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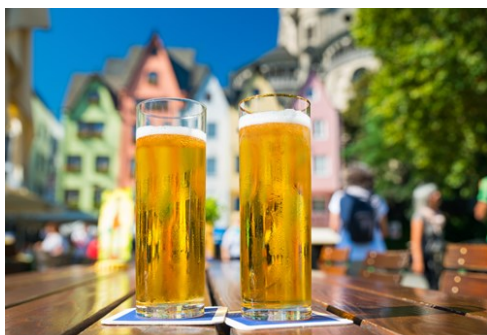


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It is said that natives of Cologne who are living elsewhere always feel homesick, and visitors to this beautiful city will soon understand why. Germany's oldest metropolis, which, of course, gave its name to the Eau de Cologne, offers a mix of magnificent and romantic churches, cutting-edge modern architecture, busy shopping streets and world-famous museums. There is much to do and see in Cologne, and with all the frequent flights and transportation options, getting here has never been easier.



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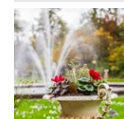
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THE CITY



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Visitors to Cologne will find a modern city with historic roots. Cologne is the oldest of Germany's large cities and the impressive outline of its cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece and the most visited building in Germany, towers over all of the other buildings. The cathedral, which was started in 1248, was one of the most ambitious building projects of the Middle Ages and is still one of the largest cathedrals in Europe.

The city was born as a Roman colony, hence the name Colonia, which later became Cologne, or Köln in German. Nowadays, Cologne is a metropolis in all senses of the word, both in terms of its size and of the attractions it has to offer. It is also a centre for the arts, with many galleries and large international trade fairs.

The city's skyline is dominated by the cathedral and twelve Romanic churches, as well as by five large radio and television buildings. Many printing firms and newspaper companies are based in Cologne, one of Europe's most important media cities. Visitors will find that the majority of the sights, restaurants and nightclubs in Cologne are located in the city centre, in the Altstadt (Old Town), alongside the ring road around the city and in the Severin district to the south.

Cologne's location on the Rhine makes it the perfect starting place for romantic trips down the river. Among the more modern architectural sights, the Neo-Gothic building on Glockenstrasse is one of the most popular ones for visitors. This is where the city's most famous product, Eau de Cologne 4711, was originally manufactured.

DO & SEE



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Cologne's Old Town is the historical centre of the city. Highlights of this area include the Cathedral, the Roman Praetorium, the twelve Romanesque churches of Cologne and the City Hall, which is the oldest building of this kind in all Germany. Sightseeing can be even more exciting if you go on a boat tour, a cable car or a building with a panoramic view of the city. Nature lovers can find refuge in one of the city's parks, at the Botanical Garden or at the zoo.

Cologne Zoo



Cologne Zoo houses more than 750 different species from all over the world, making it a popular excursion destination for families and animal

lovers. Some of the animals you can see here are hippos, elephants, penguins, flamingos, baboons and sea lions. If you arrive at the right time, you

can also watch the animals being fed.

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Address: Riehler Str. 173, Cologne
Opening hours: Summer 9.00-18.00 everyday, Winter 9.00-17.00 everyday
Phone: +49 221 7785114
Internet: www.koelnerzoo.de/en
Email: info@koelnerzoo.de

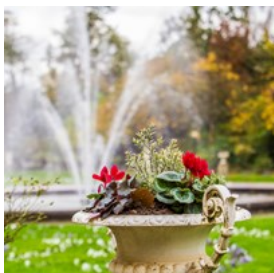
Cologne Cathedral



Work on the Cologne Cathedral began in 1248 and it was the largest building project undertaken in the Middle Ages. A large, spacious church was needed to accommodate the influx of pilgrims who came to visit one of the most important shrines in the Catholic Church holding the relics of the three Wise Men. The bones are kept in a casket that is the most precious treasure in the cathedral and a masterpiece of medieval goldsmith's art.

Photo: gumbao/Shutterstock.com
Address: Domkloster 4, Cologne
Opening hours: November-April 6.00-19.30, May-October 6.00-21.00
Phone: +49 221 17940555
Internet: www.koelner-dom.de
Email: info@koelner-dom.de

Flora and Botanical Garden



This botanical garden housing about 10,000 types of plants dates back to the 19th century and is beautifully located along the Rhine River. The main greenhouse alone, with its great assortment of plants, is worth a visit. It'll feel like you're in South America's rain forest surrounded by its exotic vegetation.

Photo: MaratYakhin/Shutterstock.com
Address: Am Botanischen Garten 1a, Cologne
Opening hours: Daily from 8.00 to sunset (max 21.00)
Phone: +49 221 560 890
Internet: www.freundeskreis-flora-koeln.de
Email: botanischer-garten@stadt-koeln.de

Roman Praetorium



The Praetorium was once the seat of the Imperial Governor of Cologne. Now this is an underground archaeological area where you can walk around and through tunnels with Roman ruins and learn more about the city's history. It is partly located under the current City Hall.

Photo: Carole Raddato/Shutterstock.com (image cropped)
Address: Kleine Budengasse 1-3, Cologne
Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10.00-17.00

Cologne Opera



The Germans have always been big music lovers, and Cologne is no exception. Cologne Opera is the main opera house in the city, featuring modern architecture, a resident opera company and a rich cultural program. It can accommodate up to 1,300 spectators and 100 orchestra musicians.

Photo: 18percentgrey/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rheinparkweg 1, Cologne
Phone: +49 221 221 28 400
Internet: www.oper.koeln/de

Lanxess Arena



Lanxess Arena is one of Europe's biggest entertainment venues and can accommodate up to 20,000 people. All sorts of events take place here, from concerts to ice-hockey games and big shows. Just check the program on their website to discover what's going on while you're in Cologne.

