brick building (1705 – 1725, Lambert Friedrich von Corfey) with its Baroque sandstone façade and octagonal dome harks back to Roman basilicas. The building is a popular venue for concerts and is well-known for its especially fine acoustics.

09 Erbdrostenhof Salzstraße 38



Together with Clemenskirche (church) and the Dominikanerkirche (church), the Erbdrostenhof – Architect Johann Conrad Schlaun's masterpiece, built between 1753 and 1757 – forms the so-called “Baroque island” in the middle of the city. Unusually, Münster's finest aristocratic residence stands diagonally on a rectangular site. Today it is the seat of the Landschaftsverband Westfalen-Lippe (LWL). Visits are only possible on official occasions.

10 Clemenskirche (church) An der Clemenskirche



This round central building with its dome and lantern on top is another of Schlaun's main works. Built between 1745 and 1753, it was once part of the monastery and the hospital of the Brothers of Mercy. A popular church for weddings, also because of its magnificent interior equipped by south German artists in the Rococo style. The Baroque garden next to the church is an oasis of tranquillity in the hustle and bustle of city life.

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St. Servatii (church)



Built around 1230 with late Romanesque and early Gothic elements. Highlights are the late Gothic choir and the winged altar dating back to around 1500. Of historical interest: it was here that the Anabaptist theologian Bernhard Rothmann first preached inside the city walls.

Synagogue

The history of Jewish life in Münster goes back to the 12th century. After the Jewish community was almost completely annihilated during the Nazi period, the new synagogue was inaugurated in 1961 on the site of the old one that had been destroyed.



Klosterstraße 8 – 9

Promenade



Today a traffic-free road round the Old Town and lined with linden trees, the Promenade was built on the site of the old city walls. It is both a 4½ km green belt for the city and also an important thoroughfare for anyone out and about on foot or by bicycle. Münster's largest flea market is held here five times a year, between Schlossplatz and Aasee (Lake Aa).

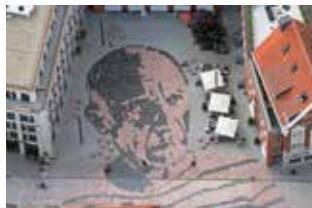
St. Ludgeri (church)



Marienplatz

Stepped hall church built around 1173, with late Romanesque tower, Gothic choir and west towers added in the 19th century. The Mariensäule (Column with the Virgin Mary), built in 1899 as a gift from a patron of the arts, is the "little sister" of the original to be found in Munich.

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Picassoplatz (Picasso Square)

The pattern on the square opposite the Pablo Picasso Museum might strike pedestrians as being a bit odd, but a bird's eye view – even just from the museum's upper floor – provides the solution. Picasso's head (after a famous picture of him by the photographer Robert Capa) is reproduced in precise detail in the paving stones on the square.

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Aa-side path

Follow Münster's river as it winds its idyllic way through an area full of history. At the foot of Cathedral Hill, between University institutes and past Petrikirche (church) to the old ford which marks the beginnings of Münster as a town. (Passage at Spiegelturn is closed in the evening)



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Petrikirche (church)

Johannisstraße 5

Basilica with three naves dating back to the time between the Gothic and Early Renaissance periods. Richly decorated north portal. Originally a Jesuit Church, today the church school of the Paulinum grammar school. On one side of the path: Ulrich Rückriem's sculpture "Dolomit – zugeschnitten"

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Überwasserkirche (church)

Überwasserkirchplatz

Hall church dating back to around 1340 with the largest Gothic church tower in Westphalia. The name ("Overwater Church") is derived from its location: on the other side of the River Aa ("over the water"), looking from the Cathedral, the church formed the kernel of a suburb with its own jurisdiction.

Diocesan Library

Überwasserkirchplatz 2

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With 700,000 volumes, 680 magazines on permanent subscription and countless valuable old manuscripts, this is the largest theological library north of the Alps. The particularly successful contemporary architecture (2005, Max Dudler) provides an extension to, and a contrast with, the historic ensemble of Überwasserkirche and seminary.

