

Brühl



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Brühl – short facts

Geographical location

Town centre: church tower of St. Margaret's Parish Church
50° 49'50" width to the north
06° 54'15" length to the east
64 m above SL
minus 32'23" against CET

Total size

36,123 km²

Inhabitants

46.745

Districts

Town centre, Vochem, Kierberg,
Heide, Pingsdorf, Badorf, Schwadorf

Hoheitszeichen

The town of Brühl has a coat of arms, a seal and a flag.



The town's coat of arms has its origin in the jury seal established since 1318 and shows St. Peter in a blue coat, holding two blue keys in his right hand and a red, silver-shod book of the Gospels in his left hand, surrounded by seven juror heads, above a silver shield with the Kölner Stiftskreuz [Cologne Cross] on a golden background.

Stadtfarben

Blue and gold

Educational institutions

8 primary schools, 6 secondary schools, 2 special schools

Other

Karl-Schiller-Berufskolleg Rhein-Erft-Kreis, Europäische Fachhochschule (German University of Applied Sciences), Federal University of Applied Administrative Sciences, Federal Finance Academy, high-gifted centre

Town partnerships

Sceaux (France)
Leamington Spa (England)

Town friendships

Kunice (Poland), Kaş (Turkey), Chalcis (Greece), Weißwasser (Upper Lusatia/Saxony)

Dear guests of Brühl,

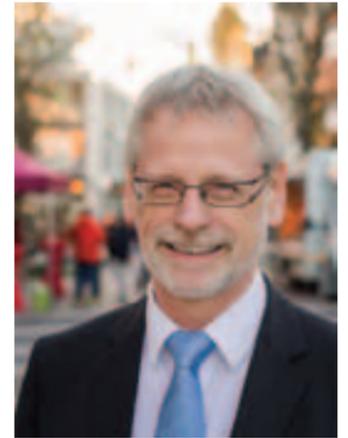
Are you planning a visit to Brühl? As the mayor of the town of culture and adventure I welcome you to the heart of the Rhineland!

A trip to Brühl is simultaneously a trip to an exciting region. Conveniently located between the cathedral city of Cologne and the Federal City of Bonn – between the Rhine and the Rhineland Nature Park – here, you will find everything what makes life worth living.

The UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Brühl Palaces and the Max Ernst Museum Brühl are only a stone's throw from the historically grown town centre. Everyone finds his favourite spot, whether in the palace grounds or at a cafe in the middle of the market. Quaint pubs offer Koelsch and other drinks.

Do you want to give your heart a thrill on the fast rides of the Phantasieland theme park or would you rather exercise your laughingmuscles with the

verbally acrobatic top performances at our cabaret events? Do you have a taste for virtuoso classical music, quiet enjoyment of art, extended cycling and hiking tours or open-air parties for all? Whatever you opt for: **Brühl is more than an experience!**




Dieter Freytag
Mayor



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Max Ernst: Born in Brühl – at home in the world

Max Ernst Museum Brühl

Max Ernst (*1891 in Brühl, †1976 in Paris) was one of the founders of surrealism and is considered one of the most important artists of the 20th century.

In 2005, the Max Ernst Museum was opened in the former Brühl Pavilion – built in 1844 – in direct proximity to Augustusburg Palace. It is the only museum in the world dedicated to the artist's comprehensive work. Key parts of the exhibition include sculptures from Max Ernst's estate as well as an extensive print room. In addition, temporary exhibitions are held at the museum throughout the year

with important artists of the past and the present.

Comesstraße 42/Max Ernst Allee 1 €

Max Ernst's Birth House Fantasy Lab

The two-and-a-half storey building was constructed in late classicist style in 1885. It is the house where the famous surrealist Max Ernst was born. Since July 2012, the practical courses of the museum educational service have been held there in the newly established Fantasy Lab of the Max Ernst Museum Brühl. Thus art enthusiasts of all ages have the opportunity to test their creative powers and investigate

their own talents in an informal setting. The courses offered are geared towards the variety of techniques that Max Ernst used in an innovative fashion as well as the artistic themes of the temporary exhibitions. The house can be viewed only from outside and on the courtyard.

Schlossstraße 21

📍 www.maxernstmuseum.lvr.de

Max Ernst Fountain

In front of what is now the town hall you will find a fountain with bronze sculptures constructed in 1971, which the artist dedicated to his home town. Uhlstraße 3





Brühl Palaces UNESCO World Heritage Site

Augustusburg Palace

The construction of Augustusburg Palace, the favourite residence of Elector and Archbishop of Cologne Clemens August of Wittelsbach (1700-1761), was commenced in 1725 by Westphalian architect Johann Conrad Schlaun. From 1728 to 1768, the building was designed under the direction of François de Cuvilliés, the architect to the imperial court of electoral Bavaria, as the outstanding residence of the time.

Well-known artists and craftsmen such as Carlo Carlone (ceiling painting), Balthasar Neumann (staircase) and Carlo Pietro Morsegno Giuseppe

Atario (stucco works) are responsible for the interior design. Augustusburg offered the setting for important state receptions up until the 1990s.

In 1984, the Augustusburg and Falkenlust Palaces along with their gardens as a holistic work of art of German rococo were adopted into the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.

Schlossstraße (Kuckuckstor) €



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UNESCO-Welterbestätten
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Palace grounds

The baroque palace grounds were created by Dominique Girard according to the French model starting in 1728. Thanks to appropriate restoration and care, today, it is one of the most authentic 18th century gardens in Europe.

The centrepiece is the two-part parterre de broderie with fountain pools and an adjacent mirror pond - surrounded by lime tree boulevards and hedge gardens.

As early as the 18th century, they were intimate trip destinations. Starting in 1842, Peter Joseph Lenné designed the forest areas separate

from the baroque garden, according to the pattern of an English landscape garden. Today, this area is ideal for relaxing strolls.

Falkenlust Palace

For falconry alone, the pleasure and hunting palace was constructed with a particularly charming interior design. It is considered one of the most precious creations of German rococo.

On 16 July 1729, Clemens August of Wittelsbach laid the foundation stone. François de Cuvilliés, the architect to the imperial court of Munich, provided the plans.

The building along with the stucco works was already standing in 1733; work continued on the interior design until it was completed in 1764.

