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*There are many good reasons for coming to Monheim am Rhein. The fascinating position and scenery along the Rhine definitely are among the best reasons. Situated between Düsseldorf and Cologne, the town looks back on a history which dates back hundreds of years. Monheim is also on its best way to a great future! Especially in the field of tourism we look forward to some exciting new developments. What is still to come, what is here to stay, who we were, who we are and why you just have to visit our town as soon as tomorrow already, is all summed up in this flyer.
A warm welcome to Monheim am Rhein!*

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Daniel Zimmermann (Mayor)

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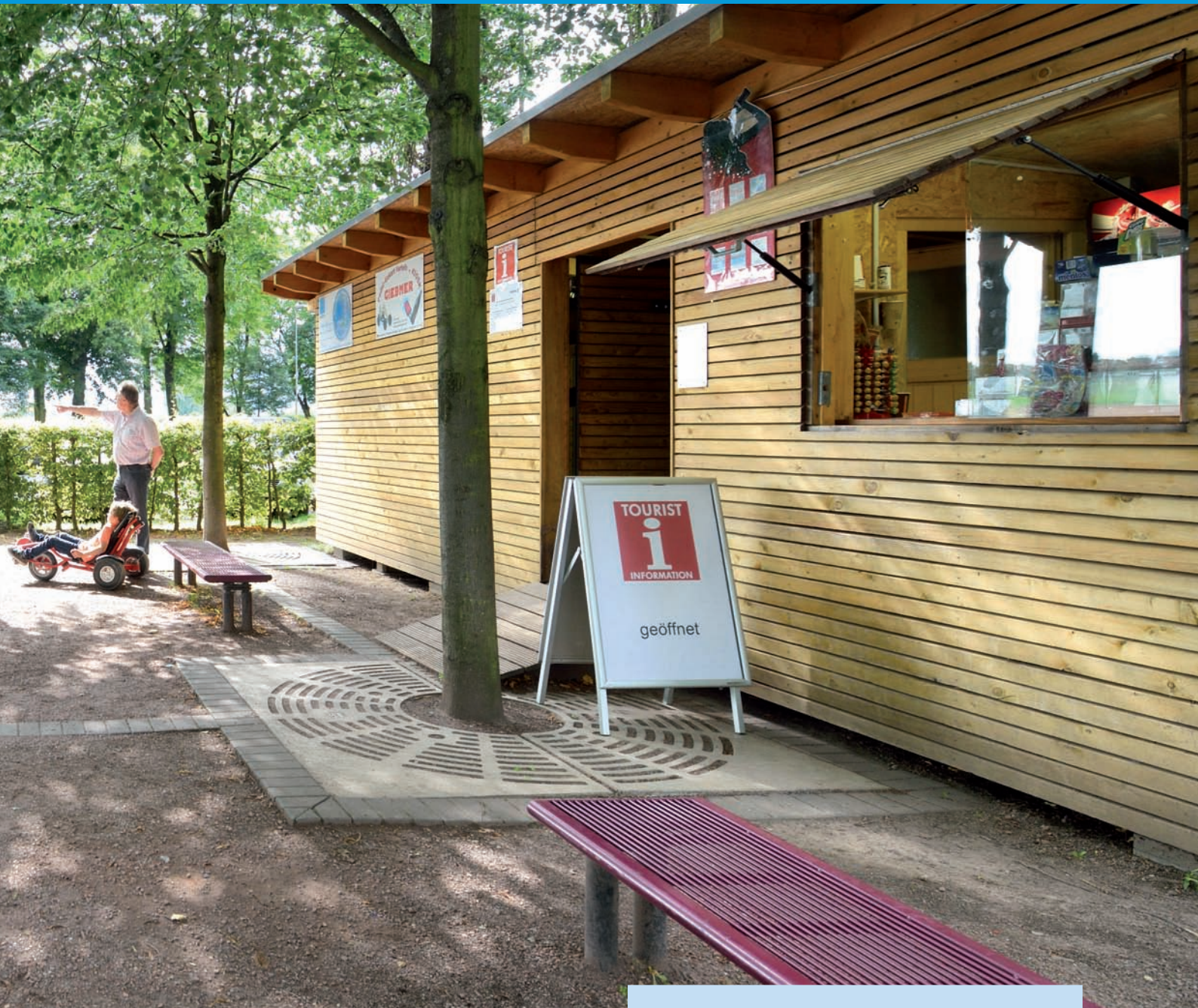
The "Gänseliesel" (Goosegirl) in our town coat of arms puts her forefinger on her lips and admonishes the cackling goose to be quiet. What is meant by that is obvious: discretion is most important.

