

# COLOGNE

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**YOUR ULTIMATE  
TRAVEL GUIDE**

*CURATED BY  
LOCAL EXPERTS*



# Welcome to Cologne Germany!

## Explore Cologne with help from local experts

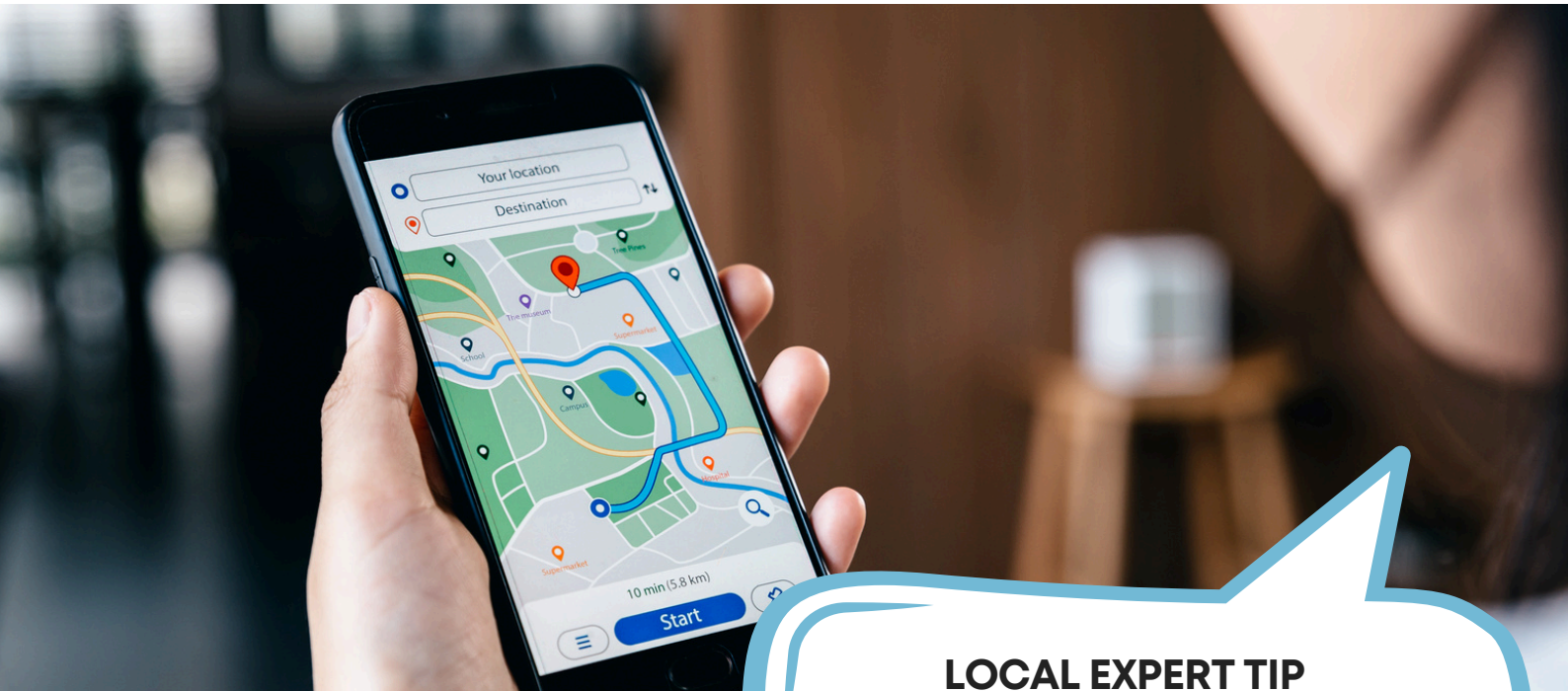


This travel guide was created by the tour guide team at Art of Touring to support our guests in exploring Cologne independently after our guided tours. We have curated these suggestions to show off the best that Cologne has to offer on a short visit.



