

## HENRICHSHÜTTE, HATTINGEN



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For 150 years the sparks were flying at the blast furnaces at the Henrichshütte ironworks when the kilns were opened to spew out the molten iron. Today we have brought this authentic historic ironworks back to life.

Over 10,000 people once worked here on the gigantic site, producing coke, and casting, rolling and forging iron and steel. The museum has a number of different trails where visitors can learn more about the different work processes. They can also take the glass elevator to the top of the oldest existing blast furnace in the region, watch our steel casting demonstrations, go on a torchlight tour of the works at night, or simply sit back and enjoy a piano recital in the blowing house.

**Guided tours in English are offered and have to be booked in advance. English captions are put up at all the stations on the site. Please contact the museum for further information.**

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## HATTINGEN – A LOVELY TOWN TO STAY



People who enjoy antique picturesque surroundings should not miss the historic town centre of Hattingen. It is a jewel of half-timbered houses whose attractive streets are ideal for a stroll, for shopping and eating.

With its 3 castles, medieval town centre and picturesque surrounding area Hattingen is one of the prettiest towns within the Ruhr region. The Kirchplatz square with the St Georg church and the surrounding 143 monuments that have been preserved as a whole are worth a visit. Lovingly restored timber-framed houses from the Middle Ages provide the lovely setting of a city that offers a pleasant home for its inhabitants and extends a warm welcome to its guests! Have a stroll through the small alleys in this former hanseatic town! On the trails of history, the past comes to life.

1396 Hattingen was given its rights of fortification by count Frederic von der mark. That event marked the beginnings of the city of Hattingen. Today Hattingen has approx. 60.000 inhabitants. 75% of the city zone consists of wood and green areas with well laid out cycle routes and footpaths. This has made Hattingen a local recreation area for the surrounding cities within the Ruhr region.

**Guided city-tours in English are offered and have to be booked in advance.**

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Cosy restaurants in picturesque timber-framed houses in the old town centre and in the suburbs attract both inhabitants as visitors from afar.

## 3 HINTS FOR EXPLORING THE RUHR AREA



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### 1. RENT A BIKE

Explore Hattingen, its places of interest, the surrounding area, the Ruhr and old railway lines leisurely by rental bike. Whether it concerns short sightseeing tours, day tours or a whole weekend – In cooperation with Fahrrad Wurm, Hattingen offers rental city and trekking bikes besides e-bikes (pedelecs) with various frame styles and sizes.

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### 2. VISIT THE RAILWAY MUSEUM

The Railway Museum Bochum is one of the largest private museums of its type in Germany today. Since 1977 the museum is based on the site of an old locomotive depot built during World War I. Its most striking features are the roundhouse with 14 tracks and the water tower (still in use).

can be seen as well as significant passenger and freight cars. Many exhibits are rarities. In some cases they have been saved from scrapping. Some of them are - according to what is known - the last remaining exemplars.

**They offer guided tours.**

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On the 46.000 square metres area are displayed more than 120 historical railway vehicles. They give a comprehensive overview of the development of German locomotives and carriages from 1853 up to the present. Important and trend-setting locomotive types



Foto: Bochumer Symphoniker

### 3. VISIT BOCHUMER SYMPHONIKER

The transformation of the church into both a foyer and a performance venue is an essential part of the architectural concept. This allows the church to be the centerpiece of both the architectural design and its function. Already when you walk in, it is as if you are being welcomed into a big and beautiful livingroom for the arts. The challenge was to design a concert hall, in which the acoustically successful "shoebox"-form is combined with an active participation between audience and performers. The Musikforum is meant to be not only a

home for the orchestra, but also a place where the entire musical life of the city can be reflected and stimulated. A magnet for music and art.

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