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Interesting facts about Gelsenkirchen

Gelsenkirchen is situated in the middle of the Ruhr metropolitan region, after Paris and London the third-largest conurbation in Europe.

Over five million people live here. For around 30 million people Gelsenkirchen can be reached inside two hours. Around 40 percent of the population of the European Union live within a 500-kilometre radius of the city.

Gelsenkirchen has around 265,000 residents.

Gelsenkirchen is **easy to get to**: both by car, via the A2, A42, A52, A31, A40 and A43 motorways, and by local public transport or mainline train.

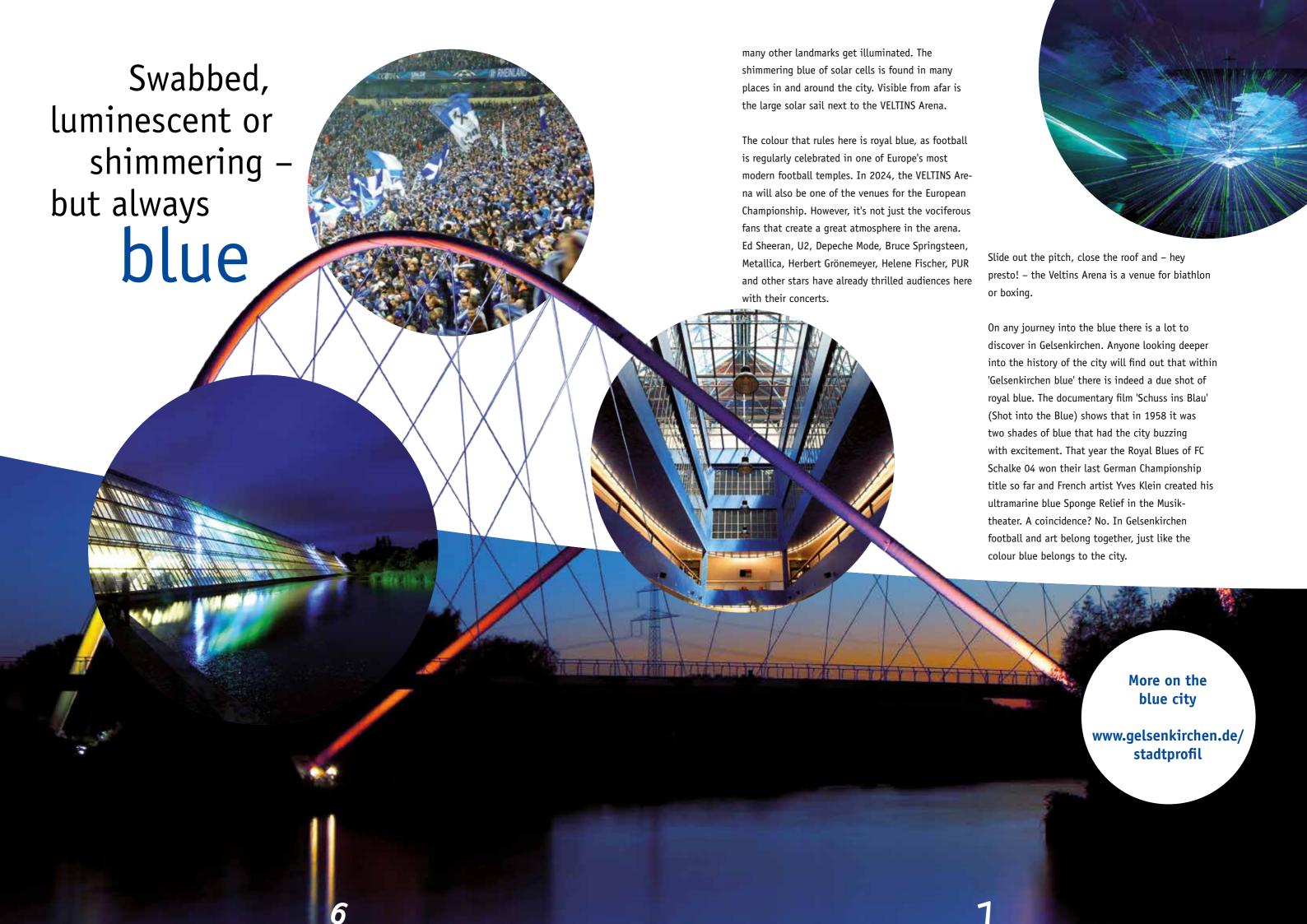
Within a radius of just 100 kilometres there are **four airports**.