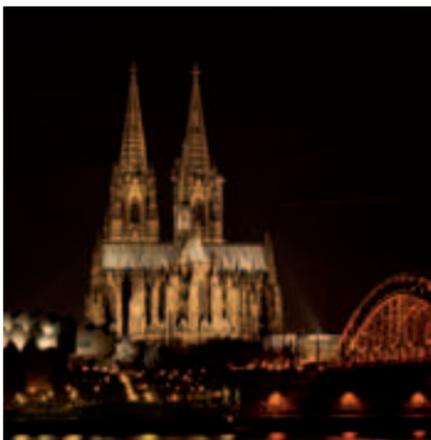
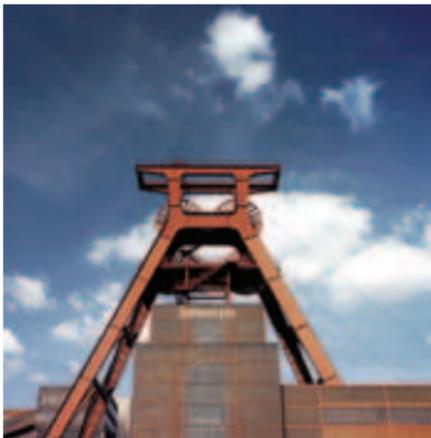
The surrounding park is also home to the Muschelkapelle chapel, inaugurated in 1740, an octagonal, centrally planned building with a small vestry and a mansard roof, built in a type of hermit's grotto.

An Schloss Falkenlust 1 €

 www.schlossbruehl.de



Home of the UNESCO World Heritage ♦ Aachen – Brühl – Essen – Cologne – Middle Rhine



Did you know that from the starting point of Brühl you can experience five UNESCO World Heritage Sites in one go? Don't believe it? Our World Heritage tour makes it possible!

The starting point of the tour is naturally the **Brühl Palaces, Augustusburg and Falkenlust**. Napoleon is said to have regretted that Elector Clemens August's Augustusburg did not have wheels, as he would have liked to have taken the building away to France.

The **Palatine chapel** in the heart of Aachen is located only about 50 minutes by car away from Brühl. It allows a fascinating journey

in time back to the year 800, when Carolingian King Charlemagne was crowned Roman Emperor and, as the "Pater Europae" (Father of Europe), launched a global empire. After the obligatory visit to one of the nice-smelling Printen bakeries in Aachen, the tour continues on to Cologne.

Germany's most visited building – **Cologne Cathedral** – can be seen from afar. The imposing place of worship is considered not only the most beautiful but also the most elaborate of religious buildings.

And **Zollverein Coal Mine** in Essen awaits you only about an hour's drive north of Brühl. Up to 1993, more

than 2,500 miners and cokers mined 12,000 tonnes of coal a day here and processed it into coke. Today, the 100-hectare site in the heart of the Ruhr area is a must for visitors to North Rhine-Westphalia.

Anyone who thirsts for peace and quiet after all the sprawling architecture can take one of the Rhine ferries from Bonn, near Brühl, towards Rhineland-Palatinate, where you can enjoy Rhine romance and Rhine culture in the **Middle Rhine Valley**.

 www.unesco-welterbe.de

Phantasialand

Phantasialand was built on the former site of a brown-coal mine in 1967 and today, it is among the most popular theme parks in Europe, with an extremely high degree of popularity.

Numerous national and international awards confirm Phantasialand's high quality and impressive entertainment value.

Since Hotel LING BAO ★★☆☆ constructed according to the feng shui doctrine, opened in 2003, many guests have enjoyed unforgettable short holidays with their families in the unique Far-Eastern atmosphere. In 2008 opened the second exceptional themed hotel, the Africa-inspired Hotel MATAMBA ★★★superior.

In addition, both hotels are open to guests regardless of whether they visit the theme park.

Bergeiststraße 31-41 €

📍 www.phantasialand.de





Historic centre

As early as the town's foundation in 1285, this residential street was set up as a marketplace. In 1844, King Frederick Wilhelm IV of Prussia had a railway station built near his Augustusburg residence.

He thus laid the foundation for the town's rapid industrial and cultural development.

Over the centuries, two town fires and the Second World War changed the appearance of the market. Until 1920, steam locomotives ran on the railway there; until 1987, a federal road ran through the marketplace.

Despite the many changes that have occurred, the market has an unmistakable flair.

It is a meeting point and with its many restaurants, cosy street cafes, pubs and bistros, it invites people to spend time there, chat and enjoy themselves.

And whether you want to discover Brühl in a town or themed tour with the Brühl tour guides or on your own initiative - Brühl's cobbles have a lot of history and stories in stock.

 www.bruehl.de

Town experience: history at every turn

1285 Award of town status to the settlement "on the brule" by Elector Archbishop Siegfried of Westerburg on 27 April.

Seven jurors are elected. Their seal shows Peter, the patron saint of the Electorate of Cologne, surrounded by the heads of the seven jurors.

1288 Construction of the mediaeval moated castle. Over time, it becomes one of the strongest land fortresses in the Rhineland.

1288 All plans for power and wealth fail due to the Battle of Worringen. Brühl remains a 'small agricultural town'.

1469 Elector and Archbishop Ruprecht of the Palatinate elevates Brühl to the status of state capital of the Electorate of Cologne. Transition of the 'small agricultural town'.

1491 Laying of the foundation stone of the Franciscan monastery on the site of the former Jewish quarter by Archbishop Hermann of Hessen.

1530 A large town fire almost completely destroys Brühl. This means, among other things, the end of the previously thriving ceramic production.





- 1725** Elector Clemens August builds what today is Augustusburg Palace on the ruins of the moated castle. Falkenlust follows in 1729.
- 1794** Maximilian Francis of Austria, the last Elector and Archbishop of Cologne, flees from the French revolutionary troops. The period of the electors ends.
- 1823** The royal Prussian teachers seminar is opened in the dissolved Franciscan monastery (until 1925).
- 1847** Brühl is divided into individual communities that receive their own land registers, financial administrations and councils.
- 1858** The town hall is rebuilt on the Steinweg [Stone Way].
- 1867** In May, the council resolves to construct a coal gas factory, the 'laying of foundation stone' for today's Stadtwerke Brühl [Brühl public utility company].
- 1874** Construction of the Cologne-Trier Eifel railway; large brown-coal open-cast mines and briquetting plants emerge on the route. Construction of the Kaiserbahnhof (Emperor's railway station)
- 1883** Industrialisation up to 1899: Establishment of sugar factory, Berggeist mine, opening of foreland railway, first briquets,

power from brown coal...

- 1891** Max Ernst is born on 2 April, achieving global fame with his surreal paintings.
- 1893** Birth of painter Will Küpper.
- 1910** Brühl receives town status again – segmentation into Brühl town and Brühl countryside with independent suburbs.
- 1926** Opening of the vocational schools in the former Franciscan monastery; temporary accommodation of boys' and girls' school.
- 1927** Establishment of Eisenwerk Brühl [Brühl ironworks] by Georg and Maria Sandmann

– including with successful production for the automotive industry.

- 1932** Municipal resegmentation on 1 October: incorporation of suburbs and administration into the town by mayor and council.
- 1938** SA departments devastate Jewish shops and destroy the synagogues by fire during *Kristallnacht*.
- 1941** In the war years up to 1945, major bomb attacks shake the town and leave behind destroyed buildings and many casualties.





