

Magazine for Explorers and Connoisseurs

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TIPS**

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Come and visit us in Münster!

Dear Reader,

Whether you are a first-time visitor to our city or travel to Münster on a regular basis, from nearby or further afield, whether you are here on business or for pleasure, whether you are a trainee or a student, whether you were born in Münster or are a returnee, whether you are a resident or a guest, we would like to invite you to discover and savour the unique atmosphere that defines Münster as a city. Whether you intend to stay for just a few hours or for slightly longer, you are always welcome! From ancient magnificence and historical roots to modern urban life and unexpected discoveries – Münster is full of surprises. Join us on a tour of our favourite places: from secluded backyards to inspiring cultural hotspots, from works of art to quaint pubs, from playgrounds to Michelin-starred restaurants.

The following pages offer a wealth of useful tips and ideas for your time with us. Explore the surrounding countryside by bike, take a leisurely stroll through the colourful weekly market, wander through the charming alleys and let our hosts spoil you at the many hotels, restaurants and cafés found throughout the city.

Here they are: insider tips for our city and a wide variety of highlights, compiled by Münster residents who are delighted to share their discoveries with you. We hope you enjoy the read – and your time in Münster. Now, let us welcome you with open arms and show you our city!

Best wishes and see you soon!

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Keeping watch

Tradition dictates that watchmen serve in the watchtower of St. Lamberti on Prinzipalmarkt; they were first documented in 1383. In 2014, Martje Thalmann was appointed as the first female watchperson. Every evening except Tuesdays, she looks out for fires from a height of 75 metres. Every half-hour between 9.00 p.m. and midnight, the watchwoman's horn sounds out to three points of the compass. With luck, you may even see the friendly Martje waving down from above.

TIP 1



Prinzipalmarkt at dusk – irresistible. Münster at its most picturesque: when the day draws to a close, when the hustle and bustle subsides and when the blue-hour sky douses the city in an atmospheric glow.

A moment to cherish!!

TIP 2

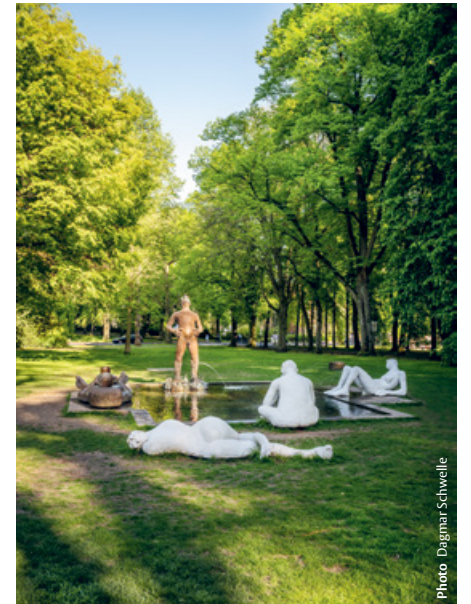
Photo: Brigitte Kappenberg

Culture? Indoors and outdoors!

Are you someone who prefers to pick up their art and culture in passing, or are your museum visits planned like a military operation? Do you prefer to enjoy your art with a crowd of like-minded individuals or in peaceful solitude? In Münster, the choice is yours. Visitors flock to its museums, exhibitions, plays, concerts and various other events on a daily basis. And did you know? We Münster folk are big culture vultures too!

A unique story: showing immense civic pride and dedication, the citizens of Münster clubbed together to acquire **Sketch for a fountain**, a work created by New York-based artist Nicole Eisenman for the 2017 Skulptur Projekte, thus bringing it home to its original location. It's a highly meaningful place to sit and linger along the Promenade – a stone's throw from the city centre yet surrounded by greenery.

Fancy taking to the skies above the Promenade?



TIP **4**



Art meets joie de vivre - the LWL-Museum für Kunst und Kultur on Domplatz. Alongside must-see exhibitions, the architectural jewel with its 'Instagrammable' photo spots also offers a nighttime museum experience every second Friday of the month: free admission from 6 p.m. until midnight, alternating workshops, DJ sets and art performances included. Perhaps you'd like to try out the life drawing workshop or turn the foyer into a dance floor!