Photo: Neuwieser/Flickr.com (image cropped)
Address: Willy-Brandt-Platz 3, Cologne
Phone: +49 221 8021
Internet: www.lanxess-arena.de/english.html
Email: contact@lanxess-arena.de

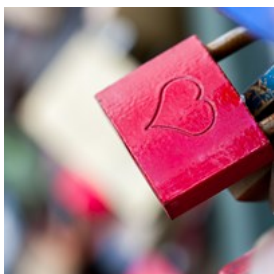
Volksgarten



The Volksgarten is popular among visitors and locals alike. This public park is located by a beautiful lake and is a nice place for a peaceful stroll. There are also a playground for children and a beer garden for adults.

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Address: Volksgartenstrasse, Cologne

Hohenzollern Bridge



A walk over Hohenzollern Bridge, one of the most famous sights of Cologne, is simply a must-do. This railway and pedestrian bridge was originally built between 1907 and 1911, but had to be reconstructed after a bombing occurred in 1945. From 2008 onward, couples from all over the world have been adorning it with colourful padlocks symbolising their love.

Photo: Heide Pinkall/Shutterstock.com
Address: Hohenzollern Bridge, Cologne

Historic Town Hall



In Cologne you can visit the oldest town hall of all Germany, with parts of it dating back to the 11th century. It features various architectural styles and sculptures from different periods adorn the surrounding area. The Hansasaal, named after the Hanseatic League, is at the heart of it. Other highlights include the beautiful Renaissance loggia and the Gothic tower, 61 metres high and with bells that toll four times a day.

Photo: Shchipkova Elena/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rathausplatz 2, Cologne
Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.00-16.00, Tuesday 8.00-18.00, Friday 8.00-12.00

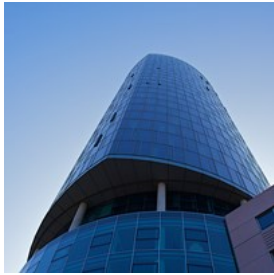
Twelve Romanesque churches



The Old Town of Cologne encompasses twelve Romanesque churches that constitute one of the cultural highlights of the city. All of them were originally built in the 12th and 13th century and feature beautiful medieval architecture and art, but each one has different characteristics. Some of the most famous ones are St. Maria im Kapitol, Great St. Martin and St. Gereon.

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Köln Triangle Panorama



One of the most beautiful, picture-postcard views of Cologne Cathedral can be enjoyed from Köln Triangle. The visitor's platform on the rooftop of

this building is at a height of more than 100 meters, providing a breathtaking 360 degrees view of the city. By using the express elevator, you can glide to the top at four meters per second.

Photo: Lars Steffens/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Ottoplatz 1, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 12.00-20.00,

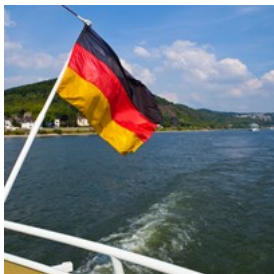
Saturday-Sunday 10.00-20.00

Phone: +49 221 355004100

Internet: www.koelntriangle-panorama.de/en

Email: empfang@koelntriangle.de

Boat tours on the Rhine



A boat tour on the Rhine is one of the most exciting ways to visit the city. One of the companies that offer this kind of experience is KD,

with up to 6 tours a day departing a few steps away from the Cologne Cathedral and the Hohenzollern Bridge.

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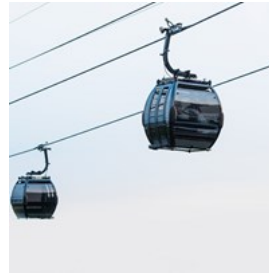
Address: Frankenwerft 35, Cologne

Phone: +49 0 221 2088 318

Internet: www.k-d.com/en

Email: info@k-d.com

Cologne cable cars



Take a cable car over the Rhein and experience Cologne from above. Rides start from Cologne Zoo or from the Rhein Park, so you can visit

both in one afternoon.

Photo: superjoseph/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sachsenbergstraße 3, Cologne

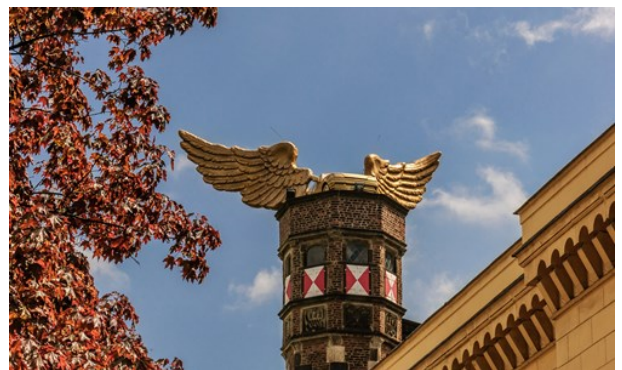
Opening hours: April till October 10.00-18.00 everyday

Phone: +49 221 5474184

Internet: www.koelner-seilbahn.de/english

Email: info@koelner-seilbahn.de

MUSEUMS



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Boasting a history that dates back to over 2000 years ago, this ancient city is a cultural hub rich in traditions. Historical sites can be found everywhere throughout the city, but it's inside the numerous museums that the real gems are kept for art lovers and tourists to enjoy.

The city features ten municipal museums ranging from art galleries, such as the Ludwig, to historical ones, like the Römisch-Germanisches Museum, treating the travellers with a good number of private galleries and ecclesiastic museums as well.

Wallraf-Richartz Museum



This is one of the largest traditional art galleries in Germany, housing a medieval art collection with an almost complete collection of local

painting on wood dating from 1300 to 1550.

There are also sections dedicated to Renaissance, Impressionist and Baroque art. The last one includes works by Rubens, Rembrandt and Van Dyck.