- 1945** Invasion of the Americans on 7 March. The town of Brühl remains an occupation zone until May 1955.
- 1946** Start of reconstruction; large flows of refugees after the end of the 2nd World War. Martin Schmidt becomes the first town director.
- 1949** First state reception at Augustsburg Palace by newly elected Federal President Theodor Heuss in September.
- 1964** The French town of Sceaux becomes a partner town of Brühl; it is followed 9 years later by the English town of Royal Leamington Spa.
- 1967** "Phantasieland", which was built on extensive areas of a degraded brown coal field, opens its doors for the first time.
- 1985** Celebration marking the 700th anniversary of the award of town status.
- 1987** Inauguration of the new town hall in the former Franciscan monastery and of the pedestrian zone from the multiple crossing to Heinrich-Esser-Straße.
- 1990** The town of Brühl establishes the Joseph & Anna Fassbender Award for Graphic Designers and Manual Drawers.
- 1993** A memorial is inaugurated at the former location of the Jewish synagogue; former Jewish citizens visit Brühl in 1989.
- 2000** Opening of Brühl Ceramics Museum in Kempishof-straße. Serious train accident at Brühl station (by the palace).
- 2005** Federal President Prof Köhler opens Max Ernst Museum with sculptures, paintings and drawings of the world-famous artist.
- 2009** 900-year anniversary of the foundation of Schwadorf. Reopening of Castle Park Stadium after restoration.

Town art collections

At the Brühl town administration, not only piles of documents are collected. A flying visit to the **town archive** is certainly worthwhile; there, you can experience true art treasures, in addition to the town history resources.

In particular, the 5,000 items of Brühl photographer **Fritz Neff**, with images from between 1930 and 1939, are a living testimony to the living conditions of the last century and photographic art of status.

The second major collection block in the archive is formed by the works of painter **Will Küpper**.

He described himself as a "painter due to inner necessity". Born in Brühl in 1893, Küpper, alongside world-famous surrealist Max Ernst, received painting lessons as a boy from the latter's father, Philipp Ernst.

At an early stage, people became the central theme of Küppers' artistic work. The heritage of the artist – who died in 1972 – containing 100 oil paintings and approximately 1,000 drawings is scientifically supervised by the town of Brühl and is made accessible to the public upon consultation.

Since 1971, the town of Brühl has supported young art students by means of the **Max Ernst Scholarship**. In addition to the monetary award, the town of Brühl also supports the artists' further development by purchasing a work of art from them.

Thus, in over 40 years a collection of contemporary art has come into being that is publicly accessible in the Brühl town hall. It documents a piece of public art promotion that is rare in the Rhineland.

 www.bruehl.de





St Mary of the Angels and Franciscan monastery (1146)

The most imposing building in the town centre after Augustusburg Palace is the **former Franciscan** monastery – used as a town hall – which is nestled up against by the **St Mary of the Angels** church. From 1491 to 1493, Cologne Archbishop Hermann IV of Hesse had the monastery along with the church built for the Franciscans called to Brühl. In 1713, the foundation stone was laid for today's (town hall) building, which has been publicly used since the dissolution of the religious order in 1802.

The cloister and the chapter house of the town hall alone allow one to discern the building's original use as

a monastery. Under Clemens August, Elector of Cologne from the House of Wittelsbach, the modest minster was converted into the magnificent, rococo-style court and palace chapel in the first half of the 18th century.

The central spiritual and artistic focus of the **St Mary of the Angels** church is Balthasar Neumann's annunciation altar with Johann Wolfgang van der Auwera's figures from 1745. The altar and the baldachin are made of wood, partly gold-plated and coated with coloured stucco marble in a wide variety of shades.

St Margaret, Christ Church, St John the Baptist

Brühl is a town of multicultural cohabitation of a variety of different nationalities and faiths. Two tower spires protrude prominently in the detailed structure of Brühl town centre.

As early as the mid-14th century, the three-aisled, late Gothic basilica of **St Margaret**, was built in Kirchgasse, not far from the marketplace. The Catholic parish church received its current form with a two-bay transept in the 19th century.

Its notable furnishings include the wooden Shrine of St Ursula (c. 1500), two panel paintings in the choir room (c. 1510), the triumphal cross in the north side aisle (1714), the pulpit and

organ facade (c. 1730) as well as the Neo-Gothic high altar from the end of the 19th century.

Social changes are echoed in the construction of the **Christ Church**.

It is considered the oldest Protestant church between Cologne and Bonn and was built for the Prussian, mostly Protestant soldiers, civil servants and entrepreneurs who moved there after the German Campaign.

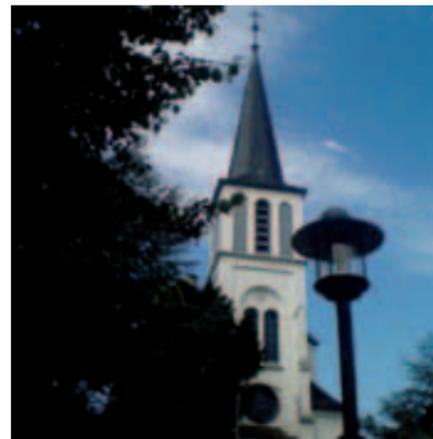
The modest church in Mayersweg was constructed between 1886 and 1888 with money of the faithful as well as a payment of grace from the Prussian king.

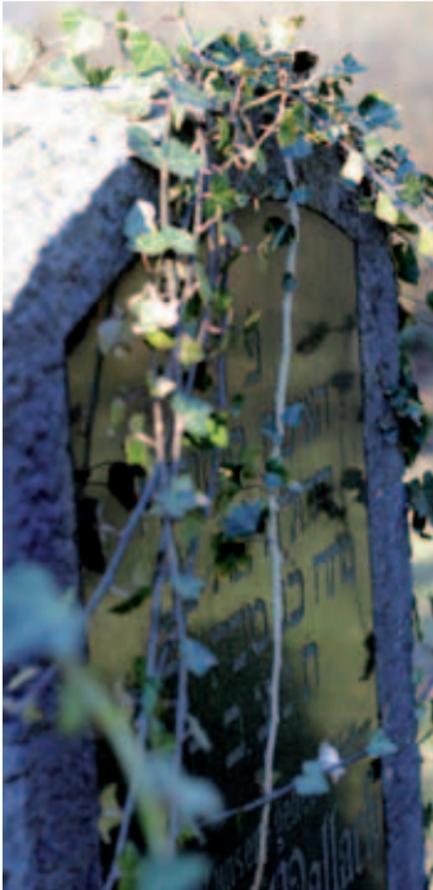
The Greek Orthodox church community **St John the Baptist** was founded in 1983 and is the spiritual home of 3,000 Orthodox Christians, mostly with Greek roots.

