

## Mönchengladbach -- The Rhenish Manchester

Mönchengladbach, an urban district in the federal state of [North Rhine-Westphalia](#) in Germany, is considered the “Rhenish Manchester” due to the fact that it served as a center of the cotton industry.

You will discover ancient churches to walk around and manor houses to visit. Here, you will not stumble on the customary jam-packed roads and repulsive industrial sites. Blends of city and countryside have been ingeniously pooled to make the city a pleasant place to spend a pleasurable time in.

You will surely find it's a modern art city where you will come across many sculptures, wall reliefs, fountains, and plastic art situated in all areas of the city.

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The foundation of this city was an abbey which was established in 974. The abbey along with neighboring villages became a city in the 14th century.

*Borussia Mönchengladbach* is its local football (soccer) club. And Formula One racer *Nick Heidfeld* and *Heinz-Harald Frentzen*, and the philosopher *Hans Jonas* were born here.

This city has enormous to offer to its visitors, and particularly it is home of many museums. If you love contemporary art, then Municipal Abtei Berg Museum could be a viable option for you. Along with it, Municipal Museum Schloss Rheydt is characterized for fine art.

If you are pretty much interested in the relics of the Stone Age, then head towards the *Museum im Wasserturm Rheindahlen*.

Apart from all these, if you love carnival and/or ornithology, take a look at the *Museum Altes Zeughaus* and/or *Museum Schloss Wickrath*.

You will surely derive pleasure from Town Hall in the former abbey, which is located lower down in the city, south of the market. It contains a Baroque brick building of 1663.

Adjacent to this place, you'll get to see the Late Romanesque Minster, the old abbey church of St. Vitus with a beautiful choir and an early 12th century crypt treasury.

If you love shopping (like I do), there are plenty of shopping arcades for you to browse and walk through.

And fans of classical music don't need not to be worried as they could quench their craving by visiting *Kaiser Friedrich Halle* and enjoy its plays.