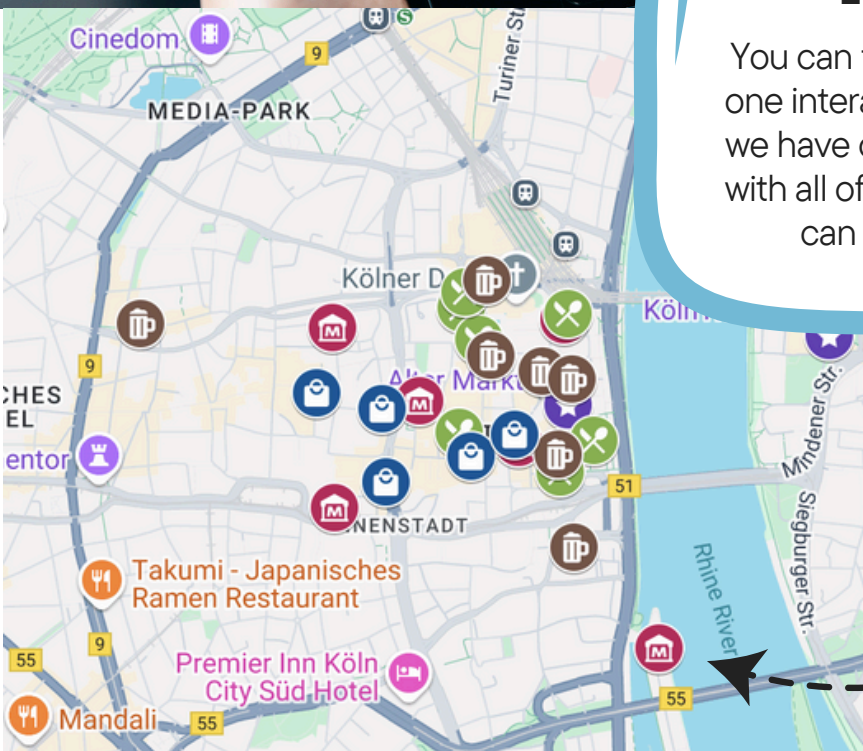


# Access Our Google Map



## LOCAL EXPERT TIP

You can find all of these suggestions in one interactive & easy to use location -- we have created a [custom Google Map](#) with all of these local tips pinned so you can easily navigate on the go.





# Tasting Cologne

## 3 Classic German Cafes for Cake & Coffee

### CAFE LUDWIG

Located inside the Museum Ludwig, this airy cafe has a wide selection of sweet & savory options

### CAFE REICHARD

Amazing location in front of the cathedral. Cakes & sweets are especially nice.

### CAFE EIGEL

Locally loved spot with a tempting assortment of German cakes. Nice seasonal window displays.



### LOCAL EXPERT TIP

Cake and coffee is a customary afternoon practice for Germans. Black Forest Cake is NOT common in this region. Instead, a typical order would be an Apple Cake or Cheesecake.





# Quick Bites & Street Food

Looking for  
something fast on  
the go?



## PRETZELS

Typically bought at bakeries.  
Cologne has a sweet variety called  
*Nugetbretzel* which is glazed &  
topped with sliced almonds

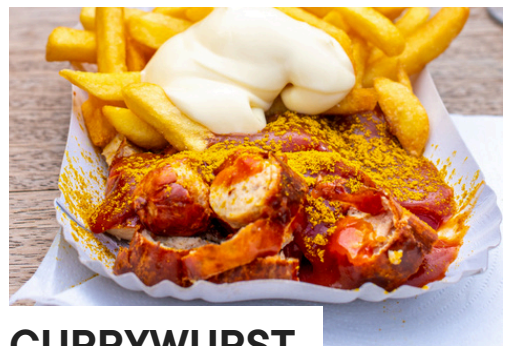
**Where to Go:** [Bakery Merzenich](#)



## REIBEKUCHEN

Fried crispy German potato  
pancakes, served with applesauce  
or sour cream.

**Where to Go:** [Rievkoochebud](#)



## CURRYWURST

Sliced bratwurst smothered in a  
BBQ-style curry sauce & served  
with fries

**Where to Go:** [Pommes Imperium](#)



## DÖNER KEBAB

Turkish-German pita sandwich with  
rotisserie meat, fresh veggies and  
sauces.

