



# Welcome to Gelsenkirchen



Gelsenkirchen

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Gelsenkirchen main railway station is well connected to Deutsche Bahn's intercity network.

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

## More 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 270,000 residents from a variety of different cultures. Although Gelsenkirchen is still a new city, it already has an eventful history. Insights into this can be found at [www.gelsenkirchen.de](http://www.gelsenkirchen.de).

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# ULTRA MARIN



Just make  
it **blue**



Gelsenkirchen and the colour blue belong together. Yes. But it's not the royal blue of FC Schalke 04, as many football fans would like to think. 'Gelsenkirchen blue' is ultramarine. That's the colour of the stylised G in the city's logo. And of the Sponge Relief by artist Yves Klein in the Musiktheater im Revier.

Surprised? The colour blue is encountered frequently in Gelsenkirchen. For example, the swabbed blue shades of artist Eva-Maria Joerssen in the foyer of the machine hall at the long since closed Rheinelbe Colliery. Or the luminescent blue of the artistically arranged pumping station on the site of the former Nordstern Colliery. In Gelsenkirchen even a spherical gas holder gets turned into a work of art, for which artist Rolf Glasmeier could not forgo the colour blue. Artist Markus Lüpertz also picked blue when he created the monumental sculpture of Hercules up on high directly beside the pithead tower of the former Nordstern Colliery.

Blue is the colour of choice whenever the historic city hall tower, the futuristic science park and



Swabbed,  
luminescent or  
shimmering –  
but always  
**blue**



many other landmarks get illuminated. The shimmering blue of solar cells is found in many places in and around the city. Visible from afar is the large solar sail next to the VELTINS Arena.

The colour that rules here is royal blue. In one of Europe's most modern temples to the beautiful game, football is regularly celebrated, including as a venue for UEFA EURO 2024. However, it's not just the vociferous fans that create a great atmosphere in the arena. Ed Sheeran, U2, Depeche Mode, Bruce Springsteen, Metallica, Herbert Grönemeyer, Helene Fischer and Taylor Swift are just some of the stars that have thrilled the crowds here.



Slide out the pitch, close the roof and – hey presto! – the VELTINS Arena is a venue for biathlon or ice hockey.

On any journey into the blue there is a lot to discover in Gelsenkirchen. Anyone looking deeper into the history of the city will find out that within 'Gelsenkirchen blue' there is indeed a due shot of royal blue. The documentary film 'Schuss ins Blau' (Shot into the Blue) shows that in 1958 it was two shades of blue that had the city buzzing with excitement. That year the Royal Blues of FC Schalke 04 won their last German Championship title to date and French artist Yves Klein created his ultramarine blue Sponge Relief in the Musiktheater. A coincidence? No. In Gelsenkirchen football and art belong together, just like the colour blue belongs to the city.



**More on the blue  
city**

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# Culture and nature on former collieries

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# Born on coal

Once these were huge industrial sites, 'forbidden towns' in the middle of the city, surrounded by walls. Heavy freight wagons used to rumble here along a criss-crossing network of tracks.

And now? Structural transformation has seen the walls around the collieries and steel works come down. Nature has reconquered the area, producing industrial woods and parklands.

The erstwhile cathedrals of labour are today impressive locations for a multitude of entertainment and leisure activities, enjoyed in real style at the annual ExträSchicht.

Very much embodying entertainment culture is – as the name suggests – the Kulturgebiet Consol. In the shadows of Consolidation Colliery there once stood the birthplace of FC Schalke 04. Today in the Consol Theater young actors and actresses aspire to get their big breakthrough, while music groups practice for their next show. The Kulturgebiet and Consol Theater are venues for music festivals, recital evenings, drama and also the 'Kulturpicknick auf Consol' picnic event. Things get sporty in the Consol.Park with its facilities for the latest hip sports. The historical heritage is fostered in the colliery's former machine houses. To be found inside the southern machine house is Europe's largest steam-driven hauling machine, which is fired up every first Sunday of the month. In the northern machine house the Werner Thiel art installation collection takes an artistic look at mining in Gelsenkirchen's biggest walk-through work of art.



# The Ruhrgebiet's largest industrial woodland

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'.





## The lovely little sister

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 the neighbouring city of 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 provide for 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 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.

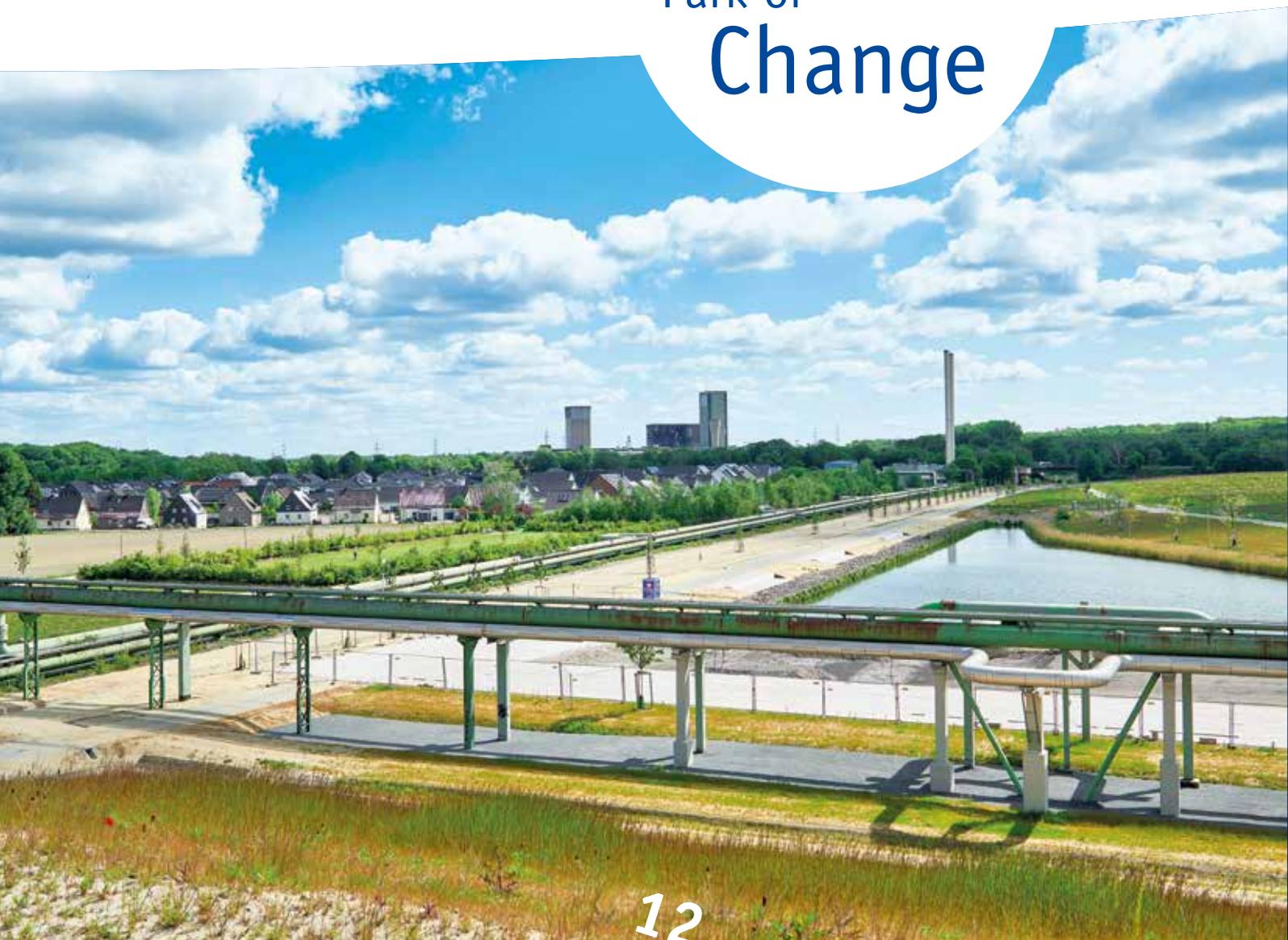
Where once coal was loaded, an amphitheatre now invites you to enjoy cultural entertainment. Just a few steps away, the White Fleet's passenger ship sets off on its journey down the Rhine-Herne Canal.