Maybe that is the reason why the beauty of the Rhineland scenery in Monheim and the charm of our old town are secret tips for excursions to the green Neanderland.

In the following we will put the maxim of our Goosegirl out of action in order to show you what you can experience here in Monheim am Rhein. Our cycle-friendly and child-friendly town offers ideal prerequisites for weekend excursions into nature and more still: Surrounded by nature reserves flanked by the Rhine and the Bergisch region and adorned with our beautiful old town, everyone can have enjoyable, active hours and be especially close to nature.

The two suburbs, Monheim and Baumberg, together have a population of 43,000. Our town lies right between the Rhine Metropolises of Cologne and Düsseldorf.

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dorf and can be easily reached by car on the A59, the A3 or the A542. Using public transport also enables excursionists to reach Monheim am Rhein with ease: The S-trains from Cologne and Düsseldorf stop in Langenfeld and Düsseldorf-Hellerhof. Buses run regularly between the train stations and our town centre.

When arriving, visitors can go to one of our two Tourist Information Centres: They can be found at the foot of our old town or in the shopping mall Monheimer Tor, directly at the bus terminus. Here you can get information and then start your experience using gocarts, bikes or Segways.

Tip

When you leave for your adventure tour, don't forget to go past our Goosegirl fountain and pay a visit to the figure on our town coat of arms. By the way, our smartphone app "Citisafari" also leads you straight there.



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Monnem dat bliet Monnem
Monheim remains Monheim
un litt am schöne Rhing.
and lies on the beautiful Rhine.
Monnem dat bliet Monnem
Monheim remains Monheim
su muss et immer sin.
and so it must always be.
Monnem ist auf dieser Welt
Monheim is the town in the world
die Stadt die mir
that I will always like best.
et bess jefällt.

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(In Monheim dialect)

Emil Drösser

6 | 7 Journey through Time

A stroll through the Monheim old town is highly recommended, whether on a guided tour or on your own. Knowledgeable guides give tourists a lot of information. Adults and children can do a tour using the "Citisafari" app on their smartphones.

The collection of local history in the Deusser Haus, the Roman Museum at Haus Bürgel, as well as the interactive chronicle, MonChronik, a get-up of the town's history found at characteristic sights, all offer more historic

information. Put yourself back into another era, allow yourself to be surprised and smile at some amusing historical facts!

The oldest sources go back more than 850 years. A document dating 1157 says that a person called "willehelm de munheim" (Wilhelm von Monheim) exchanged a plot of land with the Diocese of Gereon in Cologne. Since 1307 at least, Monheim am Rhein, which had already been fortified by the Counts of Berg in 1275, had also been in



possession of market rights, which speaks for the importance of the town at that time. The climax of the development between 1390 and 1408 was when Monheim was promoted to the status of Freiheit (District). The Alte Freiheit (Old District), as Monheim is still known as today, is at the same time a young town - the Town Charter was only granted in 1960.

The 600-year-old Schelmenturm (Rogue's Tower), whose archway forms the central entrance to the town, is remaining evidence of the old fortifications. For a time the tower was used as a prison. This is where the name comes from because Schelm (rogue) used to be the expression used for a criminal.

Tips

> End your journey through time in one of the cosy cafés or restaurants in our picturesque old town.

> Use the QR-Code access for the smartphone app "Citisafari" in Monheim am Rhein.



Further historical buildings and landmarks include the Catholic church St. Gereon, the Protestant old town church, the Marienkapelle (Mary's Chapel), which is situated directly at the Rhine, the Chapel of St. Josef at the former Voigtshof, the Marienburg (Maria Castle) in its surrounding park, as well as Laach Palace, Haus Bürgel and St. Dionysius Church, which all lie beyond the town centre.



