

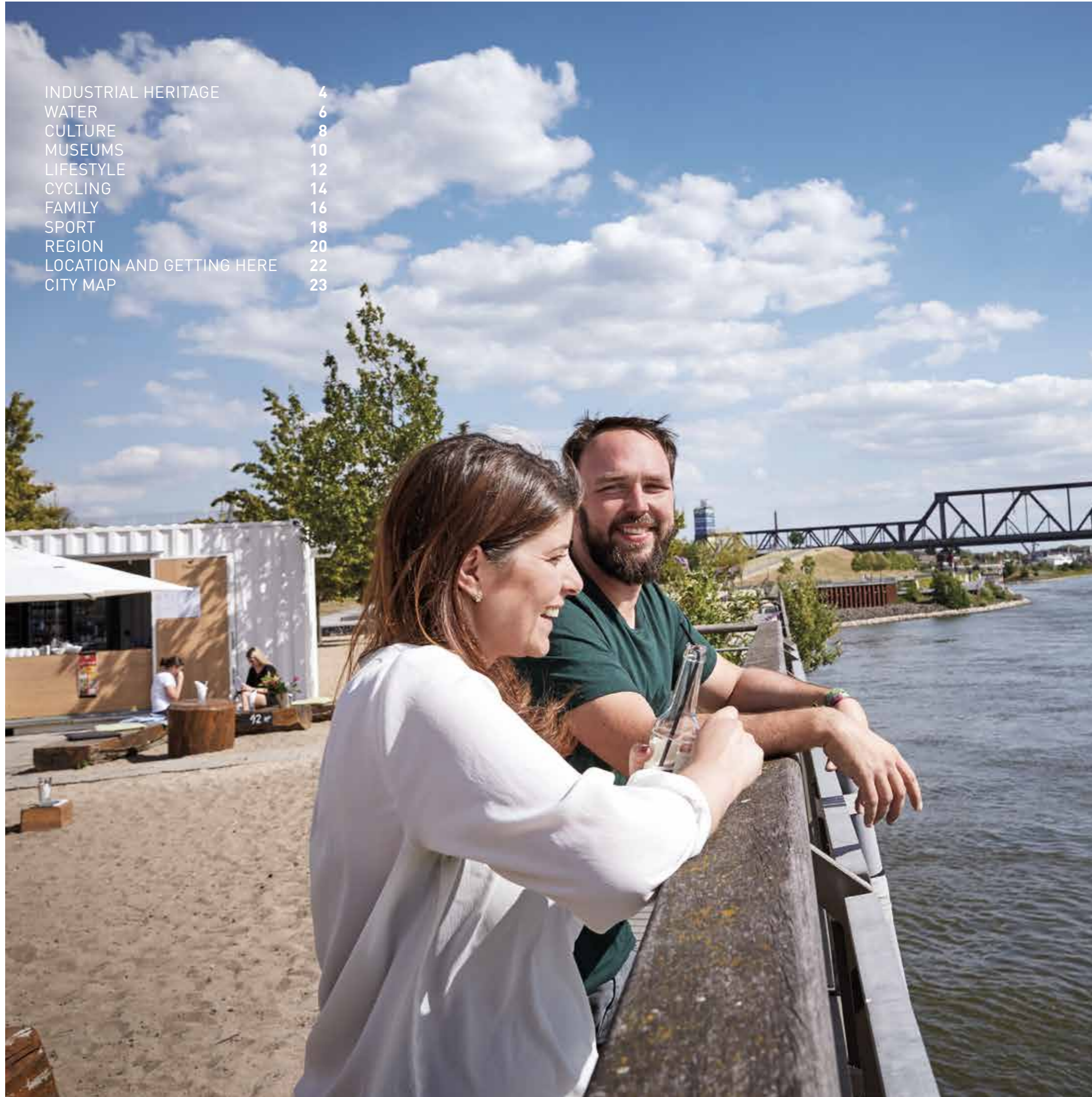


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DUISBURG IS REALLY WORTH DISCOVERING

LOOK AT THE CITY OF
WATER AND FIRE FROM
A FRESH PERSPECTIVE

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Sören Link,
Mayor of the City
of Duisburg

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“As a cosmopolitan port city and former Hanseatic city, Duisburg has a long history of making guests feel as welcome as possible.

