

Mettmann -- Rurality With Fun, Fairs, And Festivities

Mettmann takes you right back to pre-historic times. This is no exaggeration when you learn how the Neanderthal man got his name. It was indeed in the vicinity that these remains were first discovered. That should tell you plenty about the antiquity of this land.

Of course you should visit the nearby Neanderthal Museum to find out all you can about it. The museum is supposed to be the best in its class and has an amazing display from lifelike reconstructions to multimedia demonstrations. Surely it can't be anything but exciting.

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Right in the heart of Mettmann is the historical old town area incorporating the market place. Features of a bygone era are evident everywhere in the buildings, the cobbled walkways and narrow lanes. The town hall and all the surrounding buildings feature a typical slate lining that adds grandeur and elegance to the whole picture.

Visit the Town Museum to get a load of local information and other interesting tidbits. View the exhibition of various schools of painting. While most of it is permanently exhibited you also get to view special exhibits, mainly of contemporary art.

Other museums not to be missed are the Deussen House and the Upper Silesian Museum, as well as the Wilhelm Fabry Museum.

While in Mettmann you can't miss the Hardenburg Castle dating back to the 13th century. Depending on when you're visiting you'll have the good fortune to enjoy some theatre performance or the other. If not, just enjoy the immaculately laid out park and gardens.

For more cultural events, check out the *Jugendzentrum Langefeld* or The Club, Heiligenhaus. If traveling with kids you should consider Kart Magic and Hildorado in nearby Hilden.