

Leverkusen -- City Of Pharmaceutical Inventions

Leverkusen, an urban district between [Cologne](#) and [Düsseldorf](#), in the state of [North Rhine-Westphalia \(Nordrhein-Westfalen\)](#), is world famous for its pharmaceutical industry, **Bayer**, and its unlimited passion for football.

The city was merely a rustic region until the late 19th century, but it developed due to the economic growth in the Rhine-Ruhr region. The current city is the constituents of a number of villages and it was established in the year 1930 by assimilating all these villages.

Now you might be wondering why I stated the year 1860 instead, huh? Well, this goes back to the fact that **Carl Leverkus**, an apothecary, moved and established a dye factory here, and this area he named Leverkusen. That's where this name comes from.

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The baroque castle *Morsbroich* is a nice place to be at. This Baroque fortress, at the present moment, is a municipal museum for modern art. It offers the setting for theatrical productions and other cultural events.

This castle has a museum inside, but there are some others in the city, too. For example, in the city suburb Schlebusch is the *Freudenthaler Sensenhammer*, an industry museum exhibiting the living and working environment of the 19th century.

As for leisure and parks, there is an animal park called *Wildpark Reuschenberg*. It has some cute animals there, and I'm sure your family will love it. It's not a huge park as others, but around 20,000 visitors find their way to this green, nature area.

Another green area is the Japanese Garden (*Japanischer Garten*), which is a famous tourist attraction, positioned at the base of the Bayer headquarter building.