It has been possible to get to this city located near the Rhine and Ruhr via water, railway and roads for a long time now. This is not only due to trade, but also to the friendliness of the people.

Find out for yourself and discover the joie de vivre and cosmopolitan feel of the city in which hospitality really still is genuine.”

Welcome!

From

Sören Link

INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE – FASCINATION AND EXPERIENCES



Tiger & Turtle

The spectacular **Tiger & Turtle** sculpture stands resplendent on a former spoil heap. It is a favourite for photographers from all over the world. Duisburg's **Inner Harbour** became an area filled with offices and cult cafes and restaurants, making it the perfect spot to take a stroll and a popular location for miles around. And whilst heavy industry previously covered the banks of the Rhine, the sandy beach of the **RheinPark** with a view of the ships passing by is now an inviting sunbathing spot. The **Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord** offers music festivals, open air cinema, diving, climbing and much more. It would be impossible to list all the events and activities on offer at the park here. What's certain is that the Landschaftspark is one of the region's most popular attractions.

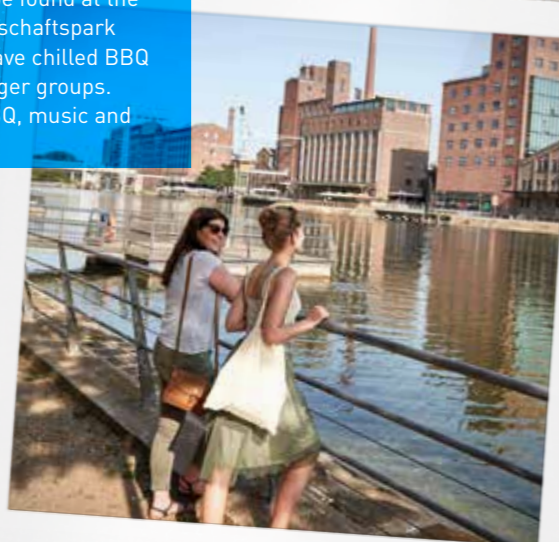
There is an amphitheatre which is off the beaten track and can be found at the northern edge of the Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord. You can have chilled BBQ parties here, even with larger groups. You'll need to bring the BBQ, music and drinks along yourself.

→ INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE IN DUISBURG: NOTHING LIKE "OLD IRON"!