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

TIP **3**

For foodies

Cosy pubs and a wide range of cafés offering superb cappuccino, delicious food from currywurst to Michelin-starred menus and, of course, refreshing beverages are among the highlights of everyday life. Not to mention the weekends! Not only do we love being hosts but we are also connoisseurs. It shows. Münster is awash with outdoor eateries, skilled baristas conjure up delicious coffee specialities and the menus read like a fairytale for foodies. Whether you are vegetarian, vegan or prefer hearty Münsterland fare, we have it all.

TIP **5**



Altbier kitchen and beer gallery - looking for a snug stop-off? Look no further: **Pinkus Müller**, the only Altbier brewery left of the 150 that once graced Münster, also has a bar, dining rooms, open-air seating and a cosy, old-world atmosphere. You can look forward to traditional Westphalian specialities such as Töttchen, Pannekoken and Pillewörmer (discover for yourself what they are and enjoy!). Pinkus has been run by the same family since 1816, and the seventh generation, Johann Müller, has just taken over. By the way: in summer, we also enjoy our beer specialities and classics on the piazza on Rosenplatz.

pinkus.de



Views and inclusivity! Café 1648 is suspended 'between heaven and the city' on the eleventh and twelfth floors of Stadthaus 1, right next to Münster Information, Heinrich-Brüning-Strasse 7. The café provides a bird's-eye view of Münster – whether you're enjoying breakfast, a hearty lunch, a slice of the legendary 'Grottemeyer' cakes or one of the many special evening events. The '1648' (named after the year of the Peace of Westphalia) is more than just a gastronomic highlight: it stands for inclusion and a sense of community. A team of people with and without disabilities shows how the idea of diversity and hospitality can work in practice. Enjoy regional delicacies with a view extending far beyond Münster's towers and rooftops – a place that broadens your horizons in more ways than one.

16-48.de

TIP **6**

Cycling, cycling, cycling - do you share our passion for countryside adventures? The Münsterland is the place to be, boasting 4,500 kilometres of cycle lanes. The **100 Castles Route** connects castles and country estates, small manor houses and farmsteads. Along the way, farm shops and picnic areas, viewing points and parks are particularly enticing places to enjoy a break. The **Münster-Osnabrück Route of Peace** and the **Werse-Ems Cycle Route** should provide inspiration for your tours. Further suggestions needed? Take a look here:



TIP **7**



Photo: Münsterland e.V.

For the love of bikes!

We love cycling, a passion we share with many of our guests. On your bikes, get set, go!



From point to point, our **Münster Cycling City flyer** will guide you through the region – it's like "cycling by numbers". The red and white signposts are unmissable and serve as practical guides – exciting destinations guaranteed.

TIP **8**

OLD TOWN – COMPACT

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Enjoy all of Münster with none of the stress: nature, culture and indulgence – all in one go!

- 2 nights' accommodation with breakfast
 - 1 day's bike rental or drink
 - Public guided tour of the old town
 - Visit to the Stadtmuseum
 - Welcome! Ticket Münster
 - Individual hotel services Friday–Sunday; also available during the week on request
- More info: ph. +49 (0)251 4922 726 or <https://www.stadt-muenster.de/en/tourismus/>

Good combo offers with a hotel? We've got it covered. For fans of the old town, but also for all other independent travellers and groups. We have plenty of suggestions.



A jungle in Westphalia

Natural experiences of all kinds await! You don't have to walk (or cycle) far to find a relaxing green space in Münster: even in the heart of the city, there are parks and boulevards offering shady leaf canopies as well as relaxing meadows, walking paths, benches and playing fields in which to while away the time. The people of Münster love being close to nature; they appreciate the areas of water, and the fact that many zones are now graced with wild flower beds, bee hotels and wild meadows to attract insects. That's what Münster is about.



Photo: Ralf Emmerich

TIP **9**

Compelling circuit: The route around the **promenade** has cult status! Circling the old town (a distance of under five kilometres) is a manageable goal for most – whether you are walking, jogging or running with a few sprints in between. Many hotel guests bring their own running shoes for this purpose – the best way to incorporate fresh air and exercise into conference weeks, trade fair programmes, meeting marathons and city breaks. For a bigger challenge, try the longer circuit around **Lake Aasee** and/or through the **Schlossgarten**. Anything is possible. The people of Münster are a shining example!

