

Duisburg



Duisburg is a German city in the western part of the Ruhr Area in North Rhine-Westphalia. With the biggest inland harbour in Europe and its proximity to Düsseldorf International Airport Duisburg has become an important venue for commerce and steel production.

Today's city is a result of numerous incorporations of surrounding towns and smaller cities. It is the 12th-largest city in Germany and the fifth city in North Rhine-Westphalia. The city is renowned for its steel industry. There is still one coal mine in operation, but Duisburg has never been a coal-mining location to the same extent as the other places in the Ruhr. All blast furnaces in the Ruhr are now located in Duisburg. 49% of all hot metal and 34.4% of all crude steel in Germany is produced here (status 2000).

Duisburg is located in the Lowland Rhine area at the confluence of the Rhine and Ruhr rivers and near the outskirts of the Bergisches Land. The city spreads along both sides of these rivers.

The following cities Oberhausen, Mülheim an der Ruhr, Ratingen, Düsseldorf, Krefeld, Moers, Rheinberg and Dinslaken border Duisburg (clockwise starting from north-east).

Duisburg Port

"Duisport" is the largest inland port in the World. It is officially regarded as a "seaport" because sea-going river vessels go to ports in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Numerous docks are mostly located at the mouth of River Ruhr.

Culture

Duisburg hosts a comprehensive range of cultural facilities and events. A highlight is the annual "Duisburger Akzente", a festival focusing on modern social, political and cultural topics.

Duisburg is also a residence of the Deutsche Oper am Rhein, one of the major opera houses in Germany. The Duisburg Philharmonic Orchestra is one of Germany's orchestras with an international reputation.

Thanks to its history as a harbor city and a trade and industrial center Duisburg offers a variety of architectural places of interest. The spectrum goes from old churches such as "St Johann Baptist" in Duisburg-Hamborn, which was built in 900, to modern age buildings like Micro-Electronic-Centrum in Duisburg-Neudorf, built in 1995 and the huge shopping center City Palais opened to visitors in the beginning of 2007.

Another subject of interest is the Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord - an abandoned industrial complex open to the public and an Anchor Point of ERIH, The European Route of Industrial Heritage.

The city center locates the Wilhelm Lehmbruck Museum – museum for modern art, Mercator-Schatzkammer Museum Stadt Königsberg – cultural and historical museum, The Küppersmühle Museum – send in art collection of important German postwar artists, the municipal theatre and the shopping street known as "fountain mile".

Innenhafen is also interesting stop during your travel through Duisburg. One part of the port has been rebuild in the past years to a cultural area. You can find many restaurants here, two museums and a lot of the old architecture, but in a modernized way.





Innenhafen

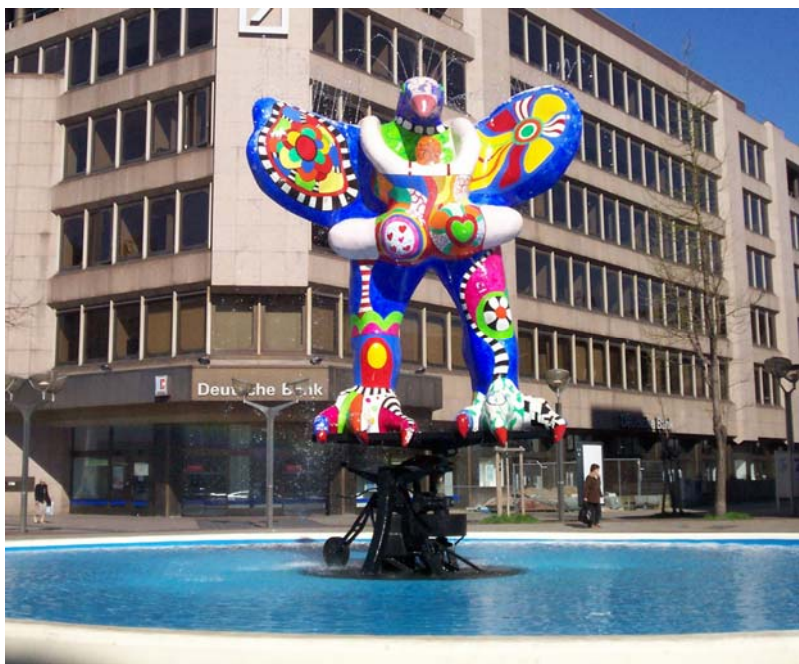
Burgplatz and Old Market Archaeological Zone are interesting historical sightseeing. They are situated in the center of the town, behind the famous Duisburg Rathaus.

Only a few kilometres south from the centre of Duisburg and immediately adjacent to the sports park lies the largest and most scenically beautiful local recreation area in the whole of the Duisburg area. Its diverse lakes, extensive system of footpaths, barbecue sites, open-air swimming bath, boat-hire facilities and model-boat harbour have made this a popular resort for sporting fans and day-trippers alike.

Botanical gardens on the Kaiserberg are situated near University of Duisburg-Essen. The gardens have been here since 1890, and are around 195 hectares, with a garden section, an herbal garden, a national plant bed, an ecological section, and even rare plants and flowers from the Alps and the dunes. There is no charge for visiting the garden yourself. The gardens are open everyday all year long from 8 a.m. until sunset. The best time to visit the gardens is in May. Duisburg has also an impressive zoo famous with its Equatorium, Dolphinarium and the Chinese Garden.