Solder's antiquarian bookshop

Frauenstraße 49

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This is regularly transformed into the Wilsberg Bookshop for a popular German TV series involving Münster's most famous private detective and antiquarian bookseller, Georg Wilsberg, who sells his customers rarities and classics of world literature – when he's not pursuing criminals, that is ...

Schloss (Residence) and Botanischer Garten (Botanical Garden)

Schlossplatz 2

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Built by J.C. Schlaun between 1767 and 1787 as a Baroque Residence for a Prince-Bishop, it is today the seat of the University's administration – and thus the centre of the academic city of Münster. The park behind it, with its splendid collection of old trees, contains the University Botanical Garden – over 200 years old and an ideal place for dreaming, discovering and relaxing (admission free).

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Kuhviertel



Famous for its traditional student pubs and cosy restaurants – and for art. Whether it's Münster's first "Academic Beer Establishment", the Cavete, or the "Pinkus Müller" brewery with its dark beer – a lot of pubs here could tell a tale or two. Art galleries and original shops are as much a part of the quarter's flair as the street booksellers' market in the summer.

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Kiepenkerl memorial

Spiekerhof 45



One of the Münsterland's landmarks. The Kiepenkerl was an itinerant trader with a traditional basket on his back. With a short linen smock and a red neckscarf, cap, pipe and gnarled walking stick he was responsible for both goods and news being exchanged between town and country. The memorial has stood here since 1896. After being destroyed in the war it was rebuilt as an exact replica of the original in 1953.

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Apostelkirche (church)

Neubrückstraße 1

First purely Gothic church in Münster (around 1270). Franciscan church for more than 500 years, important vault paintings (15th to 17th centuries) and three fully preserved bells from Amsterdam dating back to 1675. In 1840 it was transferred to the Protestant congregation as a garrison church, making it the oldest Protestant church in Münster.



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The MÜNSTERBUS provides tours once an hour. You can hop on or off the red open-air double-decker buses as often as you like, at 12 different stops. The route takes you to Münster's sights, e.g. the Schloss (Residence), the Dom (Cathedral), Prinzipalmarkt, Erbdrostenhof etc. Tickets can be bought at the stops, at Münster Tourist Information or in advance by phoning 0800 18 28 828

>> [www.muensterbus.ms \(in German only\)](http://www.muensterbus.ms)

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 More info and tips at >>www.tourismus.muenster.de

MUSEUMS & SCULPTURES ART, HISTORY AND MORE

Careful you don't trip over a work of art! Because in Münster a significant amount of art and culture takes place in public. But also of course in more than 30 museums in the city. From the golden treasures of the Middle Ages to Picasso's graphic work and the latest from the art world, from local history to lacquer art from the Far East – there's a great variety of things waiting for you to discover.



MUSEUMS

More details at:
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Domkammer (Cathedral treasure chamber)

01 Kunstmuseum Pablo Picasso

Picassoplatz 1

The museum, opened in 2000, is the first Picasso Museum in Germany. In addition to the museum's comprehensive collection of lithographs and graphic works, there are also special exhibitions with loans from international museums. Open: Tues – Sun and public holidays, from 10 am to 6 pm.

www.kunstmuseum-picasso-muenster.de/en

02 LWL-Museum für Kunst und Kultur

Domplatz 10

The museum is distinguished by its open architecture and its striking design. On 7.500 m² of floor space it shows exhibits from the early Middle Ages to contemporary avant-garde. Opening times: Tues-Sat, 10 am to 6 pm; 2nd Friday in the month till 10 pm.

www.lwl-museum-kunst-kultur.de/en

03 Stadtmuseum Münster (City Museum)

Salzstraße 28

The museum shows the history of the city of Münster in 33 thematic cabinets. Numerous city and architectural models illuminate the form and the changes in Münster from its foundation up to the present time. Open: Tues to Fri, 10 am to 6 pm; Sat/Sun and public holidays 11 am to 6 pm. Admission free.

www.muenster.de/stadt/museum (in German only)