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After your historical stroll, it's time to relax. The Marienburg (Maria Castle) is a neo-Gothic building. Its main optical axis faces the Rhine and its pasture landscape. The Marienburg park, with its giant redwood tree, the grotto and the pavillion, is worth a visit. Filled picnic baskets are available from the Tourist Information Office at the foot of the old town. Make yourself comfortable on the meadows and enjoy a picnic. You can also book a course at the Grill-Academy, which is in the coachman's house at the castle. Over a small boardwalk you are led

through the parklands, beyond the street, into the Rheinbogen (a bend in the Rhine), where you can stroll along the sculpture path Archos Paningenius. In 2002 The Marienburg Park and this area of the Rheinbogen were a part of the decentralized Landesgartenschau (regional horticultural show), within the framework of the Euroga (European Garden Show). Today the park is part of the Strasse der Gartenkunst (Street of Garden Art) between the rivers Rhine and Maas.

Enjoyment and tradition are well-cherished in Monheim am Rhein. On Weiberfastnacht (women's carnival day) it is not water that bubbles out of the Bibbibrunnen (fountain) at the Doll Eck (square where carnival is celebra-



ted), but beer. Incidentally, the tradition of beer-brewing in Monheim goes a long way back. The Peters & Bambeck Brewery brewed Kölsch (Cologne beer) and Alt (Düsseldorf beer) under the same roof until 2004. Today there are still numerous cosy beer gardens and pubs which bear witness to this brewing tradition. We Monheimers live on the so-called Rhine Beer Equator: Kölsch and Alt on one table - that is only possible here!

Top-fermented beers (Ale) are a part of Rhineland tradition, as are carnival, St. Martin's processions and other traditional celebrations. Monheimers are born with the cheerfulness of the Rhineland. Carnival, with its Royal Couple and Rose Monday procession, the Schürefest

Regular Events

Carnival	February/March
Spring Festival	March
Town Festival (Gänseliesel market and race)	June
Midsummer Festival	June
Children's Festival	June
Rhine-Rock-Festival	June/July
Old Town Publicans' Festival	July
MEGA Old Town Festival	August
September Festival	September
St. Martin's Market	November
St. Nicholas Market	December
Christmas Market	December

Please enquire about the current dates at the Tourist Information Office and on our schedule at www.monheim.de

(Stoker Festival), the annual Gänselieselmarkt (flea market since 1977) and the Gänseliesellauf (fun run, since 1985) are celebrated extensively. In addition to that, the Spielmann (a figure from an old Monheim legend) comes over the Rhine to his Gänseliesel (Goosegirl) every year in September. Here a legendary figure has been united with the Monheim coat of arms figure every year since 1955 and they are heavily involved with Monheim's carnival.



Tip

Take the ferry from Düsseldorf-Urdenbach across to Zons for an excursion. The old fortified customs house from the 14th century is situated on the opposite side of the Rhine. The historical town centre is remarkably well-preserved and is a unique example of a fortified medieval town in the Rhineland. From Zons you can take a circular route along the Rhine in the direction of Dormagen and then come back to Monheim with the "Piwipper Böttchen". For other excursions you can also take the ferry in the neighbouring town, Hitdorf.

Have a Look ...

From the MonBerg (man-made mountain) or perhaps from the Rhine embankment you can allow yourself a view over the promenade along the Neanderland and the landscape along the Rhine. Here in Monheim you are very close to our "Father Rhine", the biggest river, with the most water, in Germany. With a length of approximately 1230 km, the Rhine is one of the most important waterways in Europe. On the right side of the Rhine, (between kilometres 707 and 717), you will find

Monheim am Rhein, surrounded by a charming pasture landscape, which leaves no desire for nature-bound outdoor activities unfulfilled.