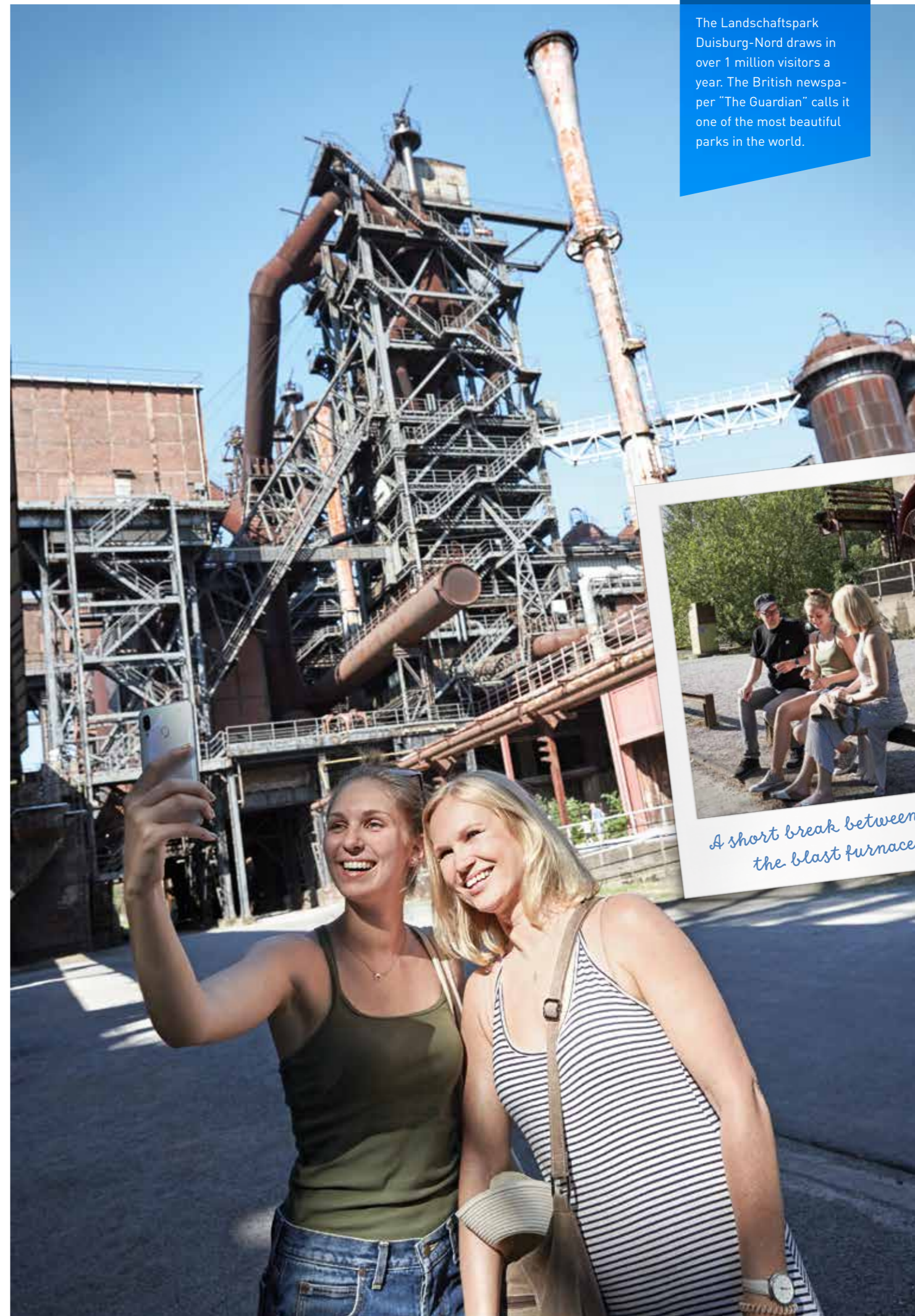
Former manufacturing sites have been imaginatively transformed and are now unique monuments to industrial heritage that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. Former factory sites now offer sport, cultural and leisure activities in an interesting atmosphere. Repurposed industrial halls create a unique backdrop for trade fairs and conferences. Former grain warehouses now house inviting restaurants and art of international importance.

→ DID YOU KNOW?

Duisburg is still an important location in the steel industry nowadays. A third of the crude steel produced in Germany and around half of the raw iron is manufactured in Duisburg.



At Duisburg's Inner Harbour



The Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord draws in over 1 million visitors a year. The British newspaper "The Guardian" calls it one of the most beautiful parks in the world.



A short break between the blast furnaces

Duisburg's Inner Harbour. A popular area packed with offices and restaurants which is great for taking a stroll in has developed here with the tagline "Living and working at the waterside". An example of successful structural change.



A popular stop on river cruises



Our inland port - the largest in the world



Despite the many bridges, crossing the Rhine on a ferry can still be a truly romantic experience nowadays. The ferry goes between Duisburg-Walsum and the idyllic spot of Orsoy in the Lower Rhine, which is part of Rheinberg.

TIP!