In 1989, they acquired a former supermarket on Wallstraße, on the floor of which a sacred space unique in the Rhineland came into being, whose altar was consecrated in 2005.

Anyone who enters the building with the strikingly blue domed roof can observe the painting of the church interior, which is intended to last for years.

 www.ack-bruehl.de





Jewish Brühl, graveyard and memorials

In October 1944, 659 years of traceable history of the Jews in Brühl came to an end. Today, street names, the memorial, the Jewish graveyard and the "**Stolpersteine**" (cobblestone-sized memorials for individual victims of Naziism) laid by artist Gunter Demnig provide a reminder of the existence of Jewish life here. The bronze cobblestones, laid everywhere in the town centre, serve as a memorial to the Jewish victims of Nazi terrorism – right in front of the houses they lived in before they were deported and murdered. The history of the Jews is closely linked to the history of the town of Brühl. In the written resources on the history of Brühl, Jews are mentioned as early as

the time of the town's foundation in 1285. The **graveyard**, installed outside the mediaeval town, was mentioned for the first time in a deed issued in 1371 that recorded the sale of a field at the joedenkirchhove.

The oldest gravestone dates from 1746, while the most recent burial place is dated 12/12/1946. Today, there are still 94 gravestones (Mazewot) on the site, which, at 4,170 m2, is one of the largest Jewish graveyards in the Rhineland. The cemetery remains a graveyard or Bet Hachajim, as Jewish graveyards house dead people until Judgement Day.

Jewish Graveyard,
Kölnstraße/Schildgesstraße

The 19th century, which saw the construction of the **synagogue** in Moorish style, is considered the golden age of Brühl's Jewish community. The situation changed with the start of the "Machtergreifung" (seizure of power) by the National Socialists; economic restrictions and social isolation followed. Many Jews fled following Kristallnacht in 1938. In 1942, the first Jews were taken to extermination camps. By October 1944, Brühl no longer had any Jewish inhabitants. The **synagogue** stood to the left beside today's **memorial**, set up in 1993.

Memorial, An der Synagoge

 www.bruehl.de

Tax Museum

The financial history collection housed in Brühl, which has existed for more than 50 years, is unique in Germany.

For anyone who feels punished by the tax burdens of today, a visit to the **Tax Museum** is recommended.

The predecessors of our finance ministers were considerably more inventive when it came to inventing new taxes again and again: They happily collected taxes for the possession of windows, for quantities of Nile mud and sparrows or even virginity – in the last few centuries, barely an area of life has been safe from the tax authorities.

The Federal Finance Academy's financial history collection – which is likely unique in Germany – provides an informative and humorous overview of 5,000 years of financial history, from the ancient Egyptians up to our time.

The varied course of financial history can be followed in a chronological display with approximately 1,200 images, texts, official badges, writing and calculation equipment as well as coins, uniforms and other exhibits.

Willy-Brandt-Straße 10

 www.bundesfinanzakademie.de





Brühl Ceramics Museum

You will find the small museum in a former wheelright's workshop – restored in exemplary fashion – from the mid-19th century.

From the 7th century until the large town fire in 1530, there were numerous potteries in the Brühl area. They produced crockery, which were a sought-after article of trade on all European markets.

The exhibited ceramic vessels from Badorf, Pingsdorf and Brühl are among the most important cultural goods of the Rhineland.

The 13th century saw the epochal style transition from Romantic to Gothic in the German-speaking area. For Rhenish ceramics, this transition is demonstrated particularly richly and vividly in the ceramics town of Brühl.

The Ceramics Museum is adorned by a mediaeval-style herb garden. The museum has a very appealing restaurant with an indoor and outdoor section.

Kempishofstraße 10

 www.bruehler-museumsinsel.de

Museum of History of Everyday Life – Günter Krüger House

The half-timbered house constructed around 1744 is one of the oldest houses in Brühl. In 1993/94, the important monument was restored true to original.

The Museum of History of Everyday Life that is housed here is dedicated to the people who lived and worked in the shadow of Augustusburg Palace. Their life, their daily bread, historical handicrafts, rites and customs are the focus of the unusual presentation.

The museum concept, developed by Brühl artist Günter Krüger, brings to life the richly faceted living conditions of the working population in a permanent exhibition that is worth seeing as well as in small, temporary exhibitions.

The aim is to position the museum as a counterpart to the electoral pleasure palace of Augustusburg and thus to create a counterweight to the "eternal Sunday" of history celebrated there.

Kempishofstraße 15 €

 www.bruehler-museumsinsel.de





Kaiserbahnhof

The **Kaiserbahnhof** (Emperor's railway station) is considered one of Germany's most beautiful railway buildings.

The Rhenish Railway Company (RhE) built the **Kierberg-Brühl Railway Station** reception building in 1877 as a representative stop on the Kalscheuren-Euskirchen route, later called the **Eifel route**, in the style of an upper-class villa with Renaissance elements.

With its arcades and terraces, an observation tower, a music pavilion as well as spacious parks, this "Kierberg pleasure station" was a popular trip destination for the Cologne middle classes until the First World War. It owes its elab-

orate design and its name to Emperor (Ger.: Kaiser) Wilhelm I. The railway station served him as an intermediate stop on his annual autumn manoeuvre visits in the Eifel. From here, he travelled by carriage along Kaiserstraße to Augustusburg Palace, where he would spend the night.

Due to its outstanding location, the Kaiserbahnhof, which offers catering services, has been a popular trip destination for more than a century.

The building can be viewed from outside at any time of year.

Kierberger Straße 158

 www.kaiserbahnhof-bruehl.de

Brühl water tower

Particularly in the evening hours, the illuminated tower is unmistakable. In the west of the town, the landmark protrudes above the treetops of Rhineland Nature Park.

It is barely imaginable, but here people live and work under 1,500 m³ of water!

The construction of the approximately 45 m high **water tower** with its storage tanks – also called **Gabjei Tower** – was resolved and implemented according to the plans of architect Wolfgang Beyer in 1950. It is a focal element of the water supply system and supplies water both to private consumers and to industry.

The tower is divided into a restaurant with a beer garden on the ground floor, flats up to the 4th floor, a drying room and an empty space for the water-technical operations.

Brühl water tower is a popular destination and starting point for recreation in the immediate vicinity.

It is not possible to climb the tower; it can only be viewed from outside.

Liblarer Straße 181

📍 www.wasserturm-bruehl.de





Schallenburg (castle)

As part of the "Rhenish Bay", Brühl lies in one of the regions of Germany with the highest number of moated castles. More than fifty castles, palaces and manors line the region by the Rhine and the Erft. Even though some of the historic palaces and castles are only allowed to be viewed from the grounds around them, a visit is worth it nonetheless.