Get on your bike or put on your hiking shoes! Using the many walking paths and cycle paths, explore the Neanderland STEIG, for example, the Rheinradweg (Rhine cycle path) or the fascinating pasture landscape with its cultural scenery in the Monheim bend of the Rhine,



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*I had time to look at the wide countryside,
over cabbage and leek fields, over pastures and poplars, the dyke and the
scrubby meadows and grazing land
beyond, over the Rhine and beyond the Rhine, past the ferry house Piwipp,
over the "Kämpen" (meadowlands in Urdenbach) and fields,
along to the horizon.*
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Ulla Hahn (*1945, grew up in Monheim am Rhein), writer and poet
Source: "Das verborgene Wort", Deutsche Verlags-Anstalt, München 2001, p. 105

which begins directly opposite the gates of the old town. The Monheim Rhine Dyke is 3,500 metres long and protects the town from flooding. In front of the dyke, behind it and on top of it, there is a local recreational area for everyone, with the old dyke system at the edge of the water, fields and fruit orchards, hedgerows, willow and poplar trees. Horse paddocks and meadows with shaggy cattle line the paths.

Hérons poke at frogs, pheasants cross the paths, the cuckoo calls from its tree and birds of prey circle high above. The Neanderland STEIG, a cooperational project between Monheim am Rhein and the Neanderland,
















which promotes tourism in the district of Mettmann, leads along the Rhine and then on little paths through meadows near the water's edge. Coming from the bend in the Rhine, the walking path takes you along the Rhine promenade, past the Piwipper Böttchen (our pedestrian and bike ferry across to Dormagen), to Baumberg and in the direction of Haus Bürgel.

Please note that the Piwipper Böttchen only operates in season.


















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Feel & Taste Nature

The Neanderland STEIG leads along the former canal tow path in Baumberg right through the middle of the woods, the Baumberg pastures and the Urdenbacher Kämpe. Here a totally different and unique Rhine landscape reveals itself. You can experience it with all five senses and even taste it along the way. The pasture woods, with their huge poplar trees, reach right down to the meadows along the embankment and the pebble beaches of the Rhine. Ancient willow trees line the course of the Rhine. Their roots have been flooded numerous times - a beautiful, but bizarre sight.

For thousands of years the Rhine has been flooding this intact nature reserve in the unprotected areas of the Baumberg pastures and the Urdenbacher Kämpe. This is one of the last areas along the course of the lower Rhine, which has been preserved in its natural state and is home to numerous endangered species. Many rare birds, such as the oriole, the icterine warbler or the kingfisher can be observed further inland on the renaturalised arm of the Old Rhine. Green woodpeckers and little owls also breed in the old willow and fruit trees. The trees in the nature reserve offer numerous species of insects and

bats an optimal habitat. Rare plants, such as the autumn crocus, thrive on the damp pastures and weasels, polecats and hedgehogs feel at home in the Kämpe. The best way to enjoy this celebration of nature is on the attractive walking paths of the district project "Auenblicke".

In the orchards there are 21 sorts of pear trees and 26 sorts of apple trees, amongst others also the famous Kaiser Wilhelm apple. In the spring especially, when the trees are in full blossom, it is very beautiful here. You can enroll on one of the numerous nature tours at the Biological Station at Haus Bürgel, which is located in the idyllic manor house of the former Roman castle of Haus Bürgel. Besides other nature conservation tasks, the Biological Station also organizes the maintenance, harvest and subsequent processing of the fruit trees. Be it fresh fruit, naturally cloudy apple juice, local honey or fruit brandy, everything comes fresh from the producer and can be bought locally (as long as supplies last!). In this way you can take a piece of Monheim home with you or for your friends.



Tip

Within Monheim am Rhein there are several farm shops and seasonal stands, where fresh, natural food products are offered by the growers themselves (see map and web links).

The most beautiful kilometres of the Neanderland STEIG lead through Monheim am Rhein. And I don't only say that because it is near my home town Cologne. But walking along Father Rhine just happens to be the best. And I hope that in the near future many people from Cologne and other guests will take the Hitdorf-Langel ferry or come from the Bergisches Land region in order to see what a wonderful natural and cultural treasure there is right at their doorstep.

Rambler Manuel Andrack
at the opening of the Monheim part of the neanderland STEIG





Feel & Taste History

For thousands of years the landscape in the floodplains between Monheim am Rhein and Düsseldorf was repeatedly subject to drastic changes. The old arm of the Rhine on the northern edge of the Urdenbacher Kämpe, as well as a dip in the ground are evidence of such a drastic change. After a great flood in the 14th century, the wild river changed the course of its bed, resulting in parts of the Urdenbacher Kämpe and Haus Bürgel being on the other side of the river.