WATER – THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE CITY

WATER

Duisburg was founded over a thousand years ago as a settlement near to the Rhine and Ruhr. And water in all its forms is still an ever-present part of the city today: Right behind the **Duisburg city hall**, the banks of the **Inner Harbour** provide an inviting place to take a stroll. Restaurants and bistros are housed in former storage buildings here. You can find a spot to relax surrounded by idyllic nature at **Sechs-Seen-Platte**, which is surrounded by dense forest. Canoeing, water skiing and dragon boat rides are just some of the activities on offer at **Duisburg Sportpark**. The **Regatta Course** there is where canoeing world championships and other international competitions are held. There is also a great children's playground here. At **Wasserwelt Wedau**, children are allowed to splash around in the water as much as they want!

→ WHERE THE SEAGULLS FOLLOW THE SHIPS

Duisburg is one of the cities with the most water in Germany. Numerous lakes, canals and harbours are characteristic of the city's image. Duisburg has an international reputation as a key logistics hub. Each year, twenty thousand ships enter the world's largest inland port in the Rhine and Ruhr region. But water in Duisburg isn't just about transport, but is also something that offers relaxation and quality of life. Essential for sport and leisure.

→ DID YOU KNOW?

There are quite a lot of bridges in Duisburg. With a current count of 650, brueckenweb.de believes there to be even more bridges in Duisburg than Venice, which boasts 426 bridges. And more than Paris with its 336 bridges.



A boat trip on Rhine



Duisburg Philharmoniker

CULTURE

CULTURE – TOP-CLASS LEVEL!

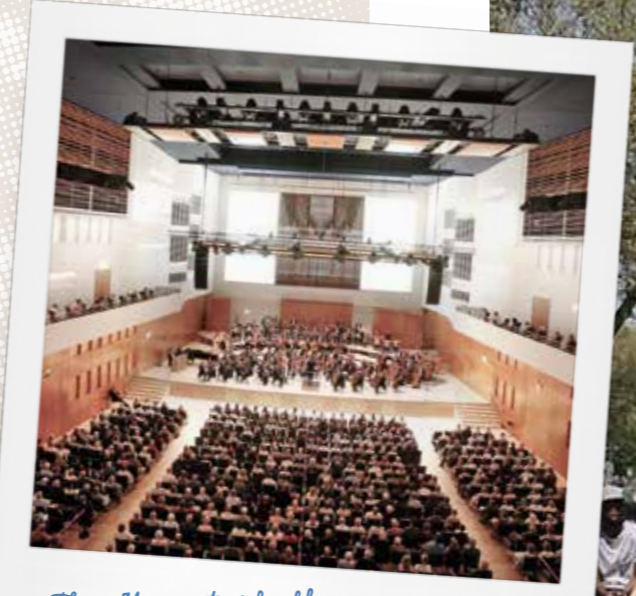
The **Deutsche Oper am Rhein**, the theatre and the ballet regularly host exciting premieres at **Duisburg Theatre**. Nearby, at the **Mercatorhalle in the CityPalais**, the internationally renowned **Duisburg Philharmoniker** holds concerts which you have to book promptly because they generally sell out quickly. Lots of clubs and pubs hold events and bring performing arts and on-trend live music to the stages. Festivals such as **“Duisburger Akzente”**, the **Traumzeitfestival** at the blast furnace or the **Ruhr-triennale** bring new cultural highlights to the city every year.

→ THE SYMPHONY OF THE CITY

Duisburg boasts a vibrant cultural scene every evening. Whether you prefer high culture or small gigs in hip clubs: You'll find your scene in next to no time in Duisburg. High-quality festivals of all different kinds make an excellent addition to the cultural calendar.

→ DID YOU KNOW?

In November 2009, the new concert organ, which cost EUR 1.5 million, was inaugurated at the Mercatorhalle with a ceremonial act and a concert. The 4349 pipes are made according to original models of British organs, primarily the Caird Hall in Dundee of 1923.