**Where to Go:** [Mangal](#)





# Drink Kölsch Beer

## LOCAL EXPERT TIP

A typical snack to eat with Kölsch is *halve hahn*, a rye bread roll with a large slice of gouda cheese



## Where to Find the Best Beer Halls

### FRÜH

One of the most famous names in Kölsch beer in a massive space

### GAFFEL

Very close to the cathedral

### MALZMÜHLE

One of only two breweries still brewing in its original location

### PETERS

Best pub food with great Kölsch

### PÄFFGEN

Longest running brewery in the original location. They don't bottle the beer, so you can only try it in person

### SION

Oldest brewery in Cologne with the friendliest waiters (Köbes)







# Museums

**Calling all  
culture vultures  
to these  
museums**



## CHOCOLATE MUSEUM

Take a journey through the history & production of chocolate, including a functional chocolate factory inside



## MUSEUM LUDWIG

Showcase of modern & contemporary art, featuring iconic works from Picasso to Pop Art and beyond.



## NS-DOK / EL-DE HAUS

A sobering memorial and research center documenting Cologne's Nazi history and the impact of totalitarianism.





WHAT TO DO



# Museums

**Dive deeper into  
the 2,000 year  
history of  
Cologne**



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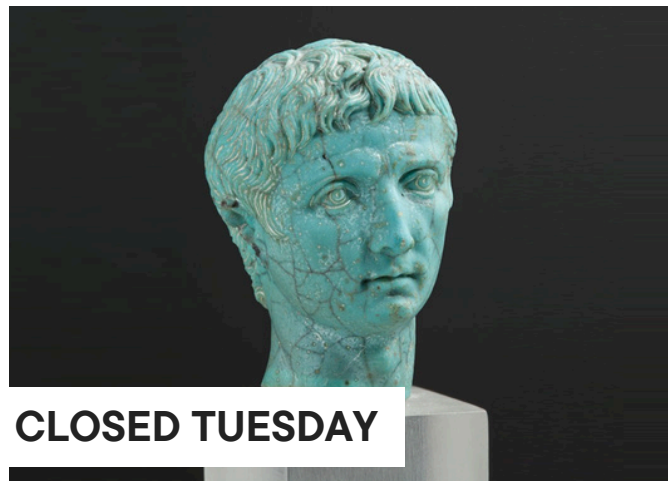


## **KOLUMBA**

Fusion of art, archaeology, and spirituality, blending historical ruins with contemporary & religious art.

## **WALLRAF-RICHARTZ-MUSEUM**

European art spanning the Middle Ages to the 19th century, with masterpieces from Gothic to Impressionism.



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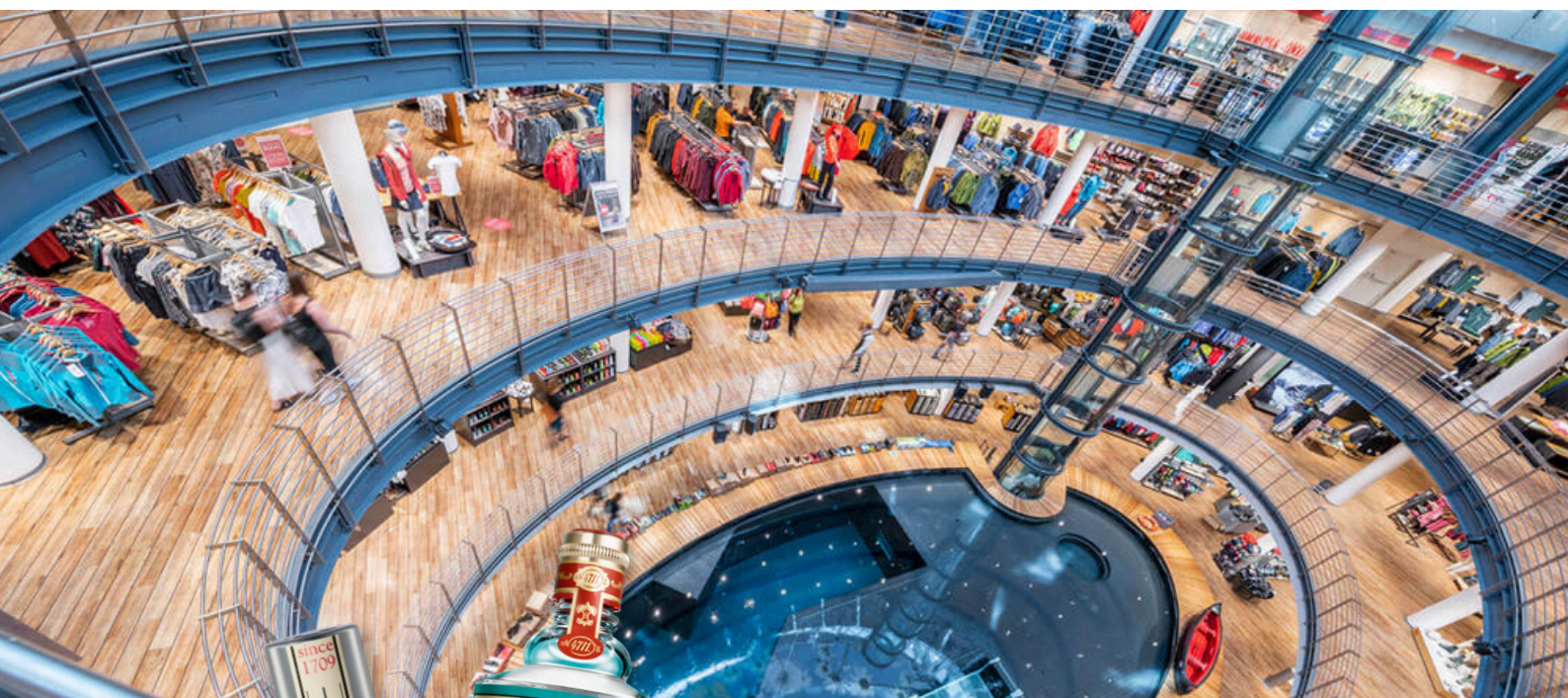
## **ROMAN GERMANIC IN BELGISCHES HAUS**

