

Oberhausen Is A Modern And Bustling City

You might be wondering why Oberhausen — in contrast to most [German cities](#) — was founded just in the 19th century and not earlier... This comes from the fact that this city had been “created” in that century, so to speak. In other words, it was created in 1862 by merging a few villages and towns.

This place was like a pastoral area until about 1860. Later, only after the opening of coal mines and the production of steel, it began to turn large areas of today’s city into a huge industrial complex.

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Oberhausen lies in the state of [North Rhine-Westphalia](#), and a consequence of economic growth in the 19th century. It could be termed as a typical city of the [Ruhr area](#), which had been growing around industries. At the moment, it is trying to revitalize itself.

Oberhausen is a new, modern and a bustling city with new shopping places. Now, visitors are flocking to the “New Center,” which is an abandoned steelworks in the middle of the city.

At its heart, you might love to see Europe’s largest shopping complex — the CentrO — through more than 200 shops and a broad range of cafés and restaurants. On the other hand, the city’s “Old Center” possesses a conventional pedestrian area and the *Marktstraße* shopping street, which is almost 1.5 kilometers long (8mi).

In addition to all these, the city has other numeral attractions that you would not necessarily associate with a city in the industrial Ruhr region. The *Gasometer*, which is the city’s neglected gas tower, is currently Europe’s most curious exhibition hall.

The *Altmarkt*, which is a historical square in the heart of the city, is a wonderful place to stay and relax. During the festive season, the idyllic Christmas market casts a romantic glow over the Centro during the festive season.

If you love to see water related stuff, then head towards the famous and attractive SEA LIFE, where everything revolves around water. It is an under water world adventure where you get to see more than 20,000 animals in 50 large aquariums.

And in the Centro.PARK, a theme park with the world's longest tractor train (!), you might end up getting guaranteed fun for all the family, the entire day.

By the way, Oberhausen organizes an international award festival for short films since 1954.