Tip: The ticket & tourism centre brühl-info is happy to inform you about the specially developed cycling route to the region's castles and palaces.

The Schallenburg in Brühl-Schwadorf still possesses the old, water-filled moat system and consists of the

main part of the castle on an island and a small, half-timbered building adjoining to the south, the farmyard. The Late Gothic castle was built by the Schall von Bell family in the 15th century. In 1694, the side of the main wing towards the farmyard was added, this containing Baroque elements.

The park and the farm building were installed in the 19th century. It is one of the few moated castles in the Rhineland that is still inhabited. It is not possible to visit the castle complex.

An der Schallenburg

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Rhineland Nature Park for explorers

In the part of Brühl where brown coal was still extracted from the ground 50 years ago, a local recreation area has emerged in the last few decades that could hardly be more varied.

Shady forests and an idyllic lake landscape characterise Brühl's green lung, which invites countless hikers, joggers and cyclists to explore.

Today, right beside Brühl, between the Rhine and the Eifel, lies the **Rhineland Nature Park** with a unique landscape variety, stretching across an area of 1,000 km².

Forests, rivers, lakes and hilly volcanic structures alternate with flat agricultural landscapes and small idyllic villages.

The landscape in the nature park is mostly flat with the exception of the tectonic formation that makes the area so attractive to hikers in particular:

The approximately 50 km long range of hills, called the Ville, developed due to a tectonic shift between 65 and 23 million years ago. Today, it allows incomparable views into the distance.

 www.naturpark-rheinland.de





By shank's mare

Important regional and cross-regional hiking routes are found in the area around the town.

One of these is the Roman canal hiking route, which was opened for the first time in 1988 and was modernised in 2012. On an area stretching across more than 100 kilometres, this route traces the footsteps of the Romans in the Rhineland and shows impressive examples of Roman engineering at many points.

The **Roman canal hiking route**, which runs along the water pipe built by the Romans from Nettersheim to Cologne, stops in Brühl as well as other themed routes around the Ville lakes.

The God-fearing pilgrims of the Middle Ages once travelled from "Holy Cologne", the hub of numerous pilgrimages, via Bonn to Trier, one of the most important pilgrimage centres of the Western world.

Excellent signposted as the **Routes of the Jacobean pilgrims in the Rhineland**, the route, stretching across a total of 280 kilometres and with 13 day stages, again invites hikers to pause, including in the area of the town of Brühl.

 www.roemerkanal-wanderweg.de
www.jakobspilger.lvr.de

Heider Bergsee (mountain lake)

In the middle part of the **Ville**, where brown coal was mined on a small area from the 19th to the start of the 20th century, today's **Ville Lake District** emerged, an approximately 50 km², extensive area with mixed forests and more than 40 lakes.

Thanks to careful **recultivation**, a biodiverse plant and animal world has taken up habitation here again over the decades.

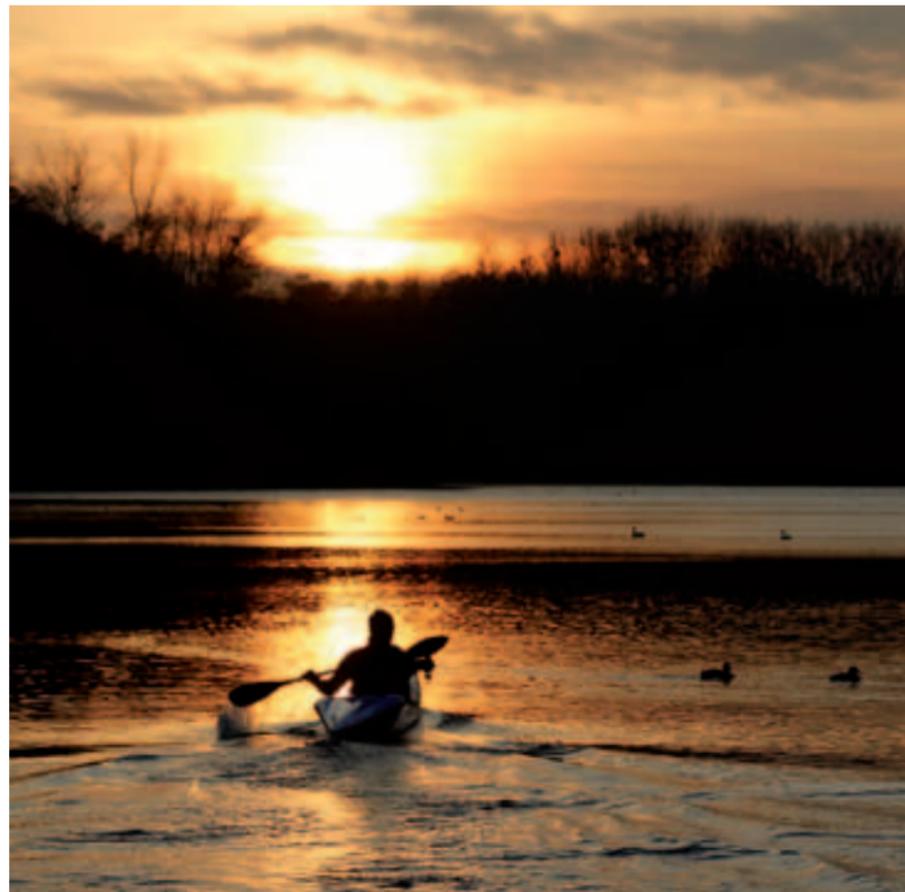
Long before it became a legal obligation, Hürth mine manager **Adolf Dasbach** performed pioneer work here with regard to the retreat of his worked-out mines. Mining ended in 1964; in the course of the recultiva-

tion of the worked-out Brühl brown coal mining area, the Heider Bergsee emerges in 1965 on a surface of 35.4 ha. Parts of the site were left alone and were declared as **nature reserves**.

Ville, Kottenforst and the recultivated former **brown coal opencast mining areas** with their lakes also serve as local recreation areas for the people in the **Cologne/Bonn region**.

The outdoor swimming pool has been there since 1967, the campsite since 1968; watersport and cycling enthusiasts, hikers and joggers as well as nature lovers get their money's worth. €

📍 www.heiderbergsee.de





Bleibtreusee (lake) – waterski facility

The lake is named after **Hermann Bleibtreu** (1821-1881), one of the pioneers of the brown coal industry in the Brühl area, who opened up a minefield south of Heide for the first time in 1874.

The groundwater rose again after the opencast mining ended, the abandoned open pits slowly filled with water. Thus, in the mid-1930s, the Bleibtreusee emerged as one of the largest lakes. Parts of the site were left alone and were declared **nature reserves**.