In Gelsenkirchen and its immediate vicinity you will find **three golf clubs**, including two 18-hole courses.

One of Germany's biggest solar power residential estates, comprising 422 flats, is located in Gelsenkirchen. There are also other solar power estates within the city and directly adjacent to the VELTINS-Arena 'auf Schalke' the eye is caught by an enormous solar sail.











The Ruhrgebiet's

largest industrial woods

Today a district forester roams through the woods around the former Rheinelbe Colliery. Covering almost 40 hectares, it is the largest industrial woodland in the Ruhrgebiet. Nature shapes the terrain here with the remains of walls covered in moss, winding paths leading through the woods and the frequent sight of dragonflies and bats. The 'Emscher Orchid' feels at home here. Epipactis Helleborine is the botanical name of this indigenous species of orchid.

Renowned artist Herman Prigann created the artistic side of this extraordinary woodland. His sculptures evoke memories of the industrial past and give the place something of a fairy-tale, mystical feel. Towering above everything else, the highpoint in the truest sense of the word is the Himmelstreppe, the 'Stairway to Heaven'.

Have you ever seen the little sister? Nordstern Colliery in Gelsenkirchen is every bit as pretty as its big sister, the Zollverein Coal Mine Industrial Complex, in Essen. From over 80 metres up on the visitor platform at the feet of the Hercules statue by Markus Lüpertz, you look out over the former National Garden Show site. Today it is a huge landscaped park right next to the water. Over the next few years the area is due to be enhanced again and as Nordsternpark+ become part of the 2027 International Garden Festival (IGA) in the Ruhr conurbation.

The ,Change is Perpetual' exhibition in the Nordstern tower recounts the fascinating history of the former colliery site. Contemporary witnesses, films and art installations offer emotive and thought-provoking material.

In addition to the colliery, the red double-arched bridge is a further characteristic feature of the park, which really has a lot to offer: a climbing garden, 'children's land' and a whole lot of nature. The food and drink on offer ranges from beer garden to fine cuisine in a 4-star hotel. At one of the anchor points of the Industrial Culture Route you can see in a mine tunnel the way things used to be. The panoramic terrace provides a far-reaching view across the Ruhrgebiet.

Where once coal was loaded, an amphitheatre now invites you to enjoy cultural entertainment. Just a few steps away, the White Fleet's passenger ship sets off on its journey down the Rhine-Herne Canal.



The lovely little sister





Loud sounds and soft tones

The MiR was designed by architect Werner Ruhnau. He created a building that more than 50 years ago was visionary, today feels thoroughly modern and yet is already a classic of the 20th century..

Just a few minutes' walk away from the MiR is Gelsenkirchen's 'front parlour', the Hans-Sachs-Haus. The civic forum and atrium of this expressionist brick building provide lots of space for cabaret, music and readings. The 'Wilder Sechziger' have rocked away here, chamber concerts have set softer tones and both Jürgen von der Lippe and Bastian Bielendorfer have produced many a laugh.

A venue of a very special kind is the VELTINS Arena auf Schalke. It is not just a place of pilgrimage for football fans. Slide out the pitch, close the roof and hey presto: biathlon or boxing can be staged in this football temple. Music fans get a real treat for their ears in the Arena. From Helene Fischer and Coldplay to the international heavy metal elite, all the big names play there.

In Gelsenkirchen even the canal becomes an entertainment venue. The parade of ships at the start of the 'Kulturkanal' series of events attracts thousands of visitors. Where once cargo ships were loaded with coal, today the amphitheatre in front of the backdrop of the old Nordstern colliery is a popular location for all kinds of open-air events.



Even the **Canal** is a place of culture

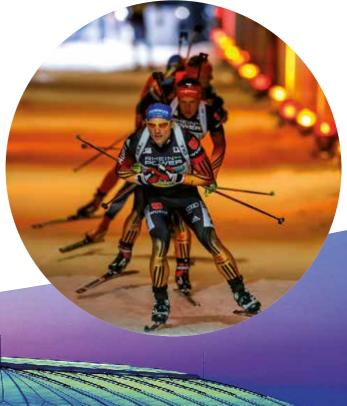
The kite festival at Consol, chivalric games, storytelling festivals, jazzy sounds in the 'stadt.bau.raum' of the former Oberschur colliery or at the International Jazz Festival in the city centre and at SummerSound, which repeatedly provides new acoustic surprises – in Gelsenkirchen there is always something going on.

