

Cologne Nightlife Is Filled With Kölsch Beer And Dancing

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The Cologne nightlife offers a varied and vibrant options. Here's what you can do once the sun goes down.

Bars

Gaffel Haus (Alter Markt 20-22)

No bar in Cologne can call itself such without the legendary local brew, Kölsch. And one of the best places to go is the Gaffel Haus. It's been in business for over 700 years (!), serving beer and sausage. It's best enjoyed in the summertime when the outside seating is available, although winter can also be nice and cozy. ;-)

Früh Brauhaus (Am Hof 12-14)

This spot also offers fresh Kölsch and a historical atmosphere. In the basement, you can check out the Romanesque foundations while the upper floor shows off high ceilings with chandeliers and old wood panels. Sit back and enjoy your beer as you take in a great view of Cologne's mythic cathedral.

Unsichtbar (Im Stavenhof 5-7)

As much as you may love the traditional German beerhouse experience, perhaps you're looking for something completely different?

“Unsichtbar” means invisible. Thus, in this unforgettable place, you experience the world of the blind. In the darkened rooms, you must use your other senses to eat your meal. A blind person acts as your host for the evening, telling you where to find your food on the plate, or guiding you to the restroom.

The money earned goes to fund blindness awareness groups.

Clubs

Fifi Choo (Hohenzollernring 89-93)

Found in the heart of Cologne’s thriving club scene, Fifi Choo stands out for more than just its unusual name. This club encourages a more sophisticated and upscale clientele than many of its neighbors and the dress code reflects this. Those who pass muster are treated to an eclectic mix of music — from Latin dance and salsa to R&B and funk, and of course house.

Underground (Vogelsanger Straße 200)

The rocker guys and girls may find themselves more at home at the Underground. This club specializes in rock and alternative music and has frequent live performances. A beergarden makes this a great choice for the hot summer months.

Neuschwanstein (Mittelstraße 12-14)

This hot spot is almost as big a landmark as its Bavarian castle namesake in the Cologne club scene. Neuschwanstein has a funky colorful interior and can be quite picky about who they let inside. If you’re lucky enough to make it, don’t expect an early night. Neuschwanstein is well-known for its parties that last all night long.