04 Friedenssaal (Hall of Peace)

Prinzipalmarkt 10

Here, on 15 May 1648, the Spanish-Dutch peace settlement was ratified. On 24 October in the same year, the Thirty Years' War was ended through the Peace of Westphalia. On the walls of the Council Chamber – preserved in its original form – can be seen the portraits of the sovereigns and emissaries of the powers involved. Visiting times: Tues to Fri, 10 am to 5 pm; Sat/Sun and

public holidays, 10 am to 4 pm (except during official events).

www.muenster.de/stadt/tourismus/en/museums_peace-hall.html

LWL-Museum für Naturkunde

Sentruper Straße 285
 Westfälisches Landesmuseum mit Planetarium (LWL Natural History Museum/Westphalian State Museum and Planetarium)

The Natural History Museum with its big planetarium is the place to go for stargazers, dinosaur fans and anyone who is interested in nature and people and wants to know how the world functions. It is located in the Aasee (Lake Aa) recreation area, right next to the zoo. Open 9 am to 6 pm, Tues to Sun and on public holidays. www.lwl.org/LWL/Kultur/lwl-naturkunde/en

Museum für Lackkunst

(Museum of Lacquer Art)

Windthorststraße 26

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The museum is the only one of its kind in the world. It houses a comprehensive collection of lacquer art from east and south-east Asia, Europe and the Islamic world, with objects from over two millennia. Open: Tues, 12 noon to 8 pm; Weds to Sun and public holidays, 12 noon to 6 pm. www.museum-fuer-lackkunst.de/en

Westfälisches Pferdemuseum im Allwetterzoo Münster (Westphalian Horse Museum in the Münster all-weather zoo)

Sentruper Str. 311

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Westphalia is traditional horse country, and the natural history of horses and the cultural history of equestrianism here are presented on almost 11,000 sq ft of exhibition space. Open: daily from 9 am; Apr to Sept till 6 pm; Oct and March till 5 pm; Nov to Feb till 4 pm. Admission included in admission to the zoo.

www.pferdemuseum.de/en



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Small Cabinet Wood with brownish lacquer, scattered flakes of gold and inlays of dyed sharkskin, tortoiseshell and brass wire;
Korea, 19th century (Yi Dynasty); detail

Domkammer (Cathedral treasure chamber) Horsteberg 7 – 9 [08]

Treasures range from 11th century relics and precious liturgical objects and paraments from the Middle Ages, the Renaissance and the Baroque period to the 20th century. Open: 11 am to 4 pm, Tues to Sun and public holidays.

>> www.domkammer-muenster.de (in German only)

Münster University Bible Museum

Pferdegasse 1 [09]

With around 400 precious exhibits the museum shows the history of the Bible from manuscript beginnings up to the present day. Closed until further notice due to conversion work.

>> www.uni-muenster.de/Bibelmuseum (in German only)

Rüschhaus

Am Rüschhaus 81, Münster-Nienberge [10]

This jewel of late Baroque architecture (J. C. Schlaun) is also a memorial to German poetess Annette von Droste-Hülshoff, who lived here from 1826 to 1846. Visits possible as guided tour (Tel. +49 2533 1317). The Baroque garden is always open.

>> www.burg-huelhoff.de/hausrueschhaus (in German only)

Mühlenhof open air museum

Theo-Breider-Weg 1 [11]

A post-mill, a moated farmstead, a peasant's cottage, a smithy – and even a village school: almost 30 half-timbered buildings from the 17th to the 19th centuries bear witness to rural traditions in Westphalia. Open: March to Oct, Mon to Sun, 10 am to 6 pm; Nov to Feb, Mon to Fri & Sun, 11 am to 4 pm

>> www.muehlenhof-muenster.org (in German only)

Villa ten Hompel History Museum

Kaiser-Wilhelm-Ring 28 [12]

Police headquarters in World War II, afterwards Reparations Authority, and today an innovative museum and place of research and education. Open: Weds, 6 pm to 10 pm; Thurs/Fri 12 noon to 4 pm; Sun 12 noon to 6 pm. Admission free.