Rathaus Duisburg



Symbol of the City

More information about Duisburg you can find on the following sites:

<http://www.duisburg-tourism.com/en>

<http://www.duisburg.de/en>

Travel to Duisburg

If you come by airplane to Düsseldorf International Airport, the easiest way is to catch the RE Bahn with direction Dortmund Hbf, Hamm Hbf (Hbf means central train station) or Emmerich Bf (Bf means train station). This train also stops in Duisburg Hbf. You can get a ticket, which you have to stamp by yourself, at a distribution-machine. You need some cash for that machine. The travel takes about 15 minutes.

If you arrive in Köln/Bonn Airport, you have to go by train. There is no direct train to Duisburg so you have first to catch S-Bahn (look for a green circle with a capital S in the centre) to Köln Bf Deutz / Messe stop and then to take RE Bahn in direction Emmerich Bf or Wesel Bf. The travel from Köln/Bonn Airport lasts about 1 hour.

In both cases let us know about your approximate arrival time at Duisburg main station.

Someone from our team will pick you up and show you the most important things like your lodging, shopping facilities etc. and answer your questions.

Standard of living

In order to give you a rough idea of costs in Duisburg the approximate prices of possible expenses for food, lodging and entertainment have been listed:

- ❖ Rent for accommodation - about 150 - 200 EUR per month
- ❖ Student's restaurant - 2,10 - 3,85 EUR (complete meal)
- ❖ Cheap restaurant - about 10 EUR
- ❖ Shopping in supermarkets: (Please note that the prices are only an approximation of a real situation and there is a possibility to be changed)

- ✓ toast (500g) - 0,40 €
- ✓ bread (500g) - 1,00 €
- ✓ butter (250g) - 0,90 €
- ✓ milk (1 litre) - 0,55 €
- ✓ apples (1 kg) - 2,00 €
- ✓ tomatoes (1 kg) - 2,99 €
- ✓ rice (1 kg) - 0,90€- 1,40 €
- ✓ bananas (1 kg) - 1,50 €
- ✓ flour (1 kg) - 0,40 €
- ✓ coffee (500 g) - 4,00 €
- ✓ potatoes (2,5 kg) - 2,00 €
- ✓ cheese (150g) - 1,00 €
- ✓ yellow cheese (400g) - 1,60 €- 2,00 €
- ✓ chicken (1 kg) - 6,00 €
- ✓ pork (1 kg) - 7,00 €
- ✓ mineral water (1 litre) - 0,25 €
- ✓ juice (1 litre) - 0,60€- 1,70 €
- ✓ coke (1 litre) - 0,70 €

- ✓ wine (0,75 litre) > 2,00 €
- ✓ pizza(frozen) - 1,50 €
- ✓ beer (0,5 litre) - 0,75 €
- ✓ corn flakes (500g) - 2,00 €
- ✓ eggs (10) - 1,00 €
- ✓ cigarettes - 4,00 - 5,00 €
- ✓ soap - 0,50 €
- ✓ toothpaste - 1,30 €
- ✓ shampoo - 1,00 €
- ✓ deodorant - 1,50 €

- ❖ Beer in a pub: 1,40 EUR per 0,2 L
- ❖ Public transport: there are trains and buses in Duisburg

- ✓ one-way ticket for short distances (5-6 stops) – 1,10 €
- ✓ one-way ticket for long distances – 2,10 €
- ✓ day ticket – 4,90 €
- ✓ tickets for 24, 48 and 72 hours (only for Duisburg) - 8,90 € 12,80 € 17,20 € respectively
- ✓ tickets for 24, 48 and 72 hours (for Duisburg and surrounding cities) – 24,90 € 29,90 € 39,90 € respectively

Shopping

Normally shops are opened from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the week and only to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Supermarkets are opened from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the week and on Saturday as well. Remember: nothing but cafés (only in summer) is opened on Sunday.

International Student Identity Card

Please remember to get your ISIC so that you can get reduction on entrance fees (e.g.: cinemas, museums).

Weather and Clothing

With regard to clothing you should be prepared for changing weather conditions. The summers are normally pleasant and dry, but sometimes it rains a lot as well. The winters in most cases are soft and temperatures rarely fall under 0 C°.

It would be a good idea to take a raincoat as well as T-shirts and shorts. Apart from clothes for leisure and sports you should not forget about suit clothes for your job (maybe ask your employer for some advice what to wear at work. Normally suits are not necessary).

For further information concerning weather in Germany you can use these sites:

www.wetter.com

www.wetter.de

Average Temperatures in Duisburg

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
C°	0	0	4,5	8	12	16	18	18	14	10	4	9
F	32	32	36	47	54	60	64	62	58	50	40	48

Important Telephones

Area code for Duisburg: 0203
International country code: + 49 (Germany)
Police 110
Emergency 112
Fire department 112

Useful sites:

Map of Duisburg:

www.hot-maps.de/europe/germany/nrw/duisburg/homeen.html

Information for trains and busses in Duisburg and surrounding cities:

www.vrr.de

Information for cultural events in Duisburg:

www.duisburgnonstop.de/site_de/index.php

Cinema Program in Duisburg:

www.cinema.de

Theater Duisburg:

www.theater-duisburg.de

Landschaftspark – Nord:

www.landschaftspark.de/en/home/index.php

Küppersmühle Museum :

www.museum-kueppersmuehle.de

Duisburg Zoo:

www.zoo-duisburg.de