Today there is a street along the former bed of the river. A dip in the ground shortly before Haus Bürgel is an indication of this. These days the horses of Reuter's Cart Horse Breeding Station, amongst others, graze on the green areas of the former river bed.

The history of Haus Bürgel goes back a long way. In order to protect themselves from the warlike Germanic tribes, the Romans built a solid fort in the 4th century. There



Tips

- > You can find further children's and family friendly offers at the Biological Station and the Roman Museum.
- > You can book a carriage ride or a covered wagon trip through the Urdenbacher Kämpe with the Reuter family. Benrath Castle, in the south of Düsseldorf, is very close by and is worth a visit. The grand pipedream of a castle, completed in 1770, which is surrounded by historical gardens and a park with water installations, can be viewed on a guided tour.

were altogether twelve watchtowers in the outer walls. Today the Roman Museum in Haus Bürgel brings the almost 2000-year-old history of the Roman fort back to life. In eight exhibit rooms the archeological findings, models and showcases illustrate the Roman past. The exhibition is supplemented by an outdoor path, which follows the fort walls to the excavation sites and to a historic kitchen garden. On a children's tour, the Roman herb garden, for example, changes into a magical garden.

Rue, coriander and green celery are old Roman herbs, which, together with garlic, sheep's milk cheese and salt make a delicious Roman sandwich spread called More-

tum. You can find these herbs in the Roman herb garden and the recipe for Moretum in the recipe book of the Biological Station. This is history which can be tasted.





Be Active

For you as an active visitor, Monheim am Rhein has a lot to offer in addition to the already described nature reserve and recreation areas. For children, teenagers and fun-loving sportspersons, the skater park with a half-pipe, which is to be incorporated into the Landschaftspark Rheinbogen (landscape park), will surely be a special attraction. Sports fans with their skateboards and rollerblades will be able to let off steam. Right next

to the skater park is an adventure playground, which offers plenty to play with, craftwork and building activities, suitable for children. The playground is under pedagogical supervision and offers various outdoor adventure activities. Right next door you will find our Tourist Information Office and Giebner's Gocart Rental.

Young and old people can find sport and enjoyment in the Knipprath Forest, on the lawns in many parks and at the numerous lakes nearby. On the border between Baumberg and Langenfeld you can go waterskiing or wakeboarding or enjoy the natural bathing beach there.

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In addition to the variety of activities on offer in Monheim am Rhein, there is also our swimming pool "mona mare". The all-weather pool, with indoor and outdoor areas, offers six different swimming pools with attractions and entertainment. Besides this, there is an enticing 65 metre long giant slide. For relaxing there is also a lawn for sunbathing with a big playground, a sun deck with a children's water landscape to play in and a winter garden with chairs and sun-beds at your disposal. The wellness offer is rounded off with a sauna area with a pergola, as well as different massage treatments.

Visiting Monheim am Rhein is not only worth it in good weather. If the sun decides to hide away, you can have fun and games at the Bowling Centre. Covering an area of 3200 square metres, there are 22 bowling alleys and 22 billiard tables for recreational sport. For whoever wants more action, you can let off steam in the Paintball Centre, which covers an indoor area of 4500 square metres and has three different playscapes.

Stay

After an adventurous day you can find lovely peace and quiet in Monheim am Rhein. There are numerous restaurants with regional, national and international

food, which will take care of your physical well-being. Cosy beer gardens in the old town, at the riverside or in the town, invite you to stay for a while.

Our town also has several friendly and hospitable hotels with fine cuisine and a wonderful view of the Rhine.

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Tip

Stay a while longer with us and let your adventurous day end with a cultural event offered at Marke Monheim. Later you can enjoy the view over the Rhine and the reflection of the sunset in the water.



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*And then it lay before me, the dark, sparkling waterway,
my Aquarius: the one who swallows my worries,
my comforter in sorrow, the one who devours my anger,
my faithful vagabond, my dependable roamer, my Rhine.*
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Ulla Hahn (*1945, grew up in Monheim am Rhein, writer and poet
Source: "Das verborgene Wort", Deutsche Verlags-Anstalt, München 2001, p. 105

Further Links

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