>> www.muenster.de/stadt/villa-ten-hompel/index_en.html

Kunsthalle Münster (Münster Art Gallery)

Hafenweg 28 [13]

Presentation and discussion of contemporary visual arts on almost 11,000 sq ft in this refurbished warehouse in the harbour area. Open: Tues to Fri, 2 pm to 7 pm; Sa/So 12 noon to 6 pm. Admission free.

>> [\(in German only\)](http://www.muenster.de/stadt/kunsthalle/index.html)

SCULPTURES

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*Cherry Column
(Thomas Schütte)*

Every ten years all eyes in the international art scene are on the *skulptur projekte münster*. Since 1977, "Art in Public Places" has been the motto for artists to deal with the issues of public spaces in the city and Münster's history. Important works have been created in this process – and many of them have left their mark on the cityscape. The fifth edition of the *skulptur projekte münster* will take place in 2017.

14 Tolerance through dialogue Eduardo Chillida



The bronze benches created by the famous Basque sculptor (1924 – 2002) reflect the guiding principle of the Peace of Westphalia: a negotiated peace through the patient search for compromise – but not always easy and not always unbroken.

15 Concert in reverse Rebecca Horn



The bailey of this castle, in which the Gestapo executed prisoners in 1944, is transformed into a gripping memorial: 42 metallic hammers beat against the walls, red lamps cast flickering patches of light, water drips into a cistern – a haunting experience.

16 The Moon in Alabama Tobias Rehberger



The internationally renowned artist Tobias Rehberger has re-designed some switchboxes round the railway station, transforming grey cubes into imaginative seating objects and giving the cityscape a distinctive new look. These new locations offer opportunities for a romantic Tête-à-Tête, a chat together or just for looking at them.

17 Large Vertebrae Henry Moore



The three parts of this bronze sculpture stand close to each other – but not connected. In their harmonious smoothness, and embedded in green parkland, they combine the experience of modern art with that of nature.

18 Giant Pool Balls Claes Oldenburg



These have become one of the city's landmarks. A giant once played billiards here and left behind three balls. Oldenburg achieved worldwide fame through enlarging – and thus defamiliarizing – everyday objects.

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Wolfgang Borchert Theater

Am Mittelhafen 10

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Gartenstraße 123

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>> www.fund-g.de (in German only)

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CINEMAS

- 06 Messe und Congress Centrum (Exhibition Centre) Halle Münsterland** Albersloher Weg 32
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 >> www.mcc-halle-muensterland.de

- 07 Jovel Music Hall** Albersloher Weg 54
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 >> www.jovel.de (in German only)
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- 08 Hot Jazz Club** Hafenweg 26 b
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 >> www.hotjazzclub.de (in German only)

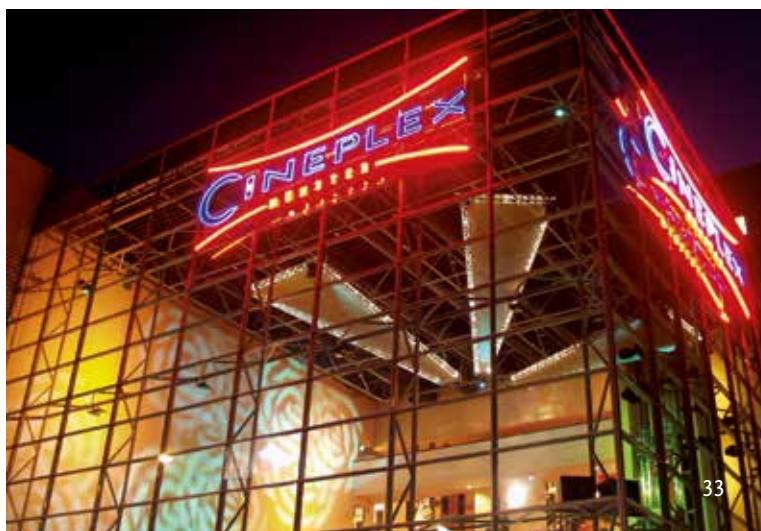
- 09 Gleis 22** Hafenstraße 34
 Live bands, disco ... but nothing mainstream. Repeatedly voted Germany's best music club.
 >> www.gleis22.de (in German only)