Thus the small, oblong island on the southern edge of the Bleibtreusee is reserved for brooding birds.

Windsurfers and small sailing dinghies are allowed on approved sub-areas of the Bleibtreusee.

Since July 2007, there has been a waterski facility – well frequented from the start – at the northern end with a restaurant beside it, right next to the flat sandy bathing beach. The **waterski and wakeboarding facility** with a 580 metre-long circuit and a training course for beginners attracts sports enthusiasts from throughout Germany to not only regional but also national competitions.

Bleibtreuseeweg 1, 50354 Hürth €

 www.wasserski-bleibtreusee.de

Schwinderlfrei Climbing Forest

Ever wanted to feel like Tarzan and move from tree to tree? Nature and sports enthusiasts can do so in the **Schwindelfrei Climbing Forest**.

Idyllically located in the **Rhineland Nature Park**, adventure-seekers can find the special experience near the water tower, with no previous knowledge required.

More than 80 climbing elements offer challenges for beginners and advanced climbers. Starting at two metres above the ground, eleven different high rope courses take climbers up into the treetops at a height of approximately 20 metres.

Depending on the course and the difficulty level, in the climbing forest you traverse wobbly Burma bridges, make bold Tarzan jumps, conquer climbing walls, overcome liana courses or slide through thick greenery on flying foxes.

Thanks to the highest standards of quality and modern safety systems, at the Schwindelfrei Climbing Forest you can concentrate fully on climbing pleasure and experiencing nature. Gear and an orientation are included in the price.

Liblarer Straße 183 €

 www.schwindelfrei-bruehl.de





Former grain elevator, via ferrata

A 45 m-high former grain elevator is Europe's highest urban and professionally managed via ferrata.

The silo – also called “langer Lutatsch” [“beanpole”] – was set up in 1955 with a capacity of 2,100 tonnes of heavy grain (wheat and rye) in 22 silo cells. This was because farmers had an increasing lack of storage opportunities due to the increasing use of machines in the grain harvest. The silo was in operation until 1990.

Today, with the trend sport **Australian rappel**, the building awaits sporty climbers without fear of heights.

Those who value an adrenaline kick will find the perfect challenge in the **via ferrata** along the outer walls, the highest urban one in Europe, on which one can even stay overnight at an airy height.

Kurfürstenstraße 60 €

 www.schwindelfrei-bruehl.de

Birkhof and chapel

The **Birkhof estate**, constructed in neo-classical forms in 1862 and including a large manor, is located in the Altwald forest in the Rhineland Nature Park.

The estate served as a farm until 1900 and later as a briquetting plant. Brown coal mining led to the demolition of the old chapel, which was replaced in 1912 by what today is the **Birkhof Chapel to the Dolorous Mother of God**.

Despite being used in a variety of ways after the Second World War, the one-time farm fell into ruin. The association **Reit- und Fahrverein Birkhof-Ville e.V.** rented the estate

and rebuilt it again itself starting in 1967.

In 2008, the association bought the Birkhof estate with the manor, stables, two riding halls, a small room for the riders, a restaurant and a 4-hectare site and uses it as a horse-riding centre with a restaurant and an adventure playground.

Am Birkhof 1

📍 www.birkhofville-bruehl.de





Bike town Brühl

Brühl – also known as "**the town of short distances**" – is recognised as bicycle-friendly. So what could be more appropriate than discovering Brühl by bike? Let yourself be inspired for your tours by the newly designed cycling town guide. It offers more than just the route from A to B.

Signposted cycling routes are clearly presented, car-free stretches are marked and a street index provides orientation. Two new circuits of approximately 20 km have been added – the **10 lakes tour** through the Ville and the **around Brühl tour**. Attractive tourist highlights of

Brühl are presented. Notes help you to find your route or whet your appetite for destinations you are not yet familiar with. Also interesting are the tour suggestions of the likewise newly designed cycling booklet **Auf Felgen schwelgen** (Indulging on wheels).



📍 tourismus@bruehl.de

Healthy & energetic: tranquillity for me

There are so many cultural offerings and things to experience in Brühl that as a guest in the town one is always bound to be out and about.

But wait a moment: You are on holiday! Bad enough if your work day actually had to last longer than 24 hours.

Here in Brühl, "unwinding" is in demand. Here, you can combine your nature experience perfectly with feel-good moments for body and mind.

Do you prefer to enjoy the fresh air by shank's mare or on a two-wheeled steed? On our excellently signposted, high-quality hiking routes as well as along our cycling adventure routes,

you can discover the Rhineland Nature Park with its lovely interchange of forest and lake landscapes as if you had all the time in the world.

Spend time in a clearing in order to indulge your appetite for bow and arrows and to increase your composure and attentiveness in intuitive archery.

Or simply treat yourself for a day to aromatic sauna infusions or Asian massages. You will then be able to return to your everyday routine with a new sense of tranquillity!

 www.bruehl.de





Bogenlust (Appetite for bow and arrows)

There is no doubt about it: Shooting with an arrow is a primal human experience! There are different motivations for going into the woods equipped with a bow and arrows. For some, it is about enjoying leisure in the countryside; for others, it is about contemplation, while for others still, it is about training their hunter's instinct.

Among many peoples of the earth, archery is also always considered an exercise that both appeals to and challenges the body and mind.

One thing is sure: With **Bogenlust's offerings on the Maiglerwiese meadow**, the adrenaline level of even

the most stressed of town residents will very quickly return to the normal level of zero, as the alternation between exertion and relaxation reduces stress hormones.

The intuitive archery you can try out in the middle of the countryside in the shadow of the Brühl water tower strengthens composure and attentiveness. It improves concentration as well as the ability to let go. And the reward to top it off is a hearty portion of positive thinking.

Find your position and fix your gaze on your target, "relaxation"

 www.bogenlust.de 

Mandala Spa at Hotel LING BAO ★★★★★

There are some dreams one thinks can never come true. How can you travel from Brühl to the other end of the world to be treated there at expert hands? No problem!

In the middle of the bubbling liveliness of the **Phantasialand** theme park and embedded in the largest Chinese building outside of China, in the Hotel **LING BAO** you will find the **Mandala Spa**, an Asian oasis of peace and relaxation!

Here, as a guest of the hotel or as a day spa user, you can experience first-hand Chinese, Thai and Balinese treatments according to over 2,500-year-old tradition.

Feel how the soothing herbal essences and effective massage techniques give your bodies new vital energies and bring you the deepest relaxation for your mind!

In the summer, you can follow up your treatment and allow it to take effect by spending time on the terrace on cosy loungers and surrounded by lush greenery.