# Glückaufpark

Park of  
Change

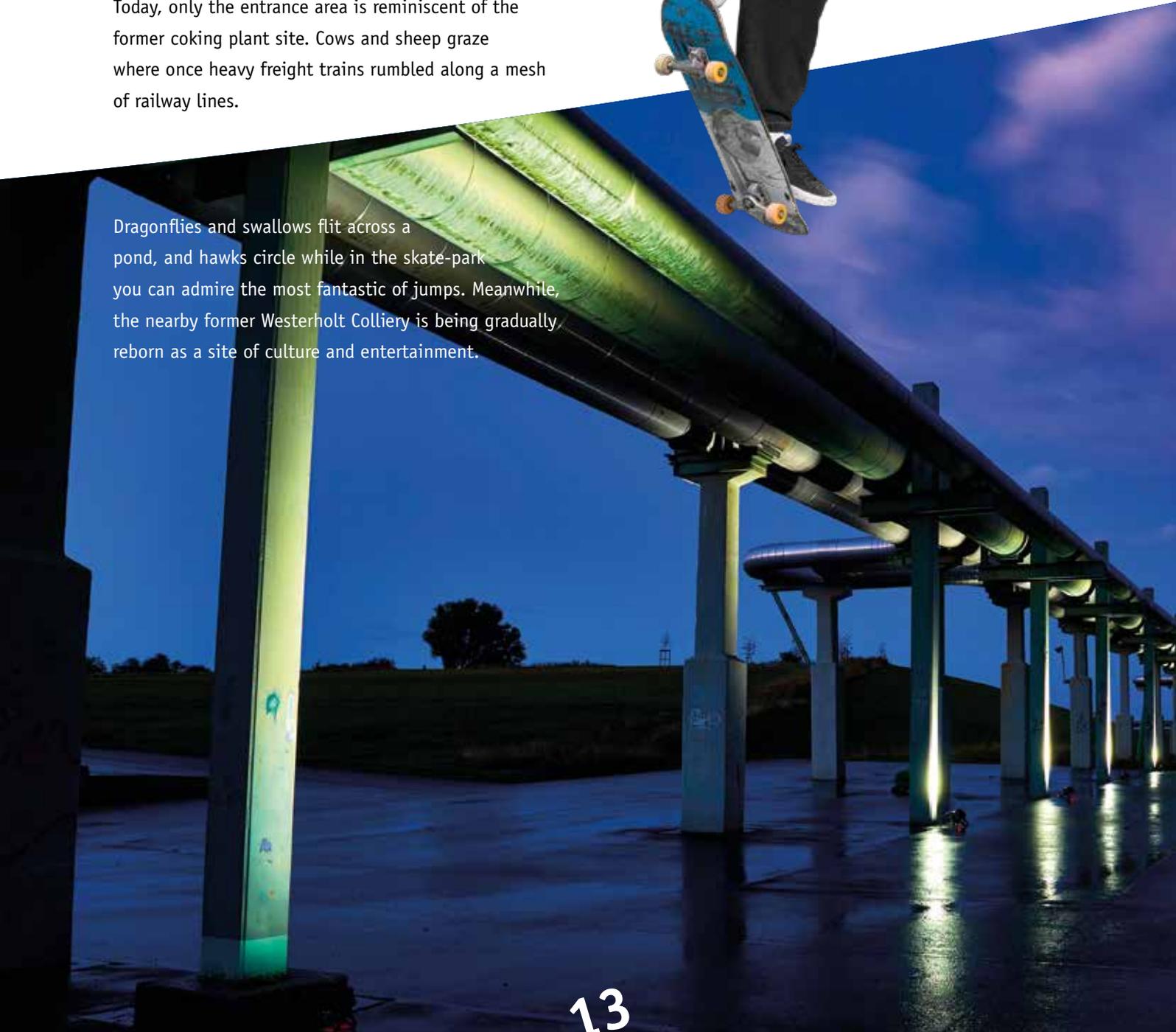




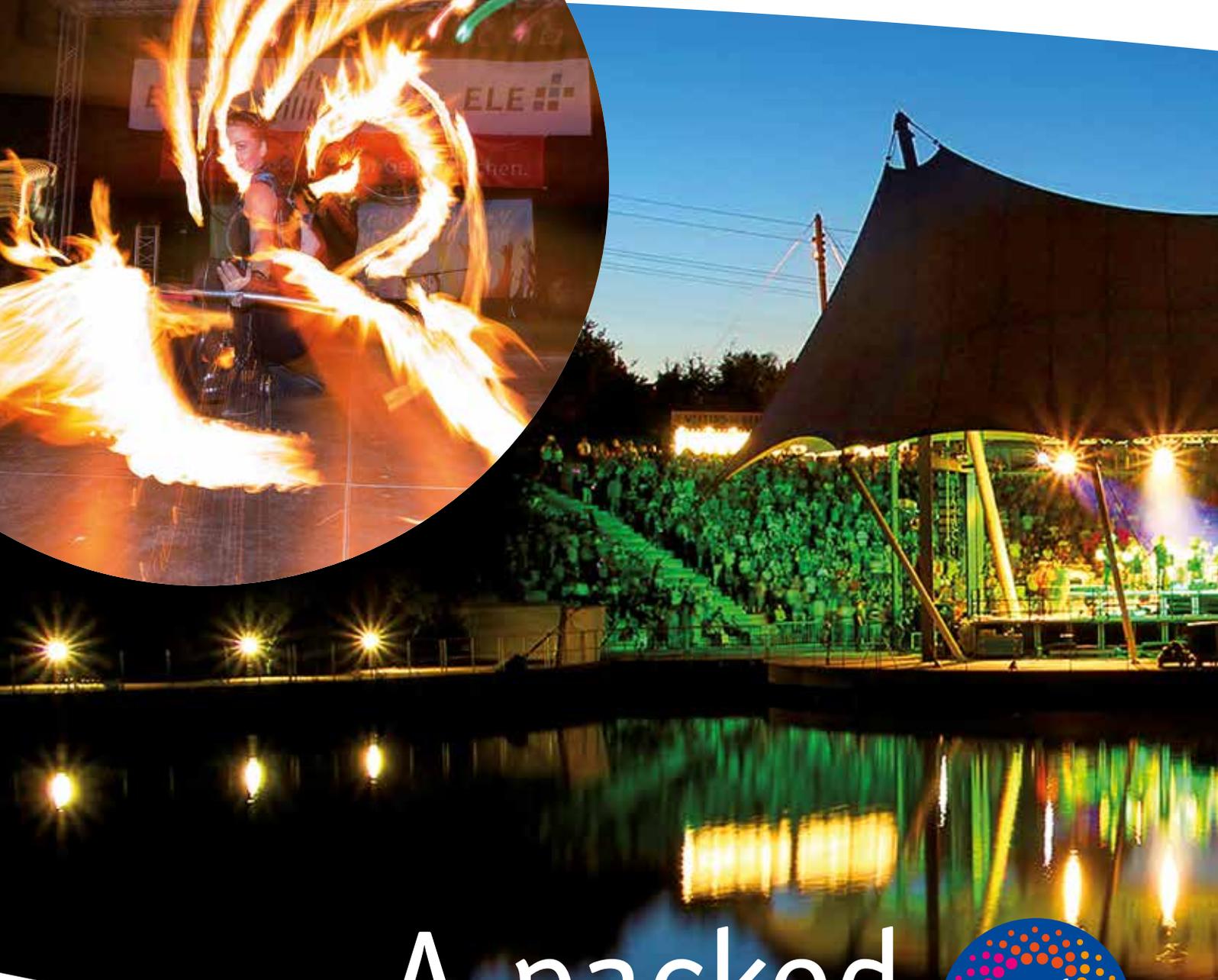
'Glückauf', a familiar greeting among German miners, became the name of this still very new park in the north of the city.

Today, only the entrance area is reminiscent of the former coking plant site. Cows and sheep graze where once heavy freight trains rumbled along a mesh of railway lines.

Dragonflies and swallows flit across a pond, and hawks circle while in the skate-park you can admire the most fantastic of jumps. Meanwhile, the nearby former Westerholt Colliery is being gradually reborn as a site of culture and entertainment.



In Gelsenkirchen a 'packed programme' really means a packed programme! Month after month artists appear in Gelsenkirchen at numerous venues, including at some very unusual and special locations. At the amphitheatre beside the Rhine-Herne Canal, the Musiktheater im Revier (MiR), the Kulturgebiet



# A packed programme



Consol, the summer festival at Schloss Berge and elsewhere, Gelsenkirchen offers something for everyone in a full programme of entertainment every year.

The MiR is probably the most beautiful opera house in the region.

Nor is it just a venue for opera and operetta. Ballet and light entertainment music are performed there as well. The opera house's ballet work has won many awards. The MiR repeatedly thrills audiences with its dramatisations and creates surprises with sounds that you might not expect to hear there – such as steam punk, for example.

The opera house owes its unmistakable character to the integration of architecture and fine arts. The MiR was designed by the architect Werner Ruhнау.





# Loud sounds and soft tones

Soft and loud tones are also to be heard in the Heilig-Kreuz-Kirche (Holy Cross Church) and in the 'Kaue'. The former church is, like the Hans-Sachs-Haus, a building in the style of brick expressionism. The Kaue has a mining past and was the pithead wash house of the Wilhelmine Victoria Colliery.