- 10 Skaters Palace** Dahlweg 126
 From mini-ramps to skaters hall – skating is an attitude here, with events, parties and cool concerts.
 >> www.skaters-palace.de (in German only)

- 11 Cineplex Münster** Albersloher Weg 14
 Nine cinemas for 2,700 visitors – with the latest blockbusters on show.
 >> www.cineplex.de/kino/home/city35 (in German only)

- 12 Schloßtheater Cinema Münster** Melchersstraße 81
 High-quality cinema in listed building. Has received a number of awards for the films it shows.
 >> <http://schloestheater-munster.kino-zeit.de> (in German only)

- 13 Cinema & Kurbelkiste** Warendorfer Straße 45 – 47
 Another one that has won a lot of awards. Small cinema – exciting, lively, lots of special films, nice pub.
 >> www.cinema-muenster.de (in German only)



SHOPPING & GOING OUT SHOPPING PLEASURE MEETS SAVOIR-VIVRE

Had enough culture for a little while? Then how about a relaxed shopping tour? Whether your budget is big or small, whether it's classic fashion you're looking for or the latest trends, or rare antiques or culinary specialities – in Münster you'll find things you won't find elsewhere. And all that in charming surroundings where you can enjoy all the breaks in-between. More details can be found in the "Münster geht aus" ("Going out in Münster") guide, available at a price of €2,50 at Münster Tourist Information, or at
>> www.muenster-geht-aus.com (in German only)





Stubengasse

01 Prinzipalmarkt

A stroll under the colonnades of the venerable old patrician houses is a must. Elegant fashion, exclusive jewellery, watches and antiques in specialist shops that in many cases have been here for a very long time. Stop for a coffee in the shade of the historic Town Hall and Lambertikirche (church) and let your gaze wander over a unique city panorama.

02 Alter Fischmarkt

A new gateway to the city centre, displaying elegant gabled-house architecture, and characterized by attractive courtyard restaurants, an exciting department store for children and exclusive fashion shops.

03 Salzstraße

Münster's oldest commercial street is a lively mixture of fashion and shoe shops, jewellers, home décor stores and small cafés – all flanked by cultural highlights, especially the so-called Baroque island: the Erbdrostenhof, the Dominikanerkirche (church) and Clemenskirche (church).

04 Stubengasse and Hansecarré

The outstanding modern architecture here (Urban Design Prize 2010) presents an attractive contrast to the historical Prinzipalmarkt. Trendy chain stores for young fashion, as well as bars and cafés in plenty of space that opens up new opportunities to stroll around the centre of Münster.

05 Ludgeriviertel

Located between Ludgeristraße and Königsstraße, this quarter is an attractive mixture of large fashion stores and department stores, smaller shops typical of Münster and many restaurants and cafés. Ludgeristraße is one of Germany's Top 10 shopping streets. A special attraction is the modern Münster Arcades, a shopping mall on three levels.

Rothenburg

A lively street linking Prinzipalmarkt, the Münster Arcades and the Aegidiimarkt. Take a stroll and enjoy the combination of high-class chain stores, local individualists and traditional hospitality.

Kiepenkerlviertel

Here is where Münster's history and individual lifestyle come together to provide a special kind of shopping experience. Many of the shops here are run by the owners themselves, and there are also popular shops for younger people as well as galleries. The culinary delights on offer run the gamut from traditional Westphalian to international.

Kuhviertel

With its narrow winding streets this quarter has one of the oldest in the city centre. Although known especially as a traditional pub quarter, with its galleries and antique shops it also has a lot to offer art and antique lovers.

Hörsterstraße

Many small, exclusive shops specializing in fashion, furniture, antiques and art provide the setting for a relaxed shopping tour. Cafés and restaurants provide opportunities for visitors to relax and enjoy themselves during a shopping break or in the evening.