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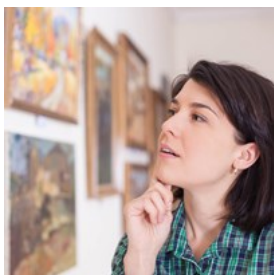
Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10.00-18.00

Phone: +49 221 22121119

Internet: www.wallraf.museum/en

Email: info@wallraf.museum

Museum Ludwig



The permanent exhibition of the Museum Ludwig features modern art, including numerous works belonging to Pop Art, Surrealism and

Expressionism artists, as well as one of the biggest collections of Picasso paintings in the world. The museum also houses a large photography collection and exhibitions of contemporary art, allowing you to dive into the past 100 years of art in one afternoon.

Photo: MyraMyra/Shutterstock.com

Address: Heinrich-Böll-Platz, Cologne

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10.00-18.00

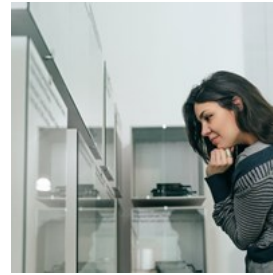
Phone: +49 221 221 26165

Internet: www.museum-ludwig.de/en.html

Email: info@museum-ludwig.de

More Info: Open until 22.00 every first Thursday of the month

Museum of Applied Art Cologne (MAKK)



Discover ten centuries of applied arts by exploring this 5,000 square metres museum. The MAKK boasts a collection of over 100,000 items of

European arts and crafts, including furniture, utensils, decorative objects, ceramics, jewellery, glasswork, textiles and more. The modern design section is especially large and renowned.

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Address: An der Rechtschule, Cologne

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday 8.00-18.00

Phone: +49 221 221 23860

Internet: www.makk.de

Email: makk@stadt-koeln.de

Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum Cultures of the World



This ethnological museum, which was awarded the Council of Europe Museum Prize in 2012, provides insights into both new and old,

exotic and familiar worlds. Visitors embark on a multi-media, interactive voyage of discovery with objects from Africa, Asia, America, Oceania and Europe on a 3.600 m² exhibition space.

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Address: Cäcilienstr. 35, Cologne

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10.00-18.00, Thursdays until 20.00

Phone: +49 221 22131301

Email: rjm@stadt-koeln.de

Roman-Germanic Museum



This is one of the most comprehensive collections of Roman and Germanic archaeological finds in Germany, ranging from prehistoric times through to the Middle Ages and including the famous mosaic of Dionysus, which dates from around 200 AD.

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Address: Roncalliplatz 4, Cologne

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10.00-17.00

Phone: +49 221 22124438

Internet: www.roemisch-germanisches-museum.de

Email: roemisch-germanisches-museum@stadt-koeln.de

German Sports & Olympic Museum



Have a look at 3000 years of sports history and experience the emotional range of sports: unforgettable highlights, great athletes,

triumphant victories and bitter defeats. From 2011, the permanent exhibition shows freshly updated highlights of sports from the last decade, including an exhibition on the development of trend sports like surfing, skateboarding, snowboarding and BMX.

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Address: Im Zollhafen 1, Cologne

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10.00-18.00

Phone: +49 221 336090

Internet: www.sportmuseum.de

Email: info@sportmuseum.de

Odysseum



Odysseum is a learning playground designed for the entertainment of children, but equally enjoyable for adults. Its themed exhibitions allow visitors to learn about technology, nature, space and more interesting topics through interactive stations and experiences, like taking part in an archaeological excavation or entering a flight simulator.

Photo: Odysseum (image cropped)

Address: Corintostraße 1, Cologne

Opening hours: Tuesday-Friday 9.00-18.00, Saturday-Sunday 10.00-19.00

Phone: +49 221 69068111

Internet: www.odysseum.de/en

Email: info@odysseum.de

Dance Museum



This museum is the place to encounter the art of dance and learn more about its history. Exhibitions and events like film screenings and lectures make it a meeting point for everyone interested in this subject.

Photo: bezikus/Shutterstock.com

Address: Im Mediapark 7, Cologne

Opening hours: Daily 14.00-19.00. Closed on Wednesdays.

Phone: +49 221 888 95 444

Internet: www.deutsches-tanzarchiv.de/museum

Email: tanzarchiv@sk-kultur.de

Farina Fragrance Museum



There is probably no better place than Cologne to discover the world of perfume. Guided tours of the Farina Fragrance Museum last 45 minutes and will carry you on a journey through three centuries of perfume making history. Of course, Eau de Cologne is the main focus of the tour.

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Address: Obenmarspforten 21, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10.00-19.00, Sunday 11.00-17.00

Phone: +49 221 3998994

Internet: www.farina.org

Email: museum@farina.org

More Info: Online booking of the tours is suggested

Kölner Karnevalsmuseum (Carnival Museum of Cologne)



Using sounds, images and objects, this museum gives visitors an idea of the exciting atmosphere, celebrations, colours and joyful spirit carnival celebrations in Europe, exploring their history throughout the centuries.

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Address: Maarweg 134-136, Cologne

Phone: +49 221 574000

Internet: www.koelnerkarneval.de

Email: info@kk-museum.de

Käthe Kollwitz Museum



This museum is dedicated to the work of the German artist Käthe Kollwitz (1867-1945). From the artistic beginnings to her last

drawing, the museum provides a unique insight into her artistic work, since it's the world's largest collection of drawings, prints and sculptures made by her.

Photo: Photographee.eu/Shutterstock.com

Address: Neumarkt 18-24, Cologne

Phone: +49 221 227 2899

Internet: www.kollwitz.de/information-in-english

Email: museum@kollwitz.de

Chocolate Museum



At this unique museum you can learn about the history of chocolate production and consumption from its early beginnings 5000 years ago to the present. The museum also houses a chocolate fountain, a café and a chocolate shop, just in case you feel like indulging in a sweet treat after your visit.