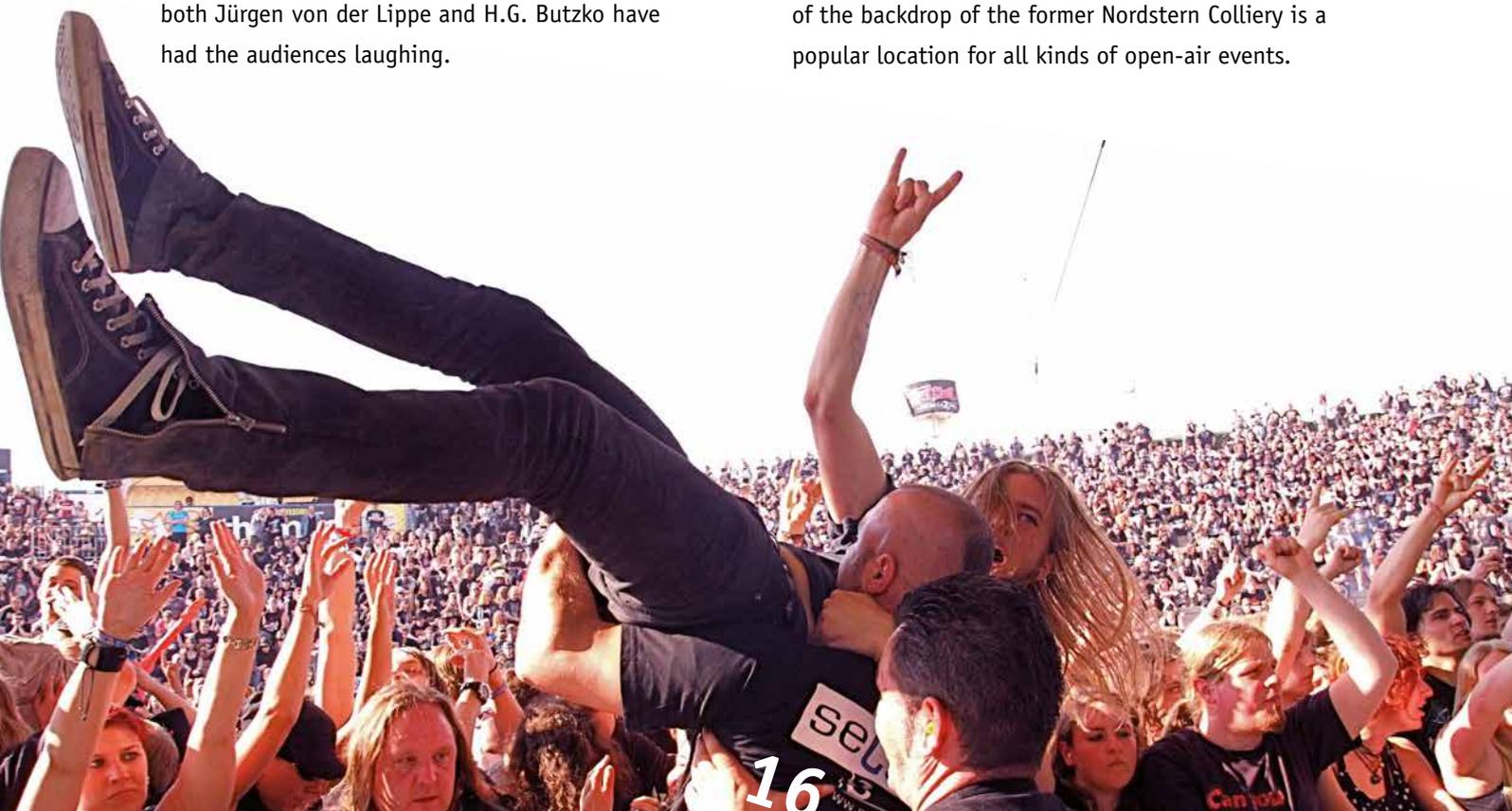
A venue of a very special kind is the VELTINS Arena auf Schalke. It is not just a place of pilgrimage for football fans. Push out the pitch, close the roof and, hey presto, the stage is set.

Music fans get a real treat for their ears in the Arena. From Helene Fischer and Taylor Swift to the international hard rock elite, all the big names play here.

In Gelsenkirchen even the canal becomes an entertainment venue. Where once cargo ships were loaded with coal, today the amphitheatre in front of the backdrop of the former Nordstern Colliery is a popular location for all kinds of open-air events.

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 the city's 'front parlour', the Hans-Sachs-Haus. This brick expressionist building's civic forum and atrium 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 H.G. Butzko have had the audiences laughing.





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## Always something going on in the City

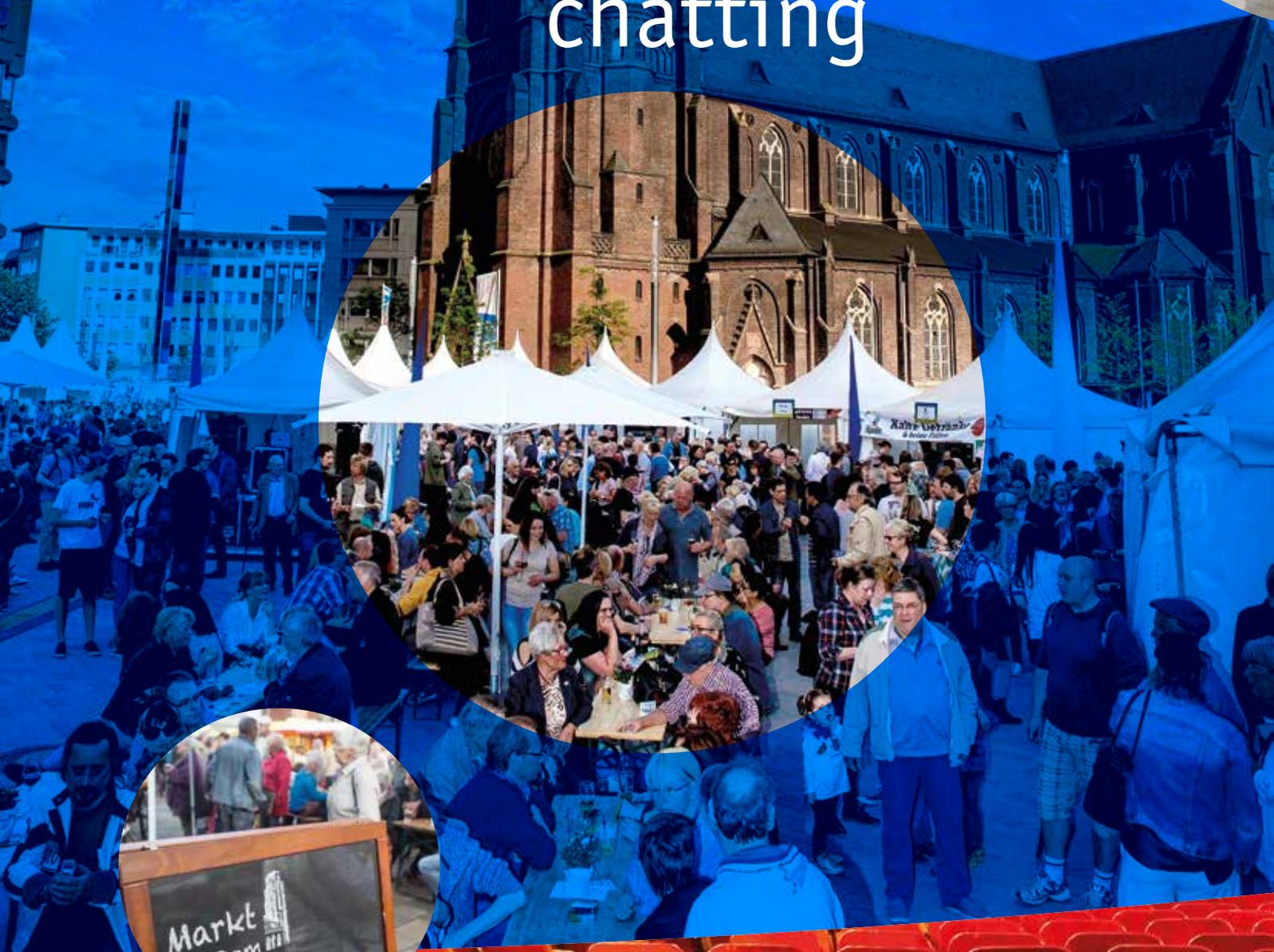
The 'Goldstücke' light art projects in the town centre of Buer are really eye-catching. The 'Figuren-TheaterTage' puppet festival, the 'Szeniale' festival of liberal arts, the sounds of the 'Klezmerwelten' music festival and the always fresh 'SommerSound' in the Stadtgarten, jazz at the New Colour Festival or acrobatic art at the Manege Festival – in Gelsenkirchen there's always something going on. Here even a football stadium transforms itself into a winter landscape for the 'Biathlon auf Schalke'.