Bahnhofsviertel (Station Quarter)

A wide range of shops, restaurants and things to see and do have made this quarter a popular destination for locals and guests alike, with its renowned hotels, numerous cafés and clubs and the GOP Variety Theatre.

Hafenviertel (Harbour Quarter) | Kreativkai

The place to go out in the city's harbour area. Here is where visitors come across an exciting mixture of art and culture, gastronomy and hip clubs, in old harbour buildings and out-of-the-ordinary modern ones – right at the water's edge.



Hafenviertel (Harbour Quarter)



FUN THINGS FOR CHILDREN KIDS & CO.

Tourist sights, churches – and all those streets. Really hard for small legs. City breaks with children? As parents you need to have some good ideas – but don't worry, because Münster is a young, family-friendly city. You can tell that when you see all the things on offer to keep the little ones entertained.

>> www.tourism.muenster.de – Link: Services –
Münster for families and children

Playtime in Münster

Maxi-hits in the city centre



The next time you come to Münster, why not give yourself some free time – and let your kids enjoy themselves? There's variety and fun and games waiting for boys and girls from the ages of 4 to 10. Qualified staff will look after your children in the Maxi-Turm (Maxi-Tower) for up to 3 hours. (3 euros per child, no booking necessary.)

Prinzipalmarkt 15, Mon to Fri, 2 – 6 pm;

Sat 10 am to 6 pm (but not in the 2nd to the 5th weeks of the school summer holidays)



Does the family need a break from the hustle and bustle of the city? Then come along to Maxi-Sand. The sandpit here is like a little oasis which gives especially the youngest visitors space to relax. You as parents are responsible for looking after your children. After 6 pm the buckets and spades are exchanged for a volleyball net and older sand-lovers can also have their fun.

Syndikatplatz, May to Sept, Mon to Sat, 11 am to 6 pm

Further details in the Kids Office (Kinderbüro):

Tel. +49 251 492-5109

www.stadt-muenster.de/kinderbuero (in German only)

All the greenery in Münster offers a welcome change especially for parents with children – space to play, run around and relax. But there's more besides on offer for kids.

Allwetterzoo Münster (Münster all-weather zoo)

Sentruper Str. 315

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The all-weather zoo is a highlight for the whole family. And it deserves its name – many of the paths are roofed or canopied. The Westphalian Horse Museum is also located here. Very close to the zoo – and also well worth a visit – are the Planetarium and the Natural History Museum. >> www.allwetterzoo.de/englisch/index.php



Aasee (Lake Aa)

02

Something that's really nice is a trip on Lake Aa on the solar-driven ship "Solaaris" that runs regularly between the lakeside terraces and the zoo. And while we're at it, what about a nice little tour of the lake in a paddleboat or a pedalo?

>> www.aaseeschiffahrt.de (in German only)

Other things to do and see

Rainy days are always a problem for parents of course. But Münster has enough on offer for you to survive these as well. Try for example the Charivari marionette theatre (www.charivari-theater.de, in German only), or the wide range of indoor playgrounds, the Rummenigge indoor soccer hall (www.soccerhalle.de, in German only), the things that many museums have on offer for children, or the Skaters Palace (www.skaters-palace.de, in German only) for young skateboarders.



Up-to-date information for families with children is available at Münster Tourist Information, including for example children's activities in Münster zoo, the Horse Museum and the Mühlentor open-air museum; readings under a starry sky in the Planetarium; children's activities in the Pablo Picasso Museum and Fidolino concerts for children in the Friedenskapelle (Chapel of Peace); guided walks around the city, or canoeing or crazy golf at Pleistermühle, as well as programmes of activities for the Easter and summer holidays. >> www.tourism.muenster.de – Link: Services – Münster for families and children

MÜNSTER: A GREEN CITY TAKE A DEEP BREATH!