Photo: Costin Constantinescu/Shutterstock.com

Address: Am Schokoladenmuseum 1a, Cologne

Opening hours: Daily 10.00-18.00

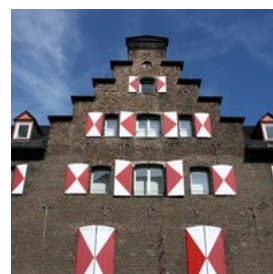
Phone: +49 221 9318880

Internet: www.schokoladenmuseum.de/en

Email: service@schokoladenmuseum.de

More Info: Guided tours available

Cologne City Museum



On about 2000 square metres, the Cologne City Museum presents the history of the city of Cologne from the Middle Ages onward. The museum is housed in the "Zeughaus" - the city's former armoury, built around 1600. The collection provides visitors with the opportunity to gain an insight into the political history, economy, intellectual, religious and everyday

life, as well as the special characteristics of the city.

Photo: Tupungato/Shutterstock.com
Address: Zeughausstraße 1-3, Cologne
Phone: +49 221 22 125 789
Internet: www.museenkoeln.de/ksm
Email: ksm@museenkoeln.de

NS Documentation Center



The NS Documentation Center is a museum that commemorates the victims of the Nazi regime and houses an exhibition on political, social and community life in Cologne during the Nazi era. The building was once a detention centre, so you can visit the prisoners' cells where about 1,800 inscriptions have survived on the walls.

Photo: Caftor/Shutterstock.com
Address: Appellhofplatz 23-25, Cologne
Opening hours: Tuesday-Friday 10.00-18.00,
Saturday-Sunday 11.00-18.00
Phone: +49 221 22126332
Internet: www.nsdok.de
Email: nsdok@stadt-koeln.de

CAFES



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Having a coffee or tea with a piece of cake in the afternoon in a German ritual you shouldn't miss. Fruit flans, Bienenstich (a cake with almond topping and a vanilla cream filling) and Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte (Black Forest gateau) are just some of the sweet treats on offer here.

Café Reichard



Situated a few steps away from the Cathedral, the elegant Café Reichard has plenty of seating both outside and inside. Mouth-watering cakes, pralines, truffles and chocolates await you here. The café also hosts breakfast and lunch buffets.

Photo: enginakyurt/Shutterstock.com
Address: Unter Fettenhennen 11, Cologne
Opening hours: Daily 8.30-20.00
Phone: +49 221 257 8542
Internet: www.cafe-reichard.de

Fassbender



Fassbender, located between Hohe Straße and the Historic Town Hall, is one of the oldest café in Cologne. Its beautiful interiors are decorated in the style of the 1950s. Cakes and desserts are

their speciality.

Photo: Alyona Bezzubenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Obenmarspforten 7, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 9.00-18.30, Saturday

9.00-19.00, Sunday 11.00-18.00

Phone: +49 221 2727390

Internet: www.fassbender.de

Email: koeln-obenmarspforten@fassbender.de

Café Central



Café Central is a small café with a big breakfast menu that includes pancakes, croissants and bagels as well as eggs with avocado or bacon,

toast and juice. They also have lunch options consisting of few hot and cold dishes that change everyday.

Photo: Richard M Lee/Shutterstock.com

Address: Julicher Str. 1, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 7.00-00.00,

Friday-Saturday 7.00-01.00, Sunday 8.00-23.00

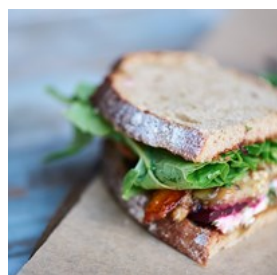
Phone: +49 221 2071520

Internet: www.cafecentralcologne.de

Email: cafecentralcologne@gmail.com

More Info: Neighborhood: Neustadt-Süd

Café Sehnsucht



Café Sehnsucht has been an institution in Cologne for 30 years. This ecologically certified café's search for regional and organic ingredients is

praiseworthy. Moreover, they make their own jam and chocolate cream for the breakfast and bake their own bread and cakes.

Photo: mavo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Körnerstraße 67, Cologne

Opening hours: Sunday-Monday 9.00-23.00,

Tuesday-Thursday 9.00-00.00, Friday-Saturday 9.00-02.00

Phone: +49 221 528 347

Internet: www.sehnsucht-koeln.de

Email: info@sehnsucht-koeln.de

Miss Pöpki



Miss Pöpki is a quaint little café in the Belgian Quarter. They have tables both inside and outside, with vintage chairs painted white. They serve

German breakfast, homemade cakes, salads, quiches, hot beverages and healthy juices.

Photo: MShev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Brüsseler Pl. 18, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 9.30-19.00, Saturday-Sunday

10.30-19.00. Closed on Tuesday.

Phone: +49 221 16834971

Internet: www.miss-pöpki.de

Email: besucherpost@miss-paepki.de

Salon Schmitz



At Salon Schmitz in the Belgian Quarter you'll find sweet and savoury breakfast options, hot dishes, salads, quiches, cakes and ice cream. The

café is located in an old building once occupied by a butcher's shop, and has a decor inspired by the design aesthetic of the 1950s and 60s.

Photo: PratchayapornK/Shutterstock.com

Address: Aachener Str. 28, Cologne

Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday 9.00-01.00,

Friday-Saturday 9.00-04.00

Phone: +49 221 1395577

Internet: www.salonschmitz.com/salon

Email: post@salonschmitz.com

The Coffee Gang



The Coffee Gang is a speciality coffee shop and brew bar that focuses on offering high-quality, fair traded coffee in a variety of ways. It has two stylish

locations in town, where you'll also find sandwiches and cakes baked in-house.

Photo: Panuphon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hohenstaufenring 19, Cologne

Opening hours: Tuesday-Friday 8.00-18.00, Saturday 9.30-18.00, Sunday 11.00-18.00

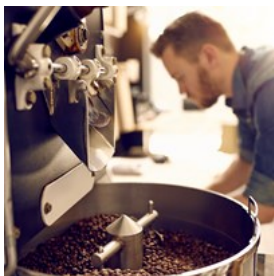
Phone: +49 221 78956541

Internet: www.thecoffeegang.de

Email: info@thecoffeegang.de

More Info: Additional location at Neusser Str. 53

Schamong Kaffee



Schamong Kaffee in the Ehrenfeld district is a bit outside of the city centre, but Cologne's oldest coffee roastery might be worth the journey. All

their coffee is fair trade and roasted using traditional methods, and its unique flavour is the product of more than 60 years of experience in the field.