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



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# Meeting up enjoying chatting





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.

Other very varied events take place here too, such as a streetfood market or open-air cinema.

Talking of the cinema: the Schauburg in Gelsenkirchen-Buer is one of the oldest and prettiest cinemas in the Ruhrgebiet. A must-visit for all cinema lovers.



# Holy Cross Church

awakening  
to new life

The Heilig-Kreuz-Kirche dating from 1929 was once a spectacular church building of the early modern era.

The church has been extensively remodelled and as a result Gelsenkirchen has been enriched since early 2022 by the addition of a spectacular events venue within a listed building.

Management company emschertainment GmbH fills the place with cultural life. Concerts take place here, as do all conceivable forms of stage performance.

Guided tours around this imposing building are also on offer.



## In South of the city

The listed Holy Cross Church building towers over the Bochumer Straße quarter – a district long since claimed by the creative scene. Here you will find Gelsenkirchen's gallery mile, with its ateliers and studios along Bergmannstraße. Just a short walk away is the Wissenschaftspark (Science Park) with its award-winning glass arcade and multiple exhibitions each year. And directly behind it the Rheinelbe sculpture woodland invites you to take an excursion into nature.



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ueckendorf.de](http://www.kreativquartier-ueckendorf.de)



# Around the world in a day





At the ZOOM World of Adventure in Gelsenkirchen visitors experience a journey 'around the world in a day' in the very heart of the Ruhrgebiet. Over an area of more than 30 hectares, the adventure worlds of Alaska, Africa and Asia provide over 900 animals from more than 100 species a home closely modelled on nature. The impressive landscape architecture with its practically invisible boundaries facilitates exciting encounters between man and beast.

## Alaska – Expedition into a world of extremes

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[www.zoom-erlebniswelt.de](http://www.zoom-erlebniswelt.de)

Over an area of six hectares the Alaska world of adventure brings together the North American region's different vegetation zones: ranging from the coastal rain forests, tundra and rocky mountains, all the way to the polar region. In addition to the world's biggest terrestrial predator, the brown bear, elks, lynx and wolves roam their patch here. Inside the glass-walled underwater tunnel visitors dive into the very midst of the sea lions' world. Located along the 1.3-kilometre adventure path are Sam's Goldmine and also a gold-panner playground, where young explorers can search for treasure.



# Africa – Safari around the mystical continent

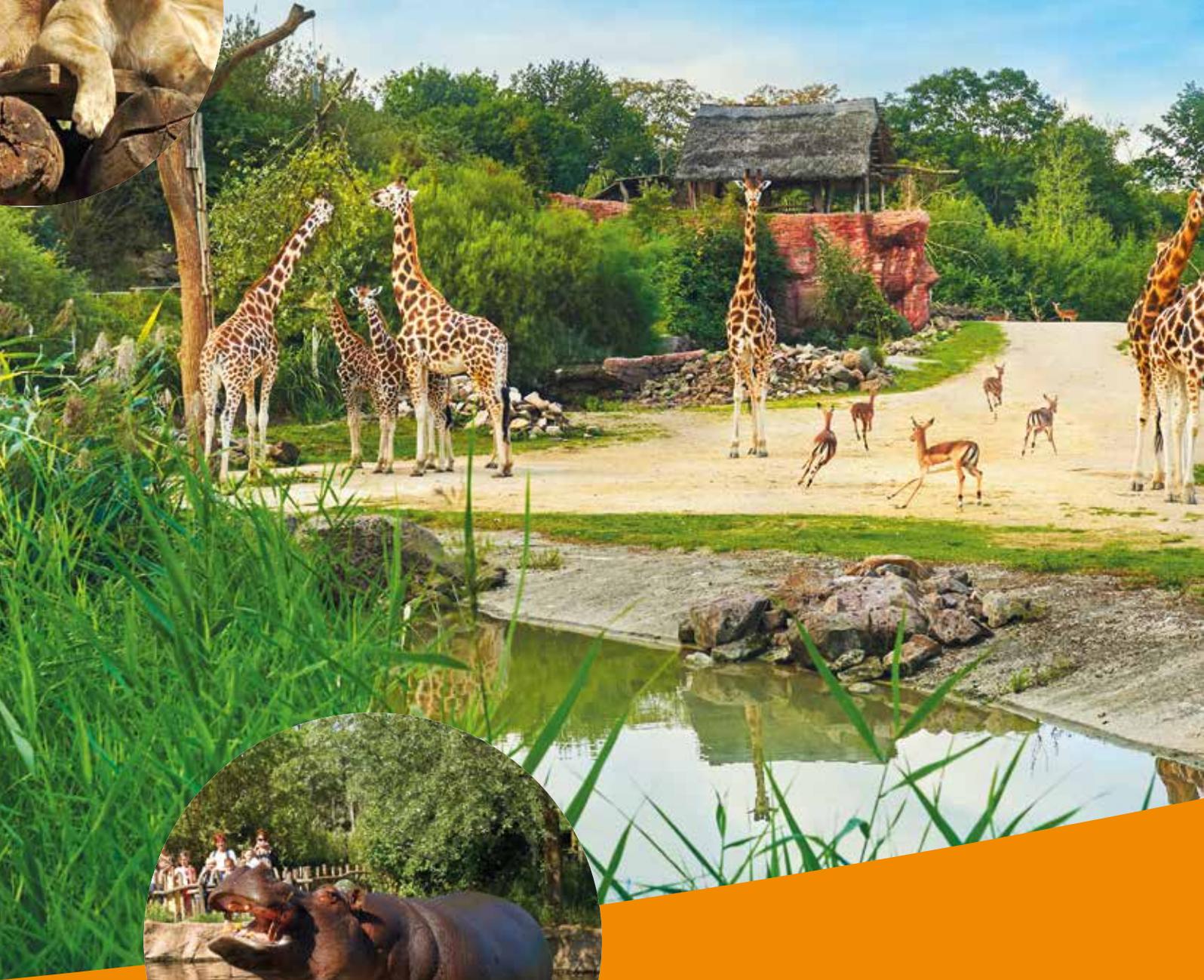
The large zones of the Africa world of adventure offer around 400 animals near-to-natural habitats. Only a pane of glass separates the lions from the visitors. When it comes to the giraffes, eye-level encounters are possible. On the grass savanna, zebras, antelopes and ostriches live together, directly alongside imposing rhinos. A few steps further on, you can watch chimpanzees in their spacious section. A boat trip on the African Queen takes you past hippos and baboons.