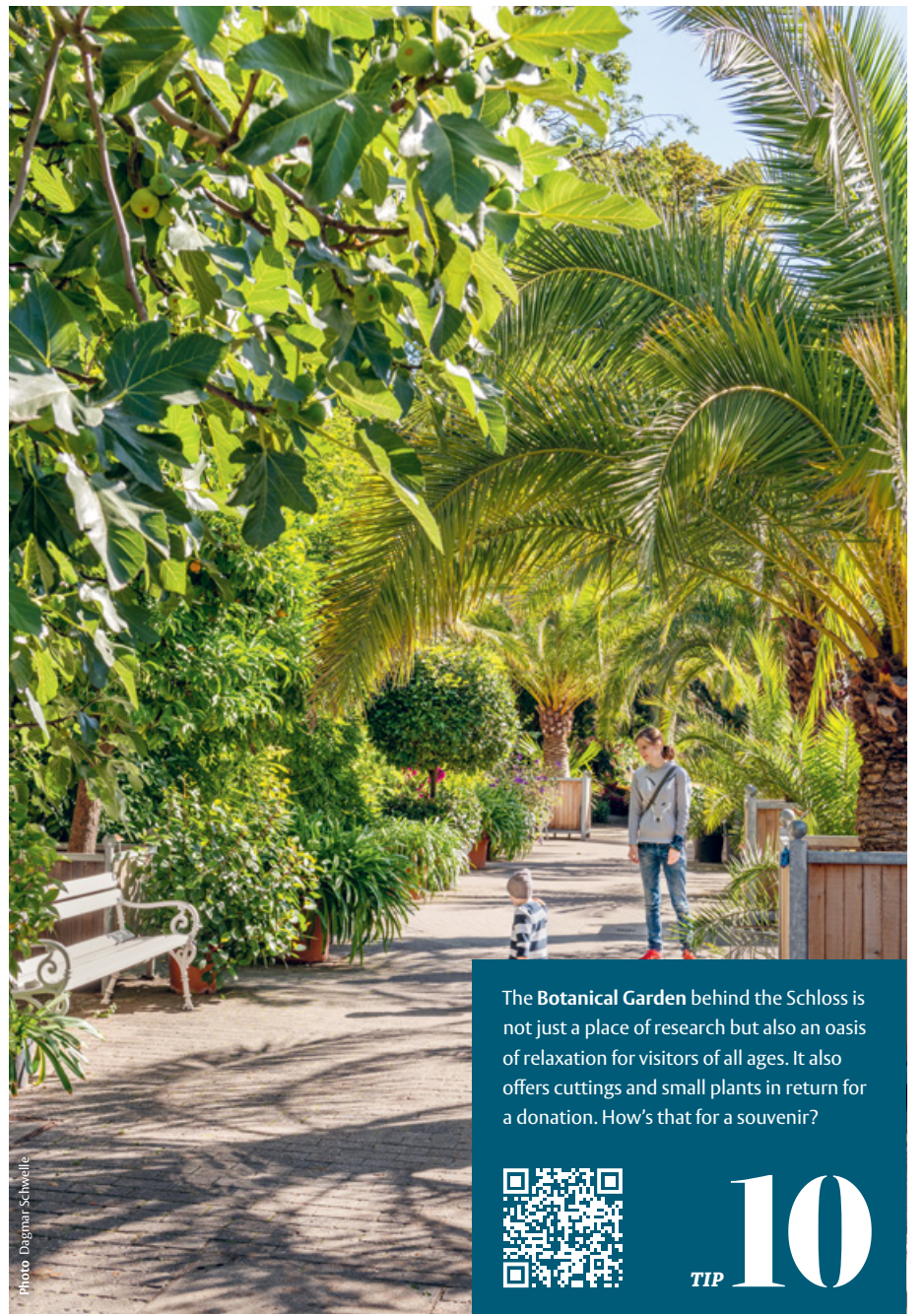


Photo: Dagmar Schwelle

The **Botanical Garden** behind the Schloss is not just a place of research but also an oasis of relaxation for visitors of all ages. It also offers cuttings and small plants in return for a donation. How's that for a souvenir?



TIP **10**



The Rathaus des Westfälischen Friedens – the city hall – is more than a historical site. It is also the centre of important meetings (such as the G7 summit) and synonymous with peace. Some years ago the European Heritage Label, which aims to promote knowledge of European history and convey European values, was conferred on the site. Many city tours, rallies and peaceful demonstrations begin here in the heart of the city. The Rathaus accommodates the Friedenssaal, an evocative, must-see space.