Photo: mavo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Venloer Str. 535, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 9.00-18.00, Saturday 9.00-14.00

Phone: +49 221 544938

Internet: www.kaffeeoester.de

Email: kaffeeoester@schamong.com

Cafecafe



Cafecafe offers a big variety of sandwiches, bagels and homemade cakes, along with bowls and salads, international breakfast options, fresh smoothies and hot or cold beverages. They also have vegan and vegetarian options.

Photo: Maram/Shutterstock.com

Address: Aachener Straße 45, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 7.30-18.00, Saturday 9.00-18.00

Phone: +49 221 2706639

Internet: www.cafecafe.de

Email: eat@cafecafe.de

More Info: Additional location at Venloer Str. 206, Ehrenfeld

Funkhaus



The centrally located Funkhaus is a café, bar and restaurant all in one. There is plenty of seating inside, and during the summer they open a big outdoor terrace with a view of the Cologne Cathedral. Hearty German breakfast options are served everyday until midday. Afterwards, you can browse through the regular menu, where you'll find specialities like curry wurst and lentil soup, or have a sweet treat like a brownie or a slice of apple pie. There are a few vegan and vegetarian options.

Photo: Lennart Dany/Shutterstock.com

Address: Wallrafpl. 5, Cologne

Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday 8.30-00.00, Friday-Saturday 8.30-01.00

Phone: +49 221 955645424

Internet: www.funkhaus-koeln.de/index_en.html

Email: info@funkhaus-koeln.de

More Info: Reservations are not possible

Café Hibiskus



Café Hibiskus in the Old Town serves only vegan food and beverages. Here you'll find cakes, cupcakes, brownies, other sweet treats and a few savoury snacks, all prepared with fresh regional ingredients. Some raw options are available.

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Address: Ritterstraße 52, Cologne

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 12.00-18.00

Phone: +49 1512 6559977

Internet: www.cafehibiskus.de

Email: info@cafehibiskus.de

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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The best way to spend a free evening is in a Biergarten, where beer is served in a pleasant, open-air setting away from the streets. Of course, don't forget to try the local brewed beer called Kölsch. If you're looking for more intense and exciting nightlife, several bars and clubs can be found in the areas outside the ring road, in the Old Town and in the Belgian District.

Zülpicher Straße



Those who want to party in Cologne often make Zülpicher Straße their first stop. With numerous cocktail bars and pubs, here you will find a great atmosphere for the upcoming party night. If you do't feel like going to another district after, you can spend the while night bar hopping here and still have fun.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Zülpicher Straße, Cologne

Das Ding



Das Ding is a popular student club since 1968. With special offers regarding drinks and parties in general, it attracts young people all over the city. The music is likely to be popular and mainstream, while the drinks are sure to be cheap.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hohenstaufenring 30-32, Cologne

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10.00-late

Phone: +49 2233 714206

Internet: www.dingzone.de

Email: info@dingzone.de

Live Music Hall



Artist from different genres perform on stage regularly at the Live Music Hall and themed parties take place all the time. This nightclub is located in Cologne Ehrenfeld and can host up to 1,800 people. Check their website to learn about the latest events.

Photo: Annette Shaff/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lichtstr. 30, Cologne

Phone: +49 221 9542990

Internet: www.livemusichall.de

Email: kontakt@livemusichall.de

Red Cat Lounge



The Red Cat Lounge in Luxemburger street is a popular nightclub open on the weekend. Here you can drink a Kölsch at the bar, sip a cocktail in the lounge or get crazy on the dance floor.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Luxemburger Straße 60, Cologne

Opening hours: Friday and Saturday from 23.00 until late, Sunday from 18.00

Phone: +49 162 2024212

Internet: www.katzen-haben-sieben-leben.de

Email: post@redcat-koeln.de

Flamingo Royal



In the heart of Cologne is the club Flamingo Royal, with a varied nightlife inspired to the modern Miami South Beach. Here taste, zest for life, music

and fun come together every weekend.. They also host a special student and after-work party on Wednesdays.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: Friesenwall 90, Cologne

Opening hours: Friday, Saturday and Wednesday 23.00-06.00

Phone: +49 177 8846627

Internet: www.flamingo-royal.com

Email: table@flamingo-royal.com

KlapsMühle



This well-known dance and party venue in Cologne has three floors where DJs play music belonging to different genres, from RnB and pop to 80s classics. In addition to the best musical entertainment, the KlapsMühle has special offers during the week and themed parties on Saturday and holidays

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hohenzollernring 39-41, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 21.00-late

Phone: +49 221 29931919

Internet: www.klapsmuehle.com

Email: klapsmuehle@party.ms

CentClub



In the CentClub you will find special events that are always well attended not only due to the unbeatable prices for drinks, but essentially because of the lively atmosphere.

Photo: Rawpixel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hohenstaufenring 25, Cologne

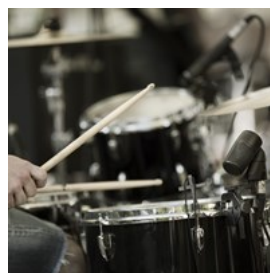
Opening hours: Thursday-Saturday 22.00-late

Phone: +49 219 46 3542

Internet: www.centclub.de

Email: info@centclub.de

Stadtgarten



The Stadtgarten hosts concerts in two areas, the studio 672 and the concert hall. Apart from that, the venue has also a restaurant and a beer garden open during summer. Jazz is the main

genre played here, but certainly not the only one. With more than 400 events taking place every year, everyone is likely to find something to suit their tastes.