After all the hustle and bustle of city life, how about taking a break in lush green surroundings? Or maybe even an excursion into the countryside? The good thing is that you don't even have to leave Münster to do so. Whether it's the green belt of the Promenade, in the Schlosspark at the Residence or by Aasee (Lake Aa) – leading directly into the surrounding open countryside – or the few minutes it takes to cycle to the Gasselstiege cycle path, to the River Werse or to the Rieselfelder nature reserve: what would Münster be without its lush greenery?



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Aasee (Lake Aa)

The people of Münster love their Lake Aa. Located very close to the Old Town, it is a constant invitation to cycle or walk into the green surroundings. In 2009 the lake was awarded the title of Europe's Most Beautiful Park. The best views of the lake can be had from the new lakeside terraces – or from Jorge Pardo's "Pier", just one of the many sculptures around the lake.

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Botanischer Garten (Botanical Garden)

Established in 1803 as part of the University's scientific work, the garden is also open to the public. It has an incomparable range of plants and is an oasis of relaxation in the middle of Münster.



03

Promenade

In the 18th century the city fathers of Münster decided to demolish the city walls. Residents and visitors alike are today grateful to them that planted a double row of linden trees in place of the walls. So much green – and so close to the city centre!

Rieselfelder European nature reserve

04

A wildlife habitat for many rare species of animals and plants, the reserve is one of the most important bird sanctuaries in the EU, offering an exceptional experience of nature. Endangered species of waterfowl and wading birds have found an ideal sanctuary here.

**River Werse**

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Historically not as significant as the River Aa, but all the more important for leisure activities. Paddling on the river or cycling along its banks gets you out into the lush greenery. Take a couple of deep breaths and you'll discover the Münster way to relax.

Cycling

If you really want to give yourself a treat, just get on a bike! Münster is the cycling capital of Germany, with an outstanding network of cycle paths. The first bicycle car park in Germany was built here in 1999, at the station, and more followed later. Nor are current trends ignored: at many places in Münster e-bikes can be recharged for free.
[">>> www.tourism.muenster.de](http://www.tourism.muenster.de) – Link: *Bicycle capital*





TYPICAL MÜNSTER NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT ...

And apart from the classic sights? There are some other interesting facets that Münster is famous for in the wider world. Here's a small selection of things typical of Münster. You might even recognize one or the other ...

CSI Münster

How could it come to this? Münster of all places as a hotbed of crime! But the viewing figures don't lie: TV detectives Börne, Thiel, Wilsberg & Co. are among the most popular investigators on the small screen in Germany.



Tower keeper

Martje Saljé, one of the few tower keepers in Europe, blows the horn high up in the tower of St. Lamberti (church). Every day, except Tuesdays, she can be heard every half an hour between 9 pm and midnight.



Anabaptists



In the 1530s the eyes of all Christendom were on Münster, where unheard-of things were happening. The citizens defied their overlords, the bishops, and rejected the old faith. The Anabaptists proclaimed the city as the New Jerusalem and made their leader, Jan van Leiden, king. The end, when it came, was bloody. The bishop recaptured the city through a betrayal and staged a massacre. Still today the cages on St. Lamberti (church) recall the fate of the executed Anabaptists.

Felix the Bunny

Children (and parents too) love the widely-travelled bunny and the letters he writes. But did you know that Münster is actually his home? Just like Princess Lillifee he is the product of an old family firm of publishers in Münster.



Students



They make for a young, multicultural city and leave an unmistakable mark on Münster life. There are over 200 students per 1.000 inhabitants – a ratio unparalleled in Germany's major cities. Every year the universities attract a new influx of young faces and talents (approx. 60.000 students) – which is infectious and keeps the venerable old city young and lively. An elixir for the whole population here.

Bicycles (aka "Leeze")



Münster's No. 1 mode of everyday transport also provides sporting highlights: during the Münsterland Giro the venerable old Prinzipalmarkt is turned into a section of the third-largest cycle race in Germany.

Westphalian cooking

Ham, pumpernickel, pig's trotters, peppered beef stew – come and discover the traditional down-to-earth cooking that the region has to offer! Whether it's hearty rustic fare or a sophisticated modern dish – prepared by the professionals it's always delicious.