Berggeiststraße 31-41 €

📍 www.phantasialand.de





KarlsBad Brühl and Saunapark

Visit the adventure pool and adventure centre in the heart of Brühl! In the **Karls-Bad** – named after its founder, mining director Karl Gruhl – you can spend a happy summer afternoon in the **outdoor swimming pool** or enjoy the **indoor swimming pool** year-round.

Your body and mind find rest as you sweat in the extensive **Saunapark**.

Nowhere else can sauna guests find such a comprehensive and diverse offering of different sauna types, from the traditional STUGA wood sauna to the really cosy, earth-surrounded-MAA sauna with its open, crackling sauna fire, the VALO bath and the new SUURI.

You are spoilt for choice – whatever sauna type you are, however much heat or humidity you like, whether you prefer to sauna with a small group or a large group, with or without infusions.

Your wellbeing is the priority – in the regular infusion service as well as in the traditional massages and cosmetic treatments on offer.

Kurfürstenstraße 40 €

 www.karlsbad-bruehl.de

"Jecke Tön' "from 11 November to Ash Wednesday

Normally, it is very important to the residents of Brühl not to be lumped together with the people of Cologne. But let's face it, what is "normal" in the "5th season"?

During the carnival, the whole of the Rhineland is in a happy frenzy and the residents of Brühl are also at their best in **pubs and festival rooms, in the town quarters and in the street carnival**. From **Women's Carnival Day** onwards, the town goes berserk.

The mayor is then deposed from the office by the "jesters" and the triumvirate – the price, the farmer and the virgin – assume governance. Now, at the latest, differences between people become

meaningless for the Rhinelanders, who are cosmopolitan people at any rate. People celebrate and drink together.

The highlight in Brühl is the **carnival parade "Foolish Elias"**, with which you can get into the mood for the famous Cologne Shrove Monday Procession that takes place on the subsequent days.

If you do not want it to become known that you are a visitor, you should be familiar with the following vocabulary: **Bützer** (kisses), **lecker Mädchen** (good-looking women of any age), **Kamelle** (sweets), **Strüßjer** (bouquet of flowers) – and above all **"Bröhl Alaaf"** (Long live Brühl).

📍 www.bruehler-karneval.de





Festivals von Klassik bis Pop, von Film bis Theater

When leading classical ensembles play their instruments in the merry month of May, the stairs of Augustusburg Palace again become the setting of the **Brühl palace concerts**.

For more than 50 years, the classical music events in the electoral setting of the UNESCO World Heritage Site have been a sought-after travel destination for lovers of elevated festival culture.

Embedded in the palace concerts, the listeners enjoy the only **Haydn Festival** in Germany with the large firework display in the palace grounds to conclude the festival. Other festivals thrive in the shadow of the palace.

For example, every two years during the **International Puppet Theatre Festival** Brühl becomes the hot spot for the friends of puppet theatre.

The summer **ZOOM open-air cinema festival** attracts cinema fans into the inner courtyard of the historic Franciscan monastery when darkness sets in and offers an iconic mix of repertory and blockbuster cinema.

The **Max Ernst Museum Brühl** forms the stylish setting for a wide range of theatrical offerings as well as the international concert and masterclass festival **Contours**.

The urban open-air **summer cultural festival "brühlermarkt"** (Brühl market) is especially popular throughout the entire region. At charming places such as the ground of Augustusburg Palace, under the old trees of the Max Ernst Museum Brühl or the historic town hall inner courtyard, the festival appeals to all generations from near and far. Here, the little ones swarm in front of mobile kids' theatre stages, while local Rhenish heroes such as rock band Köbes Underground and nationally known comedians ensure that the adults are entertained.

 www.schlosskonzerte.de
www.zoomkino.de

Funfair, town centre, markets, traditions

The residents of Brühl are a social, colourful and cosmopolitan little people and do not miss any opportunities to meet others.

The historic street structure of the traffic-restricted town centre and more than 1,000 events a year do their part to ensure that people in Brühl look at each other and are happy to linger for a chat. Whether it be the **weekly market**, the **Schützenfest** (marksmen's festival), the **town centre festival**, the **funfair** or the **Christmas market** – all of Brühl is out and about.

As an association of craftspeople in Brühl, **WEPAG Brühl** ensures that attractive markets and festivals attract

guests from the surrounding area. The **Christmas market** is popular far beyond Brühl's boundaries.

Importance is also placed on traditions in the marketplace. For more than 570 years, the **celebration dedicated to St Margaret** has been celebrated with the **Schützenfest** (marksmen's festival) of the **St Sebastian Brotherhood** around **St Margaret's Day** on 20 July.

The celebration – of which the **processions** are an important part – has developed into one of the biggest **funfair festivities** in the region. With their rides and stalls, numerous fairground entertainers attract guests from near and far.

📍 www.wepag.de





Season by season...event overview

Year round:

Max Ernst Museum Brühl, Museum of History of Everyday Life, Phantasialand, Tax Museum, KarlsBad Brühl

February to November:

UNESCO World Heritage Site Brühl Palaces (palace grounds year round)

January/February:

Max Ernst Scholarship – Art Promotion Award

February:

Carnival – the fifth season

March/April:

WEPAG spring market, Contours classical music festival

April to October:

Schwindelfrei Climbing Forest, via fer-

rata, waterski facility at the Bleibtreesee lake, Heider Bergsee bathing beach

May to August:

Brühl palace concerts with Haydn Festival

May:

Brühl artists open studios, International Museum Day, start of the Brühl palace concerts

Early summer:

open-air cultural festival "brühlermarkt" (Brühl market)

June:

UNESCO World Heritage Day, art and antiques market

July: Margaret Fair

August:

"Döppe- und Buuremarkt" (market), ZOOM Open-Air Film Festival

September:

Open Monuments Day, WEPAG Old Town Festival, Fantissima – seasonal beginning of the dinnershow at Phantasialand

October (every two years):

International Puppet Theatre Festival

November:

Winter's Dream at Phantasialand, Martin Market

December:

Christmas market, Cabaret Festival KulturGarage

Find more events at the official town portal www.bruehl.de

Koelsch from Brühl

There are three institutions the residents of Cologne will not let anyone knock: their cathedral, their football club and their Koelsch!

They affectionately claim that the golden thirst quencher is the only dialect in the world that one can also drink. What fills them with particular pride is that according to the Koelsch Convention, the "pale, highly attenuated, hoppy, clear, top-fermented, full-bodied beer produced according to the German purity law" may be produced only in Cologne.

"Not so," we Brühl residents chuckle, as we occupy one of the sought-after seats on the **brewhouse terrace** of

Brühl Bishop's Brewery. Around 1900, the grandfather of the current owner set up a new farm here and at the start of the 1960s, space no longer used for agricultural purposes was used for a private Koelsch brewery. And according to the Convention, anything that has always been called Koelsch can be called Koelsch today as well.

