

Aachen -- A Historical And Beautiful Spa City

Aachen is located close to the Belgian and Dutch borders, in the western part of the state [North Rhine-Westphalia \(Nordrhein-Westfalen\)](#).

This affluent city possess a prosperous history dating from the eighth century when Charlemagne made Aachen the capital of his empire. It could boast a number of significant sights together with a captivating newspaper museum, a 14th century town hall and the illustrious cathedral, which is Charlemagne's final resting place.

It is a city which distinguishes itself by a extensive array: rich past interrelationship, historical highlights, enlightening attractions, large events such as the global dressage, jumping and riding competition CHIO and the awarding of the international Charlemagne Award (*Karlspreis*), as well as museums of several kinds. And last but not least, the city's lots of economic and scientific functions.

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It's really a beautiful city! I always enjoyed my time there.

Amazing also are the descriptions, often used by the travelers to bring out the beauty of this city, who have already made a trip to it. It is hilly, especially south of Main Station (*Hauptbahnhof*), so be ready for a few crutch work out.

There is a delightful jet, a few blocks south of Main Station with lawn chairs. Of extraordinary appeal are its Museums and treasuries. A particular sparkler in this esteem is the reserves of the Cathedral of Aachen, which is a well thought-out principal ecclesiastical treasury north of the Alps.

If you are fascinated in paintings and sculptures from the late Middle Age or in 17th century painters, you *must* go to the Suermond-Ludwig Museum. The Ludwig Forum of International Art is an exposition of a variety of forms of fashionable art. Plastic arts are offered at this point together with music, dance, theater, film, and so on.

Museums that furnish individual well-being are the Newspaper Museum, the Urban History Museum of Burg Frankenberg, the Customs History Collection, and the **Computer Museum**. (Ever used a computer, buddy? ;-)

Aachen's enlightening program covers a broad assortment and is progressively further cherished by young and old, amid the local inhabitants as well as by those coming from overseas. The extent of performers varies from provincial cabaret entertainers to international stars.

An authentic "cultural marathon" is the Annual Cultural Summer, from June to September. This happening terminates in a string of open-air concerts of various musical schools, presented on Katschhof Square, **one of Europe's finest plazas**.

Other points you might want to explore are: Charlemagne's marble throne... the Octagonal Chapel... the Town Hall which was built between 1333 and 1370 on the ruins of the imperial palace... the Suermond Museum... and the stylish fountains of sulphurous water, bearing observer to the spa statues of the city.

By the way, every year in July, Aachen hosts at large scale an international horse riding and jumping tournament.