Make sure the Friedenssaal is on your itinerary.

Photo: Auswärtiges Amt/Janine Schmitz/photothek.de



TIP 11



Photo: Dagmar Schwelle

City of the Peace of Westphalia

We are a City of Peace, both as a “city with history” and as a youthful city dedicated to peaceful coexistence. We have already celebrated the 375th anniversary of the world-famous “Peace of Westphalia” of 1648, and as residents of Münster, we are very much aware of the historical significance for the future. Together, we carry this spirit into everyday life in the city. It’s good to know that a foray into Münster’s colourful history is easily combined with a stroll through the heart of town.



TIP 12

With the Explore Münster – Your City Tour app, you have your own personal discovery tour of Münster at your fingertips. It’s simple and free! Short films, animations and augmented reality seamlessly combine the local tourist experience with a digital dimension. It includes a peace tour to the sites of the Peace of Westphalia and a 3D tour of the historic city hall and Friedenssaal. Download and go!



Photo: Linus Peikenkamp

A shoppers’ paradise

A vibrant city centre – Münster is seen as a role model when it comes to inspirational shopping experiences. Easily explored on foot, the various quarters are home to exciting pop-up and niche stores as well as specialist retailers that have been here for generations, are often family- or owner-run and set high standards for their service and advice. And then, of course, there’s the weekly market: the hidden hero of retail in our city, a bustling place to meet people every Wednesday and Saturday. Right in the heart of the city!



Photo: Dagmar Schwelle

TIP 13

Take a relaxed stroll - it couldn’t be easier here in Münster. A myriad of owner-managed family businesses and retail establishments steeped in tradition invite you to browse and shop under the arches on **Prinzipalmarkt** and in the neighbouring streets and alleyways. Also take a look at the smaller concept stores and start-ups! We love the diversity – surprises guaranteed!



Photo: Dagmar Schwelle

Our weekly market - favoured haunt of traders and amateur chefs, gourmets and people just out for a stroll. Boasting more than 150 stalls, it is one of the largest and most colourful markets of its kind in Germany - regional and seasonal products are complemented by exotic items and extras from socks through to salted liquorice. It’s also a great place for a delicious break with barista coffee, potato fritters and bread rolls filled with pork tartare.

wochenmarkt-muenster.de

TIP 14



Beetschwester is a great venue on Tibusplatz for green cuisine. The vegan and vegetarian specialities can be enjoyed indoors and outdoors at this stylish eatery that sets great store by fresh, regional produce – and also surprises diners with home-made kimchi, carrot lox and grilled cheese. The bowls are superb!

beetschwester.de

TIP **15**

Photo: Thomas Mohr

Enjoy Münster: respect and sustainability

We live close to nature, we are friendly to people and we are open-minded – qualities that visitors to our city soon notice. For us, doing all we can to promote practical coexistence and sustainable living has always come naturally. Fair and environmentally sound working concepts are found on every corner. You'll be amazed!

TIP **16**

There's never a dull moment at **Homebeis** on Aegidiistrasse! Indeed, this is the only place where you will find over 320 brands from the region under one roof. The owners are on first-name terms with local producers. You will feel right at home immediately. So, grab yourself a liba lemonade there, browse through an array of ever-changing products and prepare to be enchanted by the magic of Münsterland's produce. It is also the perfect place to pick up souvenirs for your loved ones.

homebeis.de



Photo: Lisa Reesmann

A young city that's always on the go!

The young and the young-at-heart are the lifeblood of our city: they study at our colleges and universities, they are at the helm of start-ups, they throw themselves into sport, they attract international funding for research, they dance the nights away and they let their hair down at festivals. They work in the catering industry and keep it running, they chill out in our parks, they start families and they contribute to community projects, in support of democracy and the environment: Münster is full of energy. It's a place where young people define the cityscape and achieve remarkable things.



TIP **17**

Between the station and the harbour: the **Hansaviertel** and **Wolbecker Strasse** have evolved from a former working-class district into a hip hotspot. Here, youth culture is brought to life. It is home to the creative industry, exciting eateries, small cafés and lively bars. So much to discover: immerse yourself! Delicious bowls and local beers, falafel and burgers, oat milk cappuccino or sizzling pizzas? This is the place to be!

