

Mülheim an der Ruhr -- The City On The River

Mülheim an der Ruhr, an urban district in the state of [North Rhine-Westphalia](#), lies, as the name says, at the [Ruhr River](#). I think that's why they call themselves "City on the River." (Somewhat pragmatic, considering we have a few hundred cities in Germany lying on, at, or near a river... ;-)

Either way, the city is right in the highly dense [Ruhr area](#), where all the other big "Ruhr cities" reside, such as [Duisburg](#), [Essen](#), [Oberhausen](#). The state's capital, [Düsseldorf](#), is also very close.

As, in the past, the Ruhr river encouraged scores of millers to settle here. They thronged to the city by establishing mills along the river, from where it is considered the origin of the city. In subsequent years, it grew in a flourishing trade and industry center and, all along, an eye-catching place to exist.

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Favored by its geological setting, the city prides itself in the midst of countless stunning leisure areas, meadows, parks and woodlands, covering more than half of the city surface. It contains exquisite waterside meadows along with some beautiful paths and promenades. You might locate the foothills of the Rhine Slate Mountains extending right up to and into the southern part of Mülheim an der Ruhr.

Its plentiful prospects for leisure time activities are rounded off by the Raffelberg race-track. You can get a golf course and some additional sports playgrounds; and the well-known excursion boats of the "White Fleet" providing trip all the way through the picturesque Ruhr Valley.

The city also offers some museums showing changing exhibits and theaters which have earned an international status. A Theater Carnival is frequently organized in the municipal hall which is highly

praised all over Germany.

Mülheim's action-packed history is demonstrated by some enthralling historical buildings such as Schloss Broich, the Saarn Monastery, and the old city center.

Weißer Flotte, *Wikinger-Schiff*, or *Park-MüGa* facilitate residents to relax in the center of the city. *Drachenboot* festival, *Voll die Ruhr*, *Jazz Tage* or *Brunnenfest* draw tourists from all over the world.

Shopping in downtown, *Forum City Mülheim*, or *Rhein Zentrum* will offer all sorts of fun. Some cultural events: *Stücke* theater festival as well as Theater on the Ruhr river are unanimously prominent.

The Old Post museum exhibits standard compilation while from the Aquarius Water Museum and the Natural Museum of Mülheim an der Ruhr, you might derive much interesting information. On the other hand, Novelty Museum of Leather offers nearly three centuries of the history of this industry.

By the way, just 5km south-east of the city is the [Essen/Mülheim Airport \[ESS\]](#), providing fast regional connections for business travelers.