Vibrancy is brought to the city centres by offerings such as "Markt am Dom' (Market by the Cathedral) in Buer and "Feierabend auf'm Heinrich' (Evenings on King Heinrich's) in central Gelsenkirchen. Both around St. Urbanus Church in Buer and on the remodelled King Heinrich Square (Heinrich-König-Platz) in the city centre visitors enjoy culinary delights. Both places are popular meeting points for shopping and chatting.

Gelsenkirchen, you see, knows only one kind of programme: a packed programme!

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Off into the animal world by app

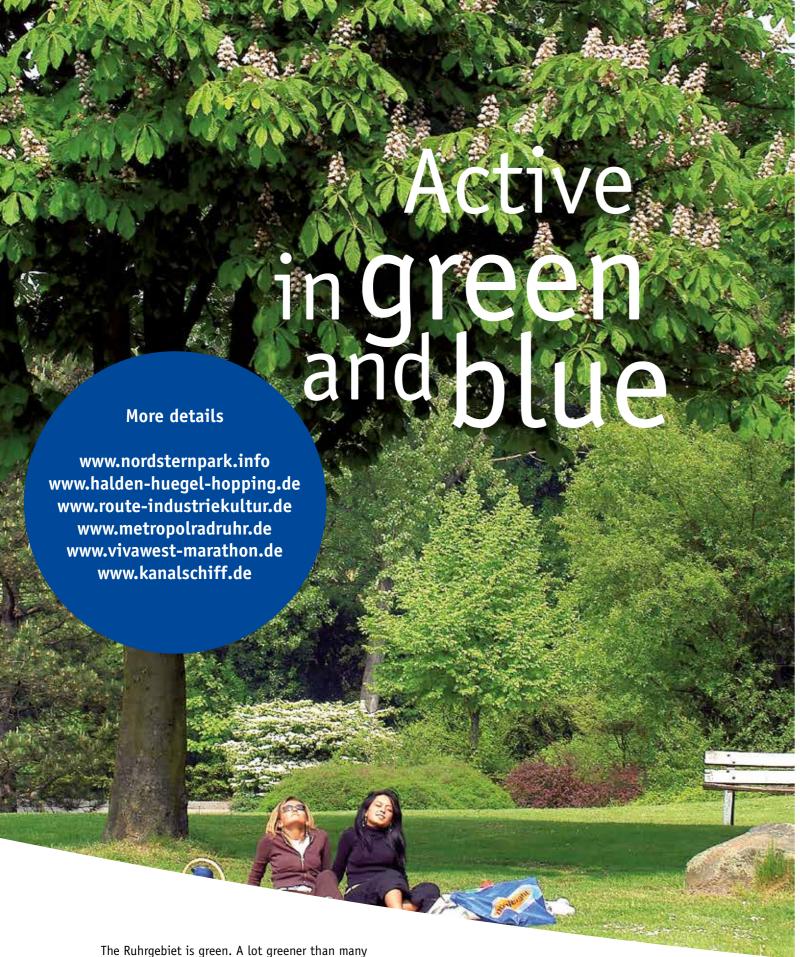
It is not only in the real world, however, that there is a lot to discover, but in the virtual one too. The focus here is naturally on the fascinating world of animals. The key to the ZOOM World of Adventure's multitude of virtual worlds is the ZOOM 360-degree app. It can be used via free WLAN, without eating into your own data allowance.

If you want to see the animals' world from their perspective, then as well as the 360-degree app you also need virtual reality glasses, which are available in the ZOOM shop. Then there is really nothing more standing in the way of a virtual journey of discovery! Simply hold your smart phone up in front of the glasses and away you go! You are suddenly standing in the middle of the compound, where naturally you would otherwise never go. Eye to eye with the lively meerkats, you get the feeling that you're romping around with them, rather than just watching them do so. Swimming with sea lions or running with raccoons – the 360-degree films make it possible.