So we call the brewhouse waiter again, take a look at the menu with Rhenish specialities and as we take delight in an enchanting view over the fields to Cologne Cathedral we enjoy the real "Koelsch" brewed outside of Cologne!

📄 www.bischoff-koelsch.de





From the Rhineland's vegetable chamber – asparagus

Asparagus – not for nothing are the moon-pale sticks viewed as a royal vegetable!

Asparagus is rare and has highly particular ideas regarding which soil it wants to crop on! The shrub from the lily family cannot hide its Mediterranean origins. It was loved by the Romans, who did not want to do without the delicacy in the provinces they conquered by the Rhine either.

And they got lucky: Since then, the plant they took with them has felt at home in the loess-enriched sandy soils of the Cologne-Bonn land plane. These warm up early in the year and have ensured cosy growth conditions

here for almost two millenniums.

Anyone who would like to indulge in the delicious, healthily purifying and low-calorie delight must hurry. The German harvest season begins – depending on the weather – at the start/in the middle of April and ends on 24 June, Midsummer's Day. Brühl-Bornheim asparagus – cultivated in both towns – is particularly sought-after here.

From year to year, Brühl's gastronomists come up with new creations with the noble sticks.

Meeting place Brühl: where business meets joie de vivre

If your **meeting and conference location** is not only to fulfil modern standards but is also to become the little intermediate break for your team or a wellbeing experience for your customers, Brühl is the location of choice.

Brühl offers optimal transport links and can also be reached by public transport from the major trade fair sites of the Rhineland within a very short time.

Not only does Brühl offer a whole series of excellently equipped learning locations as an **education and university location**; its hotel industry is also prepared for the particular needs

of the business client.

The **RAMADA Hotel Brühl-Köln ★★★★★**, for example, is a conference hotel with optimal conference equipment, near to the town centre and recognised by the DEHOGA, the German Hotel and Inn Association.

And even between the treetops of the Rhineland Nature Park and in the midst of global art are splendid locations for meeting in Brühl!

📄 www.h-hotels.com/bruehl





Phantasieland – business to pleasure

Business to Pleasure team happily works around the clock to ensure that your business appears in the best light.

Unusual locations and enthralling evening programmes as well as the multi-award-winning themed hotels **MATAMBA ★★ ★ superior** and **LING BAO ★★ ★★** in addition to top-class restaurants, offer top conditions for events that remain in the memory.

Whether you want to hold a meeting, a conference, a product launch, an anniversary celebration, a company trip, a Christmas party, a gala or a large outdoor event – at Phantasieland you will find the right room and space for up to 20,000 participants for meetings,

conferences and celebrations.

The good accessibility with sufficient parking spaces, accommodation opportunities and many other services make Phantasieland the ideal event location. A professional event team of over 200 is ready to help you.

Together with you, the team develops and implements event concepts that you will long remember positively, that touch all senses and that each of your participants will be enthused by.

📍 www.phantasieland.de

Max and co.

Grant your employees a team-building session between treetops – and not just as a last resort when you are in a real crisis!

In the outdoor training sessions offered by **Schwindelfrei Climbing Forest**, team spirit and social skills can be acquired anew!

When your employees overcome themselves and their own limits, meet challenges together with their colleagues and view the group with a fresh perspective, this will be your gain!

 www.kletterwald-schwindelfrei.de

Your employees are also sure to go through the world with a keen perspective if they are invited to an event at the **Max Ernst Museum Brühl**.

Whether by means of a conference in the **Dorothea Tanning Hall**, a reception in the **Intermediate Gallery**, a **seminar in the artist's birth house** or a community creative campaign in the **Fantasy Lab** – Max Ernst invites you to communicate from all perspectives.

 www.maxernstmuseum.lvr.de





Many roads lead to Brühl

By car you can reach Brühl from all directions easily and without detours. A fine-meshed motorway network ensures fast connections from Cologne, Bonn, Aachen, Koblenz, Leverkusen, Düsseldorf or from the Ruhr region.

There are also good transport connections from France and the Benelux countries. Brühl can also be reached quickly and easily by plane. Cologne Bonn Airport is approximately 25 kilometres away. The airport is integrated into the traffic network with its own motorway connection. The airport's own railway station is centrally located between the terminals. Düsseldorf Airport is 80 kilometres away, while Frank-

furt Airport is approximately 200 kilometres away. One of the main axes in Germany's long distance rail transport connects Brühl with Cologne and Bonn. Brühl has its own railway station operated by Deutsche Bahn – Germany's federal rail company – and travelling times from the central stations of Cologne and Bonn are very short, so all IC and ICE connections are good options.

The town of Brühl itself has a good and modern public transport system. Town buses, regional buses, urban railway line 18 and Deutsche Bahn (DB) combine to form an attractive service.

Bike and ride – Brühl offers the best conditions for bicycle tourists.

Mobile in Brühl

Brühl offers a substantial number of parking spaces near to the town centre. Clear signs lead you from all main access roads to the parking spaces in the town centre. A parking guidance system supports you here. The modern signposting system helps you to find tourist destinations.

Brühl lies at the edge of the Rhineland Nature Park between Cologne and Bonn. In this area of short-distance routes, the bicycle is a far superior option to all other modes of transport. The straightforward and convenient Brühl town bus brings you to your desired destination quickly and reliably.

It travels between the town centre and the Brühl districts every 30 or 60 minutes. Current timetables are available at [bruehl-info](mailto:bruehl-info@stadtwerke-bruehl.de) at Uhlstraße 1. They are also available for download at www.stadtwerke-bruehl.de.

Do you want to reach your destination without a timetable? Then why not order a taxi? In addition to normal taxis, the companies in Brühl also offer large-capacity taxis for journeys with up to 8 people.

AST taxis can be ordered up to 30 minutes prior to departure: Tel. +49 (0)2232 19731.

 www.bruehl.de

Emergency phone numbers:

Police 110 ♦ Fire brigade 112
Emergency doctor/ambulance 112

Marienhospital Brühl
02232 74-0

Bonn poison control centre
0228 19240

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Are you planning an association tour or a family outing? Are you organising a supporting programme for your company party? Are you looking for a special gift idea? Or do you just want to escape from the everyday routine for a bit? Then we are the right address for you!

If you have any questions about your stay in Brühl, the brühl-info ticket & tourism centre would be happy to assist you

- ♦ with information about hotels and private accommodation, including with ADFC bed and bike certification

- ♦ in putting together day and multiple-day programmes for your individualised stay in Brühl
- ♦ in selecting and booking a town adventure tour
- ♦ with general information & brochures on cultural and tourist offerings in Brühl and the Rhine-Erft region
- ♦ selling entry tickets for Brühl as well as across and beyond the Cologne/Bonn region
- ♦ with its range of postcards, souvenirs, (adventure) vouchers and much more!