Pinkus beer

This Westphalian dark beer brewery and restaurant is full of tradition: the Müller family is now brewing its famous Pinkus beers in the sixth generation – incl. the world's first bio-beer. Pinkus beer is exported to a community of fans all over the world.





SERVICES ON OFFER FROM A TO Z

Maybe you'd like to hire a bike? Or find a hotel because you want to extend your stay by one night? Or get some tips about what's on in town? Ask us! We're the friendly, unbureaucratic Münster professionals and we'll be delighted to help you. The following pages show you what we offer.



Münster-Osnabrück airport

Bicycle hire

Here is a list of places where you can hire bicycles:

>> www.tourism.muenster.de – Link: *Bicycle capital*

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**Getting to Münster**

It doesn't matter whether you're coming by car, by bus, by train, by plane – or even by bike, the University city of Münster is very easy to get to. Directions, green zones and city maps can be downloaded at >> www.tourism.muenster.de – Link: *Services – How to reach Münster*

Information for people with disabilities

We have a special city map to help people with disabilities get around Münster – with a lot of tips and information on the accessibility of sights. The map is available free of charge at Münster Tourist Information. >> www.tourism.muenster.de – Link: *Services – Münster for ...* >> <http://komm.muenster.org>

Münster-Osnabrück Airport (FMO)

From Münster-Osnabrück Airport you can be in Münster city centre in about 30 minutes by bus or taxi.

>> www.fmo.de/en

Public transport

Use QR codes at Münster's bus stops to find out in real time when your bus goes. Simply scan the code with your mobile and you'll be redirected automatically to the display of the relevant bus stop. Up-to-date information on public transport can be obtained in the mobilé service centre opposite the main station, at the public utilities/services CityShop at Salzstraße 21, or at >> www.stadtwerke-muenster.de/fahrgaeste (in German only)

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Online reservations – 24 hours a day at

>> www.tourism.muenster.de – Link: *Accommodations*





Signposts for tourists

The brown and white signs in the city centre indicate important tourist destinations and show you how to get there.

Souvenirs

Postcards, bags, games, aprons, crime stories, city maps, cycling maps and much else besides can be bought in the Münster Souvenirs shop, Heinrich-Brüning-Straße 7.

>> www.muenster-souvenirs.de/en

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What's on – Events in Münster

"Münster live" is a comprehensive monthly listing of what's on and is available at Münster Tourist Information. The current listing can also be found at

>> www.tourism.muenster.de – Link: Events

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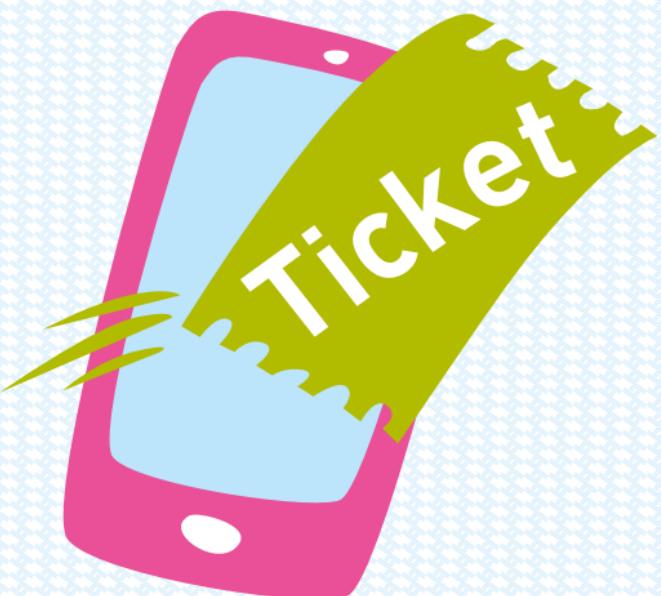
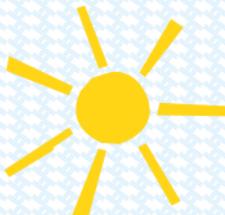
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