Further exciting offerings include the augmented reality ,HUAWEI Green Planet' installation and the ,beacons'. When you enter the ,HUAWEI Green Planet', you become part of the animation and see yourself like a reflection in the middle of the Asian jungle. Suddenly swinging through the space is a huge orang-utan, who then lies on his back and happily lets himself be virtually tickled.



Young or old – in the ZOOM World of Adventure everyone goes on a journey of discovery!



imagine. Right in the heart of this large
European conurbation Gelsenkirchen in particular
has a remarkable variety of parks and green spaces
on offer. A quarter of the city is an area of natural
or landscape conservation and there are numerous

open spaces and green touches as a result of the old workers' estates laid out as garden cities. Perfect conditions, therefore, for outdoor activities.





From climbing to golfing

Admittedly, the former Ruhrgebiet slag piles are not a patch on the Alps, however anyone who likes things a bit more energetic is nevertheless well catered for in Gelsenkirchen. Facilities on offer such as a climbing wall in the Nordsternpark and two golf courses provide for sporting diversion aside from the beautiful game. Every spring the VIVAWEST Marathon is a special highlight for all running enthusiasts. Passing colliery settlements, old pithead towers and industrial culture, the marathon leads from Gelsenkirchen out through Essen, Gladbeck and Bottrop and shows the region from its sporting side.

Out and about

on two wheels

There are new discoveries to be made elsewhere in the region as well: along the routes of closed-down railway lines cycle paths criss-cross the Ruhrgebiet, freeing cyclists from the busy roads as they take them from one city to another and to the Industrial Culture Route sites. At the heart of it all: Gelsenkirchen. The Emscher Park cycle path, for instance, which covers 230 kilometres, connects the open spaces of the Emscher countryside park.





Water

in sight

Wherever there is so much green, there is also generally blue not far away. In Gelsenkirchen that is primarily the Rhine-Herne Canal, which crosses the city halfway along its course. While swimming in the canal is not allowed, exploring by canoe, motorboat or passenger ship certainly is. For Gelsenkirchen has plenty to offer on and beside the water too.

As well as the required infrastructure for the boats, the marina offers a diverse range of options for eating and drinking and is just a short distance from the ZOOM World of Adventure. Other tourist destinations, such as the Arena Park, the Nordstern Park and the Erzbahnstrasse cycle path, can also be reached from the Graf Bismarck Marina.

At the harbour basin a space for events has also been created, plus a pier for White Fleet (Weiße Flotte) passenger boats. Ships have been arriving and departing since the beginning of the 2019 season.





Blue blood

Smoke-stack barons and coke-fire counts is what industrialists like Thyssen used to be called, because they liked to maintain an aristocratic lifestyle. It was not, however, the arrival of heavy industry that first brought the 'aristrocracy' to Gelsenkirchen. There was blue blood flowing in the city long before Thyssen, Grillo and co. And truly aristocratic 'blue blood' at that.

Lüttinghof castle originates from the 14th century. Surrounded by moat and avenues of longestablished trees, it is a popular destination for cyclists and walkers. From April to September the pastry garden tempts visitors with all sorts of home-made delights, while from October to March coffee and cake is served inside under the vaulted ceiling. Here in this waterside castle music lovers can also enjoy jazz and chamber concerts.

Submerge yourself in bygone times

Schloss Berge is known way beyond the city's borders for its summer festival and much more besides. In particular the stately home's gardens in English and French styles, which enthral both keen gardeners and visitors looking for a spot of rest and recuperation. Alternatively, you can really put your back into it rowing on the nearby Berger See.

Schloss Horst is one of Westphalia's most important Renaissance stately homes. The museum inside enables not only children to delve deep into bygone times, but leaves adults astounded as well. The Schloss has also made a name for itself as a backdrop for splendid chivalric games and festivals in the very heart of the Ruhrgebiet.



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Worthy of a museum

Paris has the Louvre, London the largest civic museum in the world. And Gelsenkirchen? It movingly sets art in motion. The city's Art Museum exhibits a collection of kinetic art unparalleled in Germany. Motion becomes here an aesthetic part of the art object – with the visitors right in the middle of it. Many of the objects can be touched or pushed, causing them to change. Optical illusions create the impression of movement. The visitors thus become an active part of the exhibition. Also well worth seeing is the collection of classic and modern art, including, for instance works by by Max Liebermann, Emil Nolde and René Magritte.