# Asia – Dive into the empire of the jungle

The Asia world of adventure brings the exotic Far East right into the Ruhrgebiet. The stars of the evergreen landscape are the Siberian tigers. Lush bamboo forests, grass and steppe landscapes are the environments for orangutans, Asian small-clawed otters, langur monkeys, red pandas, pig-tailed macaque and two-humped camels. The Canopy Walk, a five-metre-high treetop pathway, offers a unique panoramic view. In the 'ELE Tropical Paradise' visitors are able to experience a tropical atmosphere and the special diversity of 3,600 plants. Living in the evergreen jungle is a large natural community of birds freely flying about, plus reptiles and flying foxes.





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

# Active in green and blue

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The Ruhrgebiet is green. Greener than many still think. Right at the heart of this large European conurbation, Gelsenkirchen in particular has a remarkable variety of parks and green spaces to 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.



## Of hills and heaps

How about an excursion up onto one of the Ruhrgebiet's many slag heaps? Formerly used as areas for waste from the mines, today most are freely accessible green landmarks that provide unique views across the region. They can not only be scaled independently, but can also be discovered on guided tours.

Mechtenberg is not a slag heap, but actually a real hill. Standing on the very top of it is a Bismarck tower that was erected in honour of Chancellor Otto von Bismarck in 1900. Mechtenberg Hill is part of the Mechtenberg country park in between Gelsenkirchen, Bochum and Essen.





## Green oases in the heart of the city

Fancy a nice walk?

Be it in the city woods in the north of Gelsenkirchen, in the estate grounds around Schloss Berge or in the 'Stadtgarten' in the south, which was opened in 1897 as the Kaiser Wilhelm Park – there are numerous park facilities well worth a visit.



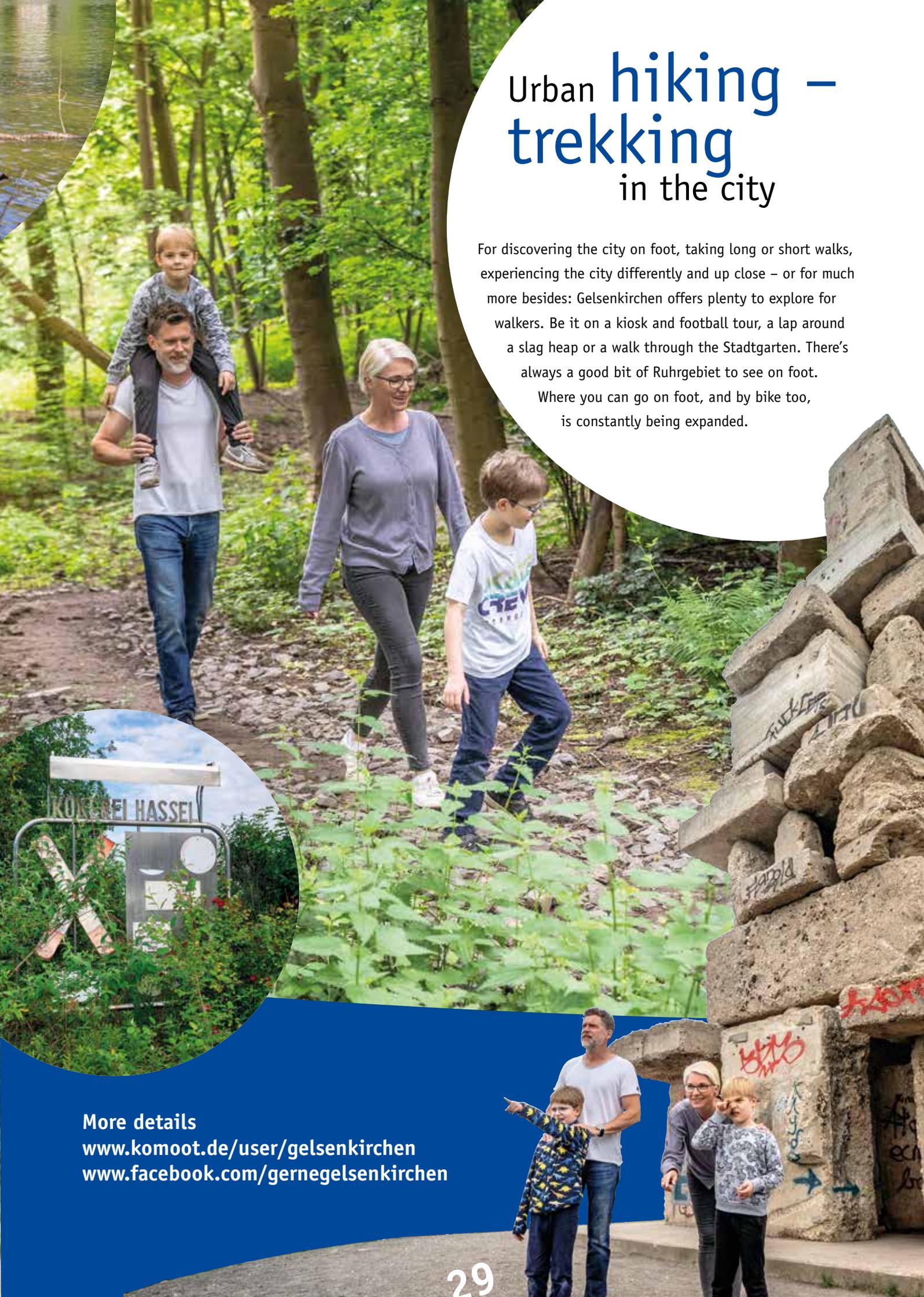
One that must definitely be mentioned is Nienhausen Revierpark. Extensively modernised, it offers an educational nature trail on interaction with rainwater and another on the life of bees. There is also an alluring adventure and water playground.



