

Krefeld Is The Velvet And Silk City

Krefeld (formerly *Crefeld*), an urban district in the federal state of [North Rhine-Westphalia](#), is also termed as the **Velvet and Silk City** since the textile industry is a strong factor here. 80% of all neckties come from Krefeld!

The origins of it were in Roman times, when the legions created the Castell Gelduba. The development of this city actually started in the 17th century. Several war times and fights could not stop its industrial growth.

Although lots of industries are hosted here, half of the city is covered by green areas and parks. Good enough to explore it by bike.

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One of those green areas is its **zoo park**. It is not a very large zoo, but it sure deserves a visit. It contains nearly 1200 animals of 230 species and you will find some special ones among them.

Culturally, you'll find some decent theaters here, like the City Theater. But one of the most cozy ones is the *Wonzimmertheater* (Living Room Theater) called PODIO. It offers only 60 seats which makes it a very precious theatre to visit.

As for museums, the most noticeable one probably is the German Textile Museum, which shows dry goods not only from here but from all over the world.

Another one is *Burg Linn*. Being also a castle, it shows exhibitions of historical pieces of the city and nearby towns. It further has some musical aspects, and it's playing an hourly bell play in front of the building.