Photo: Christine Kumer

Attracted by the edgy appeal of graffiti and street art? Find the photo spots you want where nightclubs pump out music into the early hours. At **Hawerkamp** near the harbour, the Docklands Festival and Vainstream Rockfest draw tens of thousands of revellers every summer.

TIP **18**

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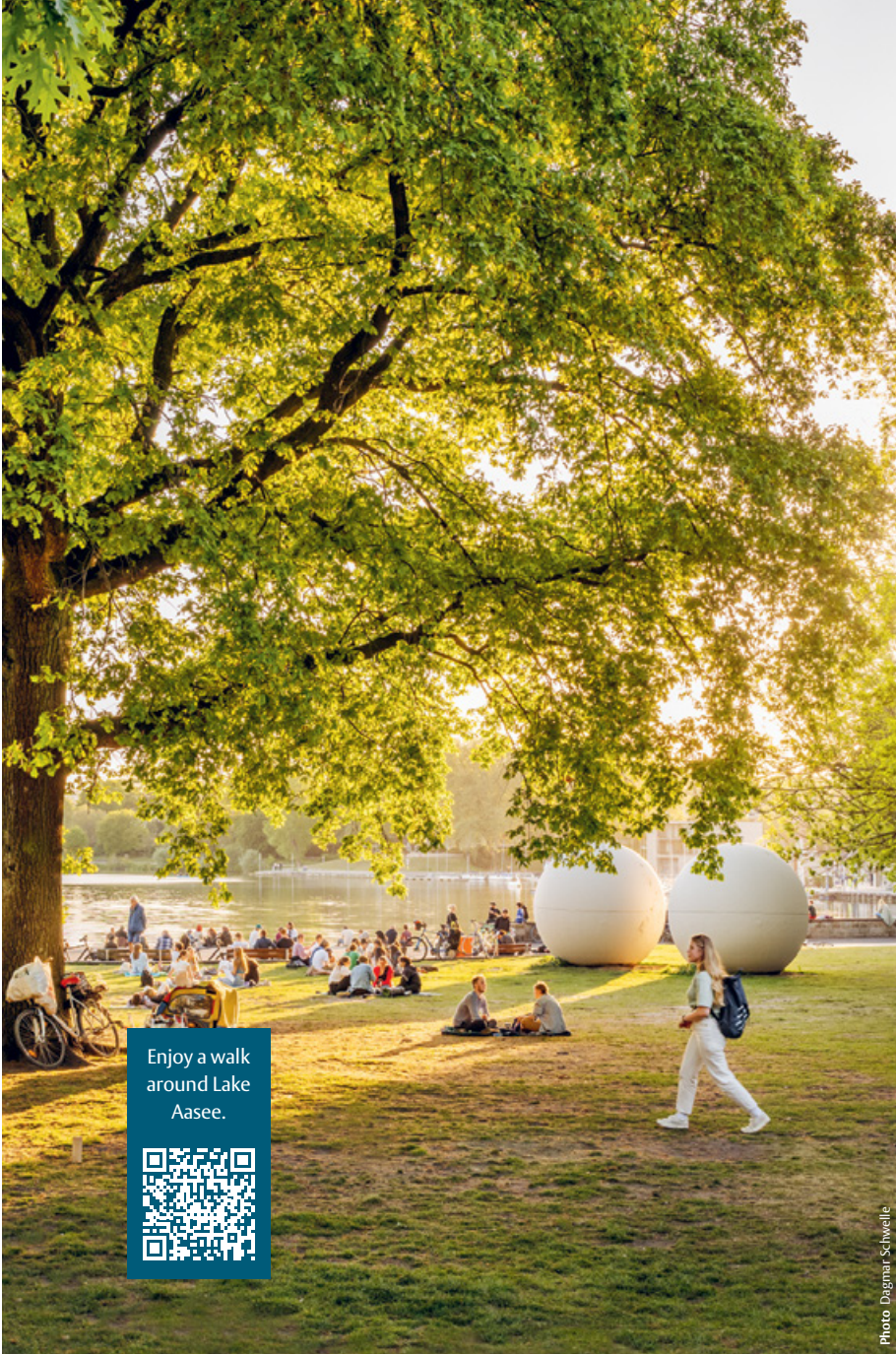


Urban recreation

Münster is awash with greenery: along the promenade at Lake Aasee, in the Schloss gardens, in the meadow landscape of Westerholt and throughout countless other parks. Find the perfect place to relax – or have a picnic! In fact, you can even do so in the very heart of the city.