# Urban hiking – trekking in the city

For discovering the city on foot, taking long or short walks, experiencing the city differently and up close – or for much more besides: Gelsenkirchen offers plenty to explore for walkers. Be it on a kiosk and football tour, a lap around a slag heap or a walk through the Stadtgarten. There's always a good bit of Ruhrgebiet to see on foot.

Where you can go on foot, and by bike too, is constantly being expanded.



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# Out and about on two wheels

The metropolitan Ruhr area has a cycle path network unparalleled anywhere in Europe. The radrevier.ruhr network is around 1,200 kilometres long. At the heart of it: Gelsenkirchen. No less than four of the multi-city radrevier.ruhr themed routes pass through Gelsenkirchen. Starting from the Nordstern Colliery, the 'Grubenfahrt' gives you the opportunity to learn about mining and see some jewels of industrial culture. And all well away from road traffic, along the paths of disused railway lines. Or you can ride through the city from the wind turbines on Oberscholven heap in the north all the way to the solar energy plant on the gigantic former ore bunker in the south. A short but perfectly formed route: 'Urban Art – Mansions and stars'. Holger's mine railway kiosk has cult status as a meeting point for cycling enthusiasts.



# Got a puncture? No problem!

Cyclists in Gelsenkirchen need have no fear of punctures or any other minor problems. At 50 bicycle service stations there are tools for doing running repairs. The locations include all petrol stations in the city area.

Anyone without their own cycle can hire one from the metropolradruhr rental bike system.

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# From climbing to skating

Aside from football, Gelsenkirchen is a sporty city in other ways too. While the Ruhrgebiet slag heaps can't compete with the Alps, the climbing wall in the Nordsternpark is also a challenge.

Two golf courses provide for a sporting change, and anyone looking for a challenge on skates is in exactly the right place in Gelsenkirchen.

Nor should the great tradition of equine sport in the city be overlooked. Trotting races have been held here since way back in 1912.



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.

Waterside working, living and leisure – that was the concept for re-utilisation of the Count Bismarck Colliery's former power station site alongside the Rhine-Herne Canal. Numerous plots have now been sold, houses and office buildings occupied and jobs created. The centrepiece of the new quarter: a modern marina with a total of 75 berths. These also include spaces that have not been permanently assigned and thus give hobby skippers from near and far the opportunity to moor up in Gelsenkirchen.

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 Erzbahntrasse 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, which have been using it since the start of the 2019 season.

# Water in sight



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# Blue Blood



Smoke-stack barons and coke-fire counts is what industrialists like Thyssen used to be called, because they liked to maintain an almost aristocratic lifestyle. Yet it was not with the arrival of heavy industry that the 'aristocracy' first came 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 a moat and avenues of long-established trees, it is a popular destination for cyclists and walkers.

Schloss Berge is known well beyond the city limits. And not just due to the summer festival. The English and French-style castle gardens in

particular are a delight for those seeking relaxation and garden enthusiasts. Alternatively, you can really put your back into it rowing on the nearby Berger See lake. Amateur sleuths enjoy whodunnit dinners in the Schloss Berge Restaurant, and the 'Schlössken' is an inviting spot in the beer garden.

Schloss Horst is one of Westphalia's most important Renaissance stately homes. The Schloss Horst interactive museum enables not only children to delve deep into bygone times, but leaves adults astounded as well. Over three floors, visitors are able to explore the noble and non-noble life of the Renaissance – with lots of exhibits that can be held or touched, such as the interactive dinner table.

## Submerge yourself in bygone times





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# Worthy of a museum

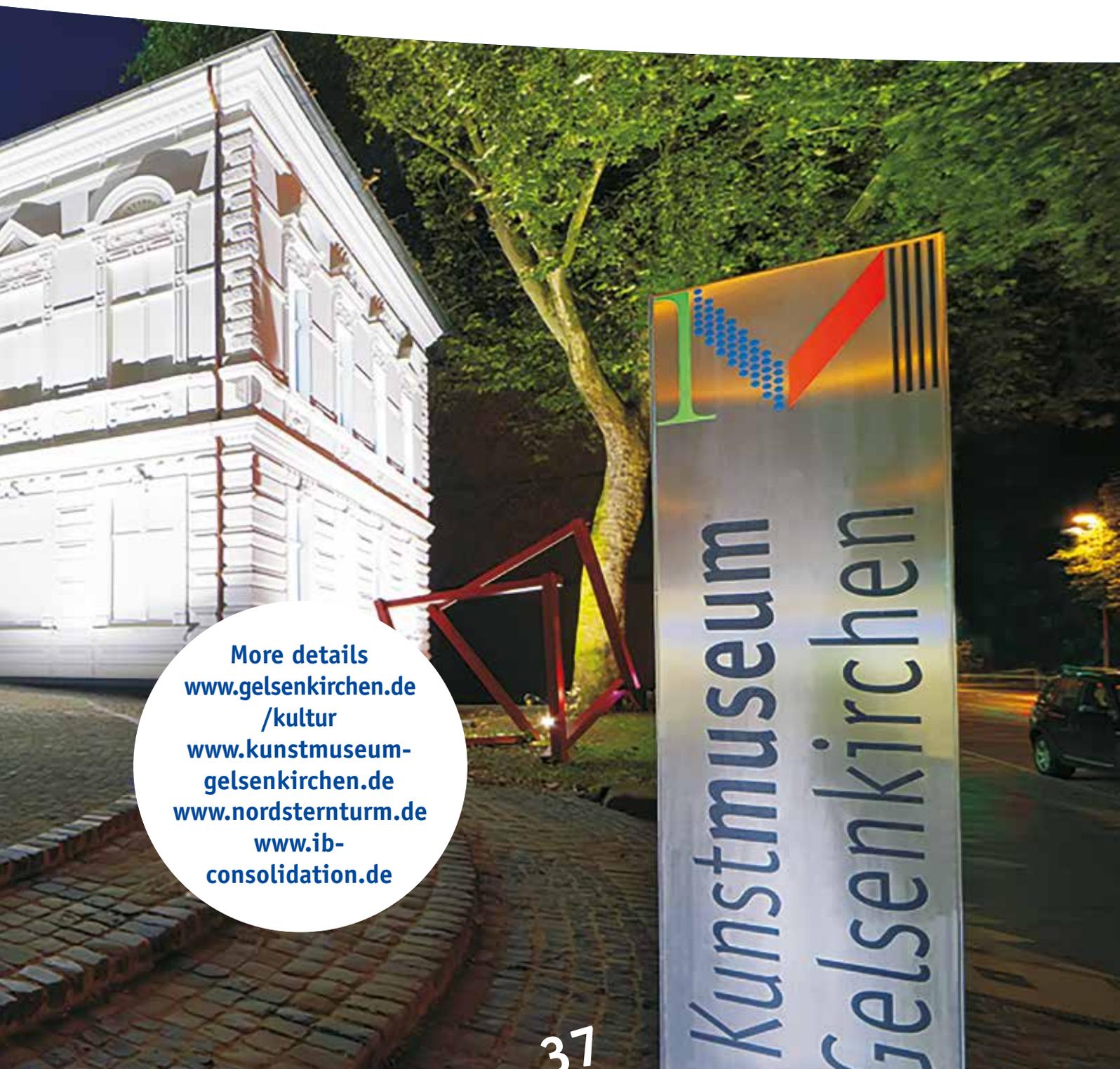
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and more