Explore Cologne's rich Roman heritage, showcasing archaeological finds that connect the city's past with its present.





# Shop Til You Drop



## LOCAL EXPERT TIP

You can buy the world's first EVER Eau de Cologne fragrance at the original fragrance brands: **4711** and **Farina**. Both have flagship stores in Cologne's Old Town.

## SHOPPING STREETS

### HOHESTRASSE

Cologne's High street with shops ranging from luxury goods & electronics to candy & chocolate

### SCHILDERGASSE

Pedestrian shopping area with major international clothing brands

### BREITESTRASSE

Pedestrian shopping area with local boutiques & brands

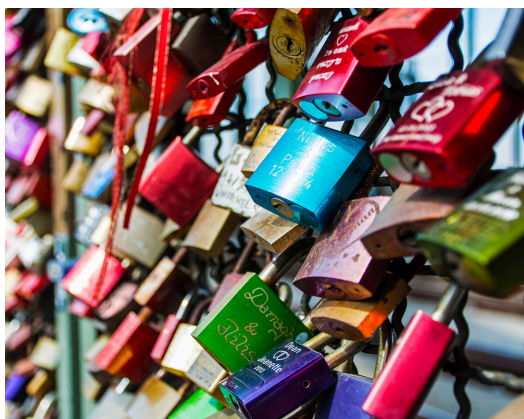




# Views of Cologne

## Experience a New Perspective

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### LOVE LOCK BRIDGE

Beloved rail & pedestrian bridge with thousands of colorful love locks. Offers a great view of the Cologne Cathedral.

**Best Enjoyed:** Around sunset

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### COLOGNE TRIANGLE

Observation deck with 360° panoramic viewing platform on the 29th floor for stunning views of Cologne.

**Tickets & Hours**

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### TIME RIDE VR EXPERIENCE

Immersive virtual reality attraction that takes visitors back to 1926, experiencing Cologne before World War II. The experience lasts 45 minutes. This is family friendly attraction for all ages.

**Tickets & Hours**





# Getting Outside

## Enjoy Cologne's Greener Side

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### CABLE CAR

Floating high above the Rhine, this cable car ride offers aerial views and connects the city's zoo with the Rhine Park.

**Tickets & Prices**

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### FLORA BOTANIC GARDENS

Free to enter, these landscaped botanical gardens have exotic plants, vibrant flowerbeds, and greenhouses.

**Best Enjoyed:** in Springtime

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### GRÜNGÜRTEL BIKE RIDE

This scenic 12km cycling route through Cologne's Green Belt, a vast network of parks and forests that encircle the city.

Hourly bike rentals can be accessed using apps like **NextBike** or **KVB Rad** or daily rentals are available at the Radstation under the train station.



# THANK YOU!



We hope these suggestions empower you to explore Cologne with confidence and we hope you fall in love with our city.



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