

Cleves District -- The Little Gem On The Lower Rhine

The busy Cleves District sits on either side the [Rhine](#) as it passes out of Germany. Bordering on the west to the Netherlands, this seemingly flat area still has plenty to offer.

Cleves District Map

Cities, Towns & Villages in the Cleves District

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This busy trade route has certainly kept the culture here alive, and you're sure to arrive in time for a festival or open air event whenever you come!

Alternatively, it's easy to hire bicycles to ride through the relaxing countryside where moated castles and idyllic villages await you.

There are also many working windmills dotted along the horizon as this district was, until the late 1800's, part of the Netherlands so place names and certain histories portray a shared heritage.

It also shares its Catholic religion too. In the busy town of [Kevelaer](#), there is a very popular pilgrimage site to the Virgin Mary. It has been estimated that 800,000 people visit this site every year!

[Rees](#), one of the oldest towns around here, has some charming traditional buildings lining the streets, and there is a beautiful promenade along the river filled with modern sculptures.

The district capital [Cleves \(German: Kleve\)](#), has the *Schwanenburg* (Swan Castle) sitting high above town on a rare outcrop, dominating the skyline.

And if you're in for some excitement, hop onto the *Draisinenbahn* in [Kranenburg](#), a Bike Trolley Course that's been selected as one of the 50 things one should do in [North Rhine-Westphalia](#) before dying!