

## **Coesfeld District -- Set In The Diverse Landscape**

Spreading north from the [Ruhrgebiet](#) to the border with [Lower Saxony](#) sits the cultural Coesfeld District. Filled with museums, moated castles, medieval villages and theaters — there is plenty to keep everyone entertained.

### **Coesfeld District Map**

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The area is closely linked to the ancient bishopric of Münster and to Saint Ludger. The first bishop of Münster apparently founded the district capital himself — [Coesfeld](#) — and amongst many other buildings and structures, there is a cathedral named in his honor in Bitterbeck, with its impressive towers.

Amongst the 100 or so preserved castles and palaces in this region, you will find four magnificent examples here — three alone in [Lüdinghausen](#): The overwhelming Burg Vischering — one of the largest in [northern Germany](#) —, the Burg Lüdinghausen, a water castle, and the Burg Wolfsberg, which actually looks like a condo.

The fourth is the imposing red-brick Schloss Nordkirchen, further south in [Nordkirchen](#). There are no defensive hills to build castles on here, so they were defended with great moats and towers.

[Dülmen](#) houses a quarter of the Coesfeld District's population as it is an attractive business location. It is also the setting for the *Dülmener Sommertheater*, which attracts thousands of visitors every summer to enjoy the live performances.

And in autumn there is the international *Figurentheatertage* — a very popular puppet theater and exhibition.