TIP 19

Relax under a canopy of trees: the **Domplatz Oasis**, sponsored by the “Initiative starke Innenstadt”(ISI) in cooperation with the city of Münster, is a feel-good favourite. During the summer months, the former car park features 80 comfy chairs with a view of the cathedral. They can be rearranged in groups or individually at any time – perfect for a chat, a picnic, meeting other people or simply sitting in silence. Why not try it out as you take a break from shopping or sightseeing?



Enjoy a walk around Lake Aasee.



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Photo: Münster Marketing / Rail Emmerich

There's always something going on in Münster!



Looking for something for you, your family, your friends or your group to do? Our events page is brimming with ideas!



As always, central Münster will once again be turned into a unique “Schauraum” during the first weekend in September, boasting art, culture and enjoyment dotted around the city centre. Galleries and museums stay open late for the “Lange Nacht der Museen” and put on a programme of special activities, while some squares are turned into extraordinary stages and invite passers-by to linger awhile and see who they might run into.

schauraum.kunstraum-muenster.de

TIP 21

We are also known nationwide for our six **Christmas markets**. In the run-up to Christmas, we celebrate the festive season by visiting the St. Lamberti Christmas Market, the Giebelhüüskesmarkt, the Rathaus Christmas Market, the Aegidii Christmas Market, the Kiepenkerl Christmas Market and the X-MS Market on Harsewinkelplatz, which is primarily a local and regional market. The whole of Münster lights up during Advent with subtle and homely lighting effects. Superbly atmospheric!