Another area of focus is the design-led concrete art centred on the work of Anton Stankowski, a designer and graphic artist born in Gelsenkirchen. His works made a lasting mark on graphic design. The Gelsenkirchen Art Museum has since 2010 been one of the RKM Ruhr Art Museums.

Within the imposing industrial setting of the Nordstern pithead tower a further special museum experience awaits the visitor. Set against the backdrop of the historic machinery, you see illustrated on six floors the stages of transformation that the site has been through during its history up to the



present day – from the days of coal mining, via the 1997 National Garden Show, all the way to the prospering country and business park, which is still continuing to grow today. The listed tower and the surrounding buildings of the former surfacemining plants are the work of famous architects Fritz Schupp and Martin Kremmer. They also built the Zollverein Coal Mine Industrial Complex, now a UNESCO world heritage site, in neighbouring Essen. The way to the museum is indicated by the monumental 'Hercules' sculpture that rises high above the Nordstern tower. For panoramic views, a visit to the terrace at his feet is a must.

Where football passions run high

The city's mining history is the central theme of three museum-like sites and an art installation. A steam-driven hauling machine can, for instance, be seen in the southern machine house of Consol Colliery, history is brought to life through accounts told by experienced miners in the 'Little Museum' and at the Rotthausen mining collection, and art and contemporary history are combined in the collection of Werner Thiel.



The museum at Schloss Horst takes visitors way back to pre-industrial times. It is a genuinely interactive museum. On a journey through time to the castle construction site in 1565 the focus is on seeing, hearing and trying things out. Visitors are able to experience with all of their senses life and work in the Renaissance era in one of Westphalia's most important buildings from that time.

In Gelsenkirchen there is, of course, no escaping the beautiful game. Football fans and especially fans of FC Schalke 04 are totally in their element in the Schalke Museum. From the birth of the 'Schalker Kreisel' short passing game to the Champions League, it is all here for football enthusiasts to see and hear. And all in the heart And it is all in the heart of one of Europe's most modern football temples: the VELTINS Arena auf Schalke.

13 museums – differing fields

High-class art, mining history, long forgotten times and football legends – yet in Gelsenkirchen there is still more to see: architectural and engineering art, an exhibition of the city's history in the Hans-Sachs-Haus, an icon of brick expressionism, and a museum that deals with the history of Polish immigration. Visitors can retrace the trail of Jewish life in Gelsenkirchen and a documentation centre tackles the era of National Socialist dictatorship.

In total there are 13 museums that cover off a very varied spectrum



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Gelsenkirchen's range of eateries is as diverse and varied as the city's population. The influx of people from Poland, Turkey, the former Yugoslavia, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Italy and many other countries is reflected in the city's array of places to eat. From Mediterranean to Asian-inspired fusion cuisine, there is simply everything. Sometimes simple and down-to-earth, sometimes upmarket and refined. Or perhaps you would prefer one of the many burger variations accompanied by a so-called 'GEsöff' or 'GEbräu', which are revitalising Gelsenkirchen's beer-brewing tradition?

You can, of course, also get the classic Ruhrgebiet 'Currywurst' in the city and practically every snack bar has its own secret recipe for the curry sauce.

Regardless of whether by bike or on foot, coming from a concert or an exhibition, the perfect place



Experience Gelsenkirchen

out and about on a double-decker bus



All aboard, please!

From April to October: open sightseeing tours through Gelsen-kirchen. In around 100 minutes the key tourist sights are visited and explained.

Summer night's dream special trips

Relaxed, open-top bus rides at pleasant summer temperatures – that is what's promised over a good three hours by the summer night's dream trips. Going all around the city, the trips go this year for the first time to some well-known and also hidden public works of art. A summery tour for cultivated connoisseurs.

Information on other offerings, such as crime thriller tours and themed trips is available from the City and Tourist Information Office in the Hans-Sachs-Haus

Gelsenkirchen's stately homes provide the fitting ambience for appropriate occasions, as do the inns where the chat is all about football. Right next to FC Schalke 04's legendary Gelsenkirchen City and Tourist Information Office Hans-Sachs-Haus

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Gregarious Gelsenkirchen

problem!

to eat or drink is, as it were, just around the corner.

former stadium, the Glückauf Kampf-

bahn, is the inn where Schalke

legend Ernst Kuzorra supped

his beer. Sparkling wine, beer

or soda - in Gelsenkirchen no

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