Photo: Kuzma/Shutterstock.com
Address: Venloer Str. 40, Cologne
Phone: +49 221 9529940
Internet: www.stadtgarten.de
Email: info@stadtgarten.de

Zum scheuen Reh



At Zum scheuen Reh there is a wide cultural program of short films, lectures, exhibitions and concerts, as well as parties with DJs, live acts and sports watching nights. Specialty and classic cocktails are served all week long, while Thursday is gin and tonic day and this drink is served at a competitive price.

Photo: DGLimages/Shutterstock.com
Address: Hans-Böckler-Platz 2, Cologne
Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 17.00-02.00,
Friday-Saturday 17.00-05.00, Sunday 15.00-00.00
Phone: +49 221 16897642
Internet: www.zum-scheuen-reh.de
Email: mail@zum-scheuen-reh.de

De.Lite



Cocktails, live music, DJs and a 70s vibe is all you need for a nice evening and this little bar in the Belgian Quarter has it all. If you like jazz music, Thursday is the right day to come here. Stand up comedy nights are also sometimes hosted.

Photo: Yellowj/Shutterstock.com
Address: Moltkestr. 74, Cologne
Phone: +49 2203 8809717

Email: harryewen@googlemail.com

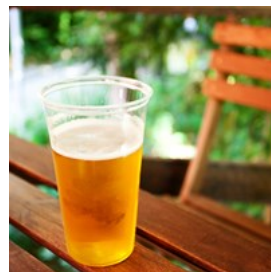
Hellers Volksgarten



This beer garden in the Volksgarten park is a popular spot for a Kölsch with a view of the lake, which you can also cross by renting a paddle boat. The beers served are organic and come from the nearby brewery Heller. At Hellers, they also offer typical German dishes and regularly organise special events.

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com
Address: Volksgartenstraße 27, Cologne
Opening hours: Daily 11.30-00.00
Phone: +49 221 382626
Internet: www.hellers.koeln/volksgarten-hellers
Email: volksgarten@hellers.koeln
More Info: Hours can change according to the weather and bookings are therefore not accepted

Biergarten Rathenauplatz



Rathenauplatz is a small park south of the Belgian District with its own beer garden where you can chill while drinking a Kölsch and eating a snack. They serve food from the Stadtgarten restaurant and beer from Heller brewery in a pleasant green setting.

Photo: Evgeniya Uvarova/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rathenaupl. 30, Cologne
Opening hours: Monday-Friday 15.00-23.30,
Saturday-Sunday 13.00-23.30 (April through September)
Phone: +49 221 8017349
Internet: www.rathenauplatz.de/biergarten.html
Email: info@rathenauplatz.de
More Info: Hours can change according to the weather

SHOPPING



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Shopping in Cologne can be done easily within walking distance. We suggest starting at the Hauptbahnhof, passing the cathedral and going down Hohe Strasse, a long pedestrian area with many shops. But the most popular shopping street in Cologne is probably Schildergasse, which runs south from the opera house to the Neumarkt.

Just eastwards to the Hohe Strasse, the Ehrenstrasse starts off, a place for people who are looking for something fancy and hip or for an exclusive fashion brand. Not far from here, the Belgian District is well-known for new, young fashion designers.

There is also no shortage of shopping centres with the Cologne Arcaden, the Opern Passagen, the Neumarkt Passage, the Globetrotter and more venues easily reachable from the city centre.

Muji



The Japanese brand Muji develops as an international manufacturer of stylish, functional and affordable quality products for all relevant areas of urban life. The unique product

range includes household goods and office products, as well as clothing, travel accessories and stationery.

Photo: FabrikaSimf/Shutterstock.com

Address: Minoritenstraße 1, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10.00-20.00

Phone: +49 221 277 58 677

Internet: www.muji.com/de

& Other Stories



On about 700 square meters the luxury branch of the Swedish brand H&M offers fashion for women to affordable prices. Besides fashion, the product range includes accessories such as bags, jewelry as well as beauty products.

Photo: Creative Lab/Shutterstock.com

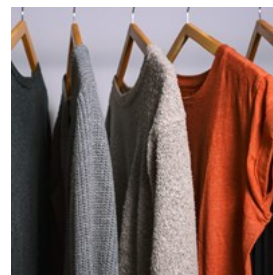
Address: Ehrenstraße 43, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10.00-20.00

Phone: +49 221 29930414

Internet: www.stories.com

COS



Still one of the best addresses for simple Scandinavian design that is absolutely on the pulse of fashion, but never follows fast moving trends. The Swedes just know precisely how it goes.

Photo: maicasaa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ehrenstraße 33-35, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10.00-20.00

Phone: +49 221 25899057

Internet: www.cosstores.com

Kauf Dich Glücklich



Kauf Dich Glücklich is a German concept store chain with two locations in Cologne. Here you'll find design clothes, accessories, jewellery and homeware. Much comes from fashionable Danish or Swedish labels.

Photo: nenetus/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ehrenstraße 48, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 11.00-20.00

Phone: +49 2212 8069903

Internet: www.kaufdichgluecklich-shop.de

More Info: Additional location at Neue Langgasse 2 Ecke, Breite Str., Cologne

Liebeskind Berlin



The famous Berlin accessory and bag label Liebeskind has store in Cologne and presents its great collection here. They mainly sell items made of high-quality leather.

Photo: Jascha Asadov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ehrenstraße 88, Cologne

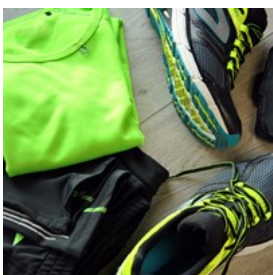
Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 10.00-19.00,

Friday-Saturday 10.00-19.30

Phone: +49 221 27263834

Internet: de.liebeskind-berlin.com

Planet Sports



Planet Sports is one of the German big players coming to sports equipment. Their store in Cologne offers anything from boards to clothes and shoes. The collection includes 250 brands for surfers, skaters, snowboarders and more sports enthusiasts

Photo: Angela Aladro mella/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ehrenstraße 100, Cologne

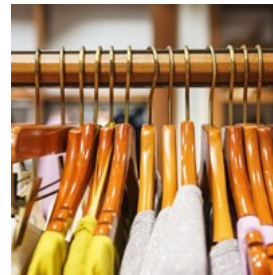
Opening hours: Monday-Friday 11.00-20.00, Saturday 10.00-20.00

Phone: +49 221 27268983

Internet: www.planet-sports.de

Email: koeln@planet-sports.com

Tausend Fliegende Fische



In this colorful store in quarter of Lateng the women clothes, shoes and accessories are not too expensive and always fashionable. Many of the brands present are of Swedish design.