TIP 22

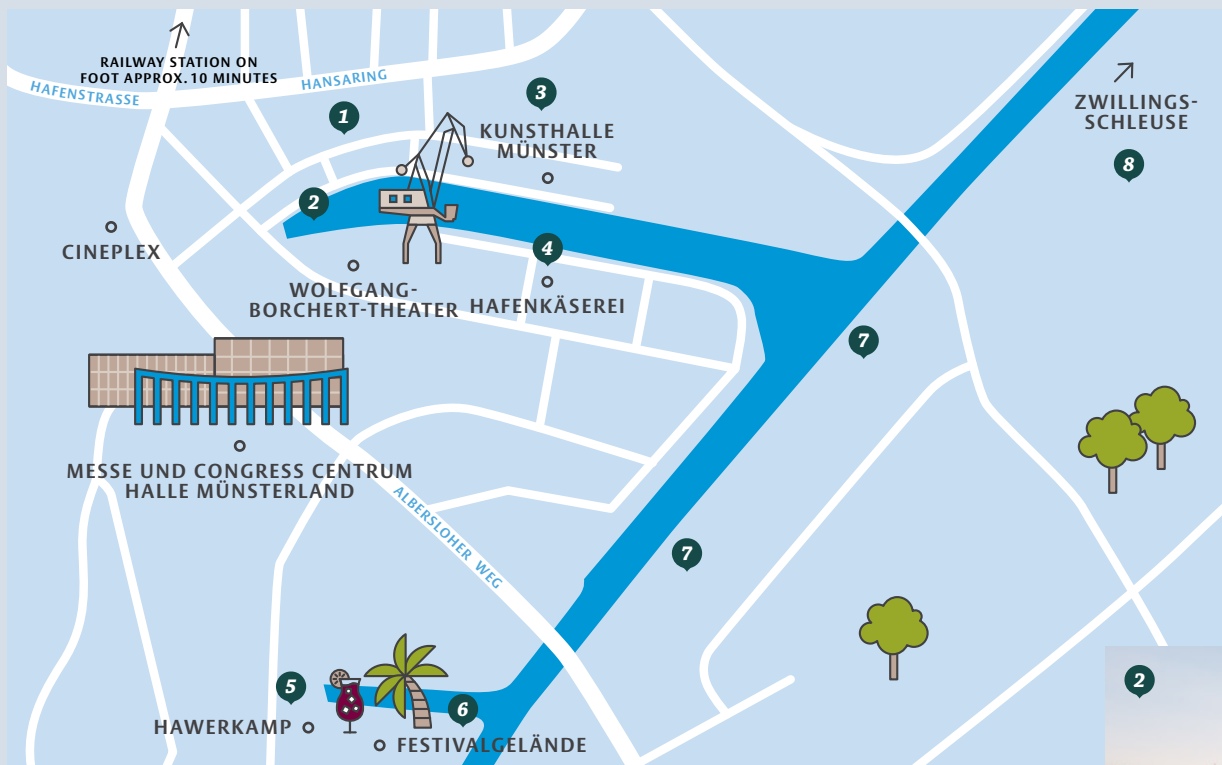


TIP 20

We in Münster take hospitality seriously. A good example of this is the **Hansemahl** banquet on Prinzipalmarkt every May, where people come together at a long table creaking with beer and open sandwiches. The Hansemahl is an inviting gesture, initiated by the ISI, local merchants and the city of Münster. A special highlight: the merchants themselves don their aprons for the occasion and spoil their guests. Service at its best!

Photo: J. Unkelbach

Photo: Münster Marketing / Air Rick



Harbour love

Urban life and young culture - inspiring diversity around the city harbour! Where cargo was once unloaded, the area around the harbour basin is now characterised by colourful graffiti, relaxed chilling on the benches at the edge of the harbour, diverse cultural venues and a gastronomic mile for strolling - just come and have a look around.

The **Stadthafen** is a diverse area defined by urban lifestyle and youthful culture. Colourful graffiti, groups hanging out in style on street corners, the exuberance of the Kreativkai, bustling restaurant staff ... just come and see for yourself. In the city centre, start your tour behind the main station in the **1 Hansaviertel**, a district that is home to many creative studios and start-ups using co-working spaces. Here you will find international food spots and see student life, trendy bars and street art.

On the north side at the **2 harbour basin**, the mix of converted warehouses and modern architecture is known as the Kreativkai. In this fascinating area, the **3 Speicher II** building accommodates the Kunsthalle Münster, an exhibition space for contemporary art, not far from the award-winning Hot Jazz Club and many tempting gastronomic choices – including the Restaurant Hochstapler, which serves perhaps the largest range of burgers. As the colourfully illuminated party ship **MS Günther** (named after Günther Jauch, who personally christened the boat) does the rounds on the water, we head to the opposite side, the so-called **B-Side**. Industrial monuments, including an old storage silo and a distinctive dockside crane, recall the days when cargo was unloaded here. Today, the Flechtheimspeicher building houses the **Wolfgang Borchert Theater**. A short distance from here is the organic dairy of the **4 Hafenkäserei**, where you can book a tour, sample the cheese or simply take a seat at a cosy restaurant to watch the busier happenings on the other side.

Tracing a slightly wider arc behind the **Messe und Congress Centrum Halle Münsterland** convention centre brings you to the **5 Hawerkamp**, an iconic festival ground on a former brownfield site. This area is home to artists, an old locomotive shed serving as an event space and a club scene where on weekends especially, people party hard – until the sun rises, in fact. Every summer, **6 Festivalgelände** attracts visitors with palm trees and sand. Tuesday evenings are all about 'Salsa am Beach'.

Logically enough, without the **7 Dortmund-Ems-Kanal**, Münster wouldn't have a harbour district at all. There are beautiful walks along the Canal, plus a cycle path to explore. People come here to have barbecues and unwind, while rowers train on the Canal year-round. At the **8 twinned locks on the Schiffahrter Damm**, two ships can pass through the lock simultaneously, either downriver towards the north or upriver heading south.



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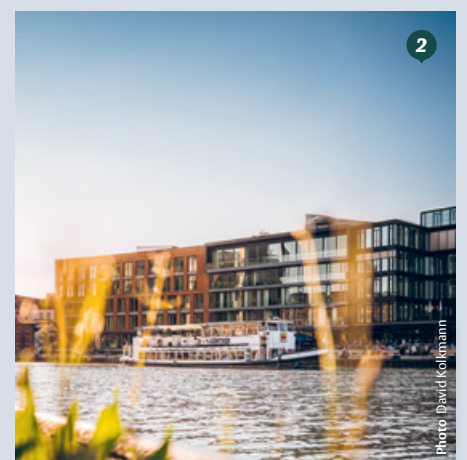


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