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 works of classic and modern art, including, for instance those by Max Liebermann, Emil Nolde and René

Magritte. Another area of emphasis is the design-led concrete art focussed 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 tower a further special museum experience awaits the visitor. Set against the backdrop of the historic pithead machinery, you see illustrated on six floors the stages of



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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 surface-mining 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. A visit to the panoramic terrace at his feet is a must.



The interactive 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.

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 Kreisler’ short passing game to the Champions League, there is everything here for football enthusiasts to see and hear. And it is all in the heart of one of Europe’s most modern football temples: the VELTINS Arena auf Schalke.

## Time travel and the beautiful game

The city’s mining history is the central theme of three museum-like locations 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, while art and contemporary history are combined in the art installation collection of Werner Thiel.



## 13 museums – diverse themes

High-class art, mining history, long forgotten times and football legends – yet in Gelsenkirchen there is still much 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 the ‘Gelsenkirchen during National Socialism’ documentation centre tackles the period of National Socialist dictatorship.

In total there are 13 museums that cover a great variety of themes.



More details  
[www.zeche-hugo.com](http://www.zeche-hugo.com)  
[www.bergbausammlung-rotthausen.de](http://www.bergbausammlung-rotthausen.de)  
[www.gelsenkirchen.de/schlosshorst](http://www.gelsenkirchen.de/schlosshorst)  
<https://schalke04.de/verein/tradition/museum/>  
[www.mai-nrw.de](http://www.mai-nrw.de)  
[www.institut-fuer-stadtgeschichte.de](http://www.institut-fuer-stadtgeschichte.de)



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 all the way to Asian-inspired fusion food, 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 right gastronomic offering is, as it were, just around the

corner. 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 former stadium, the Glückauf Kampfbahn, is the inn where Schalke legend Ernst Kuzorra supped his beer. Sparkling wine, beer or soda – in Gelsenkirchen no problem!



# Gregarious Gelsenkirchen

# Exploring Gelsenkirchen – out and about in the city



## Gelsenkirchen City and Tourist Information Office in the Hans-Sachs-Haus

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Monday to Thursday:

08:00 - 16:00

Friday:

08:00 - 14:00

# Out and about

## in Gelsenkirchen

[www.ruhrgebiet-stadtrundfahrten.de](http://www.ruhrgebiet-stadtrundfahrten.de)

[www.westheide.com](http://www.westheide.com)

[www.visit.ruhr](http://www.visit.ruhr)

[www.mythos1904.de](http://www.mythos1904.de)

[www.kanalschiff.de](http://www.kanalschiff.de)

### All aboard, please!

From April to October on one Sunday each month there are no-booking-needed city tours around Gelsenkirchen. The tours on a double-decker open-top bus go around all the main sights in around 100 minutes. With you on the tour: city guides with information and stories about each location. The tour passes, for example, historic sites related to FC Schalke 04, Nordsternpark, Rungenberg heap, the Graf Bismarck Marina, Schloss Horst and Schloss Berge.

There are also themed tours on offer, such as the colliery tour.

### Discover Gelsenkirchen on foot, by boat or by bike

There are many ways to explore the city in brief or at length. Even culinary walking tours are offered. Out and about in the part of town that gave FC Schalke 04 its name, or in the changing district of Ückendorf, or tracing the footsteps of industrial culture. The architecture in the city has produced smelters and palaces, and they too show a part of its history. For those who like to take it easy, you can drift off into the sunset on a leisurely boat tour.

## All information is available here



Onto your bike, ready, go! Here's how it's done:

[www.metropolradruhr.de](http://www.metropolradruhr.de)

On the go by bus and rail: [www.vrr.de](http://www.vrr.de)

(support hotline 0180 6504030\*)

or [www.bogestra.de](http://www.bogestra.de) (support hotline 0180 6504030\*)

\* €0.20 per call from a German landline. Max. €0.60 per call from a mobile

# Overnight accommodation for weary explorers

## Hotels, guest houses, private accommodation and pitches

### Hotels

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#### Good Morning Gelsenkirchen City\*\*\*

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#### Ibis Styles Hotel Gelsenkirchen\*\*\*

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Fax: + 49 (0)209 9255999  
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#### Hotel-Restaurant La Scala\*\*\*\*

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#### Hotel cityroom

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#### Gästehaus Heege

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## Nienhausen motor home site in Nienhausen Gesundheitspark

- 22 pitches
- Water supply and effluent disposal station
- Shops c. 1 km away
- Café right outside at 201 Feldmarkstraße
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A pitch for vehicle and 2 people costs €7 per night. Each extra person €3 (as at October 2023). Exclusive of electricity and fresh water.

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