Photo: Evgeny Starkov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Roonstraße 16, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 11.00-19.00

Phone: +49 2212 400233

Internet: www.tausendfliegendefische.de

Email: fliegendefische@yahoo.de

Blutsgeschwister



Blutsgeschwister offer something different, not mainstream but a world full of fascination for colours, patterns, shapes and history. The collections of clothes you will find in the flagship store here in Cologne reveal to tradition and combine it with urban modernity.

Photo: Kar Tr/Shutterstock.com

Address: Brüsselerstraße 82, Cologne

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12.00 - 20.00, Sat 12.00 - 18.00

Phone: +49 221 26 06 26 62

Internet: www.blutsgeschwister.de

Kölner Stadtflohmarkt



This flea market takes place at the University Center every Saturday of the year, except on public holidays. From eight o'clock until early

afternoon, bargain hunters bustle among the many stalls. Come early to find the best deals.

Photo: Rishiken/Shutterstock.com

Address: Luxemburger Straße, Cologne

Opening hours: Saturday from 8.00

Phone: +49 221 955645441

Internet: www.stadt-flohmarkt.de

Granit



At Granit, you can browse for Scandinavian living accessories. The Swedish lifestyle company offers everything in the field of decoration. If you like it

simple with subtle colours, this is the place for you.

Photo: Daria Dreamer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ehrenstraße 72, Cologne

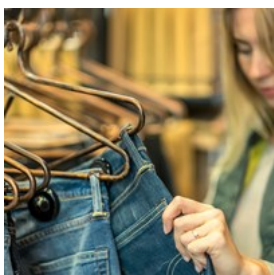
Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10.00-20.00

Phone: +49 221 8282 9998

Internet: www.granit.com

Email: info@granit.com

Urban Outfitters



Urban Outfitters has its own creative, unique character coming up with fashion, records and hip presents in the store.

Both original design and well-known labels await you here. It's a great place to pick up gifts for teens and twenty-somethings who "already have

everything".

Photo: Andrey Yurlov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Breitestrasse 118-120, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10.00 - 20.00

Phone: +49 221 271 2360

Internet: www.urbanoutfitters.com

Blue Tomato



Blue Tomato is specialized in equipment and clothes for sports like snowboarding, free skiing, skating, and surfing. They also have a

good assortment of winter and street wear. The product range offers over 650 different brands like Burton, Volcom, Roxy, Nikita and Nike but also emerging labels like Sitka, Humör, Somewear, HUF, Brixton and more.

Photo: lassedesignen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Schildergasse 112, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10.00-20.00

Phone: +49 221 25883080

Internet: www.blue-tomato.com/en-GB/shop/koeln

Email: koeln@blue-tomato.com

Weekday



Next to H&M and COS and Granit on the Ehrenstraße, Weekday is another addition to the fantastic Scandinavian brands located in

Cologne. In the huge store you will find their own brand MTWTFSS as well as clothes from Cheap Monday, well-known for their priceless drainpipe jeans.

Photo: hxdbzxy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ehrenstraße 76-78, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10.00-20.00

Phone: +49 221 25856368

Internet: www.weekday.com

Green Guerillas



Sustainable and fashionable are the keywords of Green Guerrillas. Ecologically fair traded cotton goods and a collection of accessories out of old fire hoses fill the shelves of this shop. A must-visit for the eco-conscious shopper.

Photo: B.Forenius/Shutterstock.com

Address: Roonstr. 82-84, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 11.00-19.30

Phone: +49 221 16914611

Internet: www.green-guerillas.de

Email: kontakt@green-guerillas.de?_xts_=

More Info: Additional location at Merowingerstraße 6, Cologne

Old Town flea market



The so-called "Altstadt Flohmarkt" is located in a unique setting on the left bank of the Rhine, a few steps away from the city centre. More than 150 stands selling antiques are regularly set up here. Check the website to know the next dates when the market will take place.

Photo: goodluz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer, Cologne

Internet: www.coelln-konzept.de/markt/altstadt.html

More Info: Between the Hohenzollern Bridge and the Bastei

4711 House of Frangrances



This perfume store is a local institution, as they have been making and selling Eau de Cologne for more than 200 years. Here you'll have the chance to purchase fragrances as souvenirs and gifts, as well as to learn about the history of the brand and of the famous perfume in their small museum.

Photo: David Tadevosian/Shutterstock.com

Address: Glockengasse 4, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 9.30-18.30, Saturday 9.30-18.00

Phone: +49 221 27099911

Internet: www.4711.com/dufthaus/en.htm

Email: www.facebook.com/houseof4711

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Airport Cologne Bonn (CGN)



Cologne Bonn airport is 17 km southeast of the city centre. The journey to the city takes around 15 minutes by car or by train. The trains from and to the airport depart every twenty minutes during weekdays. On Saturdays and Sundays,

the trains run every half an hour and the last train leaves at 23.11.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Kennedystraße, Cologne

Phone: +49 220 3404 001

Internet: www.cologne-bonn-airport.com/en.html

Passport / Visa



Germany can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Best Time to Visit



Summer is the most popular time to visit Cologne, with pleasant temperatures but some humidity and higher hotel rates. You can find

cheaper offers in late spring and early autumn, which are chillier but still good periods for sightseeing (and hanging out in beer gardens). Winters are not harsh though, and they can get quite busy due to Christmas and Carnival celebrations.

Photo: VectorA/Shutterstock.com

Public Transport



Cologne has a good transport system with an integrated network covering the area from Bonn to the Ruhr district (U- and S-Bahn as well as

buses). If you plan to see all the sights, it may be worth buying a day or a weekly ticket, which give you access to all transportation means for 24 hours or 7 days. You can buy tickets at sales offices, online or at ticket machines in buses, trains and at stops.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Address: Glockengasse 37-39, Cologne

Phone: +49 221 208 080

Internet: www.vrsinfo.de

Email: info@vrsinfo.de

Taxi



The taxis are cream-coloured. All registered taxi drivers have a licence with a number on display where it is visible to passengers.

Taxi Ruf:

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Address: Bonner Wall 37, Cologne

Phone: +49 221 2882

Internet: www.taxiruf.de

Post



You can buy stamps from vending machines, some news kiosks and at post offices. There is a post office inside the Hauptbahnhof. Another

location in the city centre can be found at Hohe Pforte 4-6, Cologne.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Hohe Pforte 4-6, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 9.00-18.00, Saturday 9.00-14.00

Phone: +49 228 4333112

Internet: www.deutschepost.de/en/home.html

Pharmacy



For pharmacies look out for the red "Aphoteke" sign. Germany has a rotating after-hours service and the number of

the current after-hours pharmacy can be found on every pharmacy door. Below are two pharmacies located in the city centre.

Augustiner-Apotheke:

Martinstraße 16-20, Cologne

+49 221 2582296

Monday-Friday 8.00-19.00, Saturday 9.00-18.00

<http://www.augustiner-apotheke-koeln.de>

augustiner-apo@web.de

Dom Apotheke:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Bahnhofsvorpl. 1, Cologne

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 8.00-18.30, Saturday 9.00-18.30

Phone: +49 221 20050500

Internet: www.dom-apotheke-koeln.de

Email: info@dom-apotheke-koeln.de

Telephone



Country code: +49 Area codes: 0221 and 02203

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Population

1,061

Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Department stores and large shops open from around 10.00 to 20.00 from Monday to Friday and on Saturdays from 10.00 to 18.00 (larger shops until 20.00). Supermarkets and food shops often open at 08.00. Most of the shops are closed on Sundays.

Newspapers

Express
Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger

Emergency numbers

110 Police
112 Fire brigade
112 Ambulance

Tourist information

KölnTourismus GmbH
Address: Kardinal-Höffner-Platz 1
Phone: +49 221 346430
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9.00 - 20.00, Sun and Public Holidays 10.00 - 17.00





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Alte Mauer am Bach	A4 B4	Grosse Sandkaul	B3	Neue Weyerstrasse	A4
Alten Ufer	C2	Grosser Griechenmarkt	A4 B4	Neukölnerstrasse	B3 B4
Am Leystape	C3	Gürzenich Museum	B3	Niederichstrasse	C1
An der Rechtshule	B2	Gürzenichstrasse	B3 C3	Norbertstrasse	A2
An Sankt Katharinen	B4 C4	Hahnenstrasse	A3	Perlengraben	B4
Apostelnstrasse	A3	Hansaring	A1 B1	Pipinstrasse	B3 C3
Arminiusstrasse	D3	Hermann-Pünderstrasse	D2	Poststrasse	A4
Arnoldsstrasse	D3	Herzogstr	B3	Probsteigasse	A1 A2
Auenweg	D2	Hohepforte	B3 B4	Rheinaustrasse	C4
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Augustinerstrasse	B3 C3	Holzmarkt	C4	Richmodstrasse	A3
Bachemstrasse	B4	Jakordenstrasse	B1 C1	Ritterstrasse	B1
Bayardsgasse	A3 A4	Johannisstrasse	C1 C2	Rothgerberbach	A4 B4
Benjaminstrasse	D3	Kardinal Fringsstrasse	A2 B2	Sankt Apermstrasse	A2 A3
Bobstrasse	A4	Karlstrasse	D3	Schildergasse	B3
Breitestrasse	A3	Kasinostrasse	B3	Schwalbengasse	A2
Brückenstrasse	B3	Kennedy Ufer	D2	Severinsbrücke	C4 D4
Brüdenstrasse	A3 B3	Kl einer Griechenmarkt	A4	Severinstrasse	B4
Burgmauer	A2	Kl Witschgasse	C4	Siegburgerstrasse	D3 D4
Clemensstrasse	A3	Klingelpütz	A1 B1	Siegesstrasse	D3
Cäcilienstrasse	A3 B3	Komödienstrasse	B2	Sternengasse	B3
Dagobertstrasse	C1	Konrad-Adenauer Ufer	C1 C2	Stolkgasse	B2
Deutzer Brücke	C3 D3	Krebsgasse	A3	Tel Avivstrasse	B4
Deutzer Freiheit	D3	Kronengasse	A3 B3	Telegraphenstrasse	A4
Domstrasse	B1 C1	Kunibertgasse	C1	Tempelstrasse	D3 D4
Düppelstrasse	D3	Kyotostrasse	A1	Teutonenstrasse	D4
Eigelstein	B1	Kämmergasse	B3 B4	Thieboldsgasse	A4
Eintrachtstrasse	B1	Leonhard-Tietzstrasse	A3 B3	Thürmchenswall	C1
Elisenstrasse	A2	Lintgasse	C3	Troisdorferstrasse	D4
Elstergasse	A2 B2	Lowengasse	B4	Tunisstrasse	B2
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Georgstrasse	B4	Mauritiussteinweg	A3 A4	Weidenbach	A4
Gereonshof	A2	Maximinstrasse	B1 B2	Weidengasse	B1
Gereonsmühlergasse	A1 A2	Maybachstrasse	A1	Weyerstrasse	A4
Gereonstrasse	A2	Mechrildstrasse	C4	Zeppelinstrasse	A3
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Gertudenstrasse	A3				