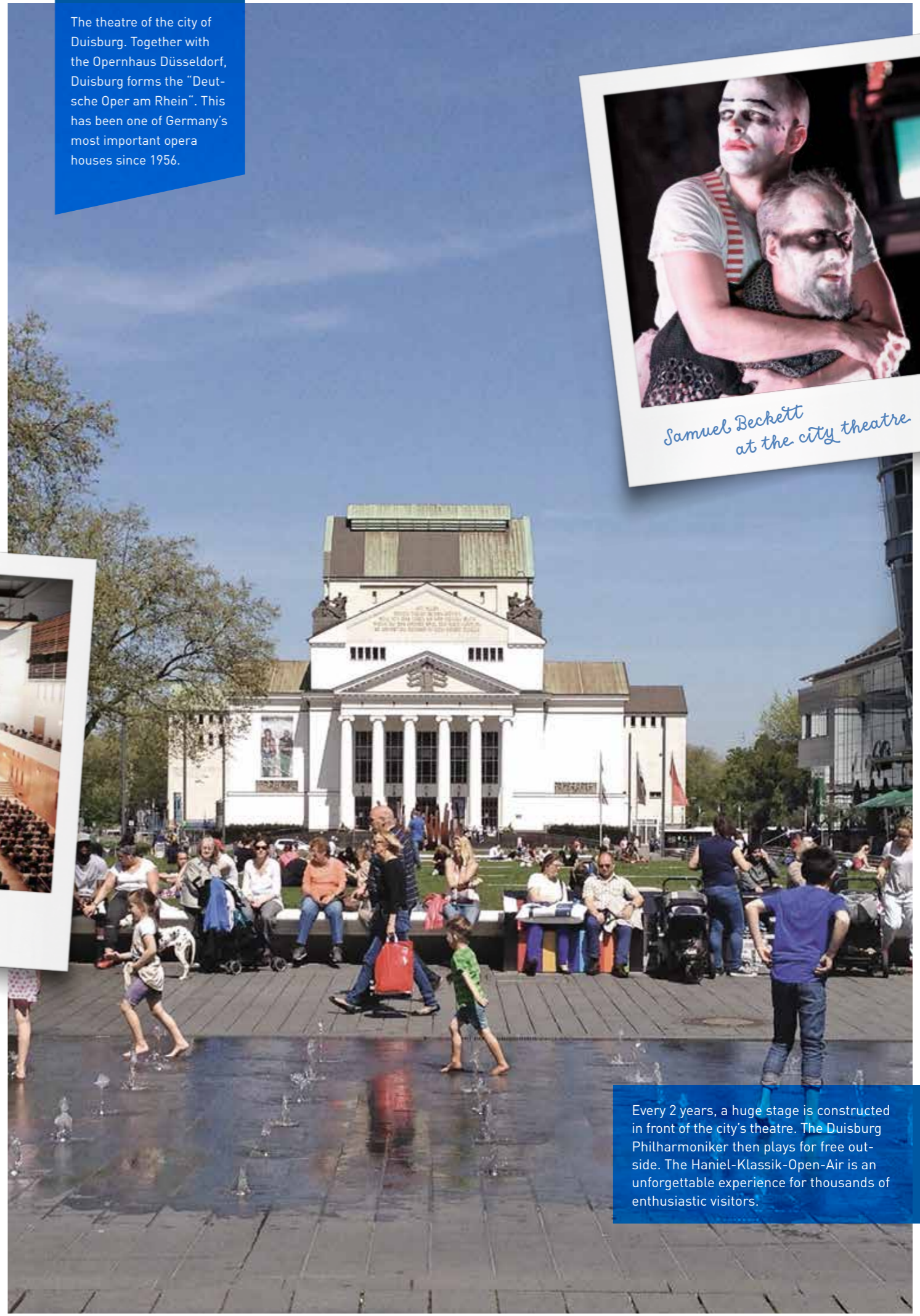


The Mercatorhalle – Duisburg's parlour

The theatre of the city of Duisburg. Together with the Opernhaus Düsseldorf, Duisburg forms the “Deutsche Oper am Rhein”. This has been one of Germany's most important opera houses since 1956.



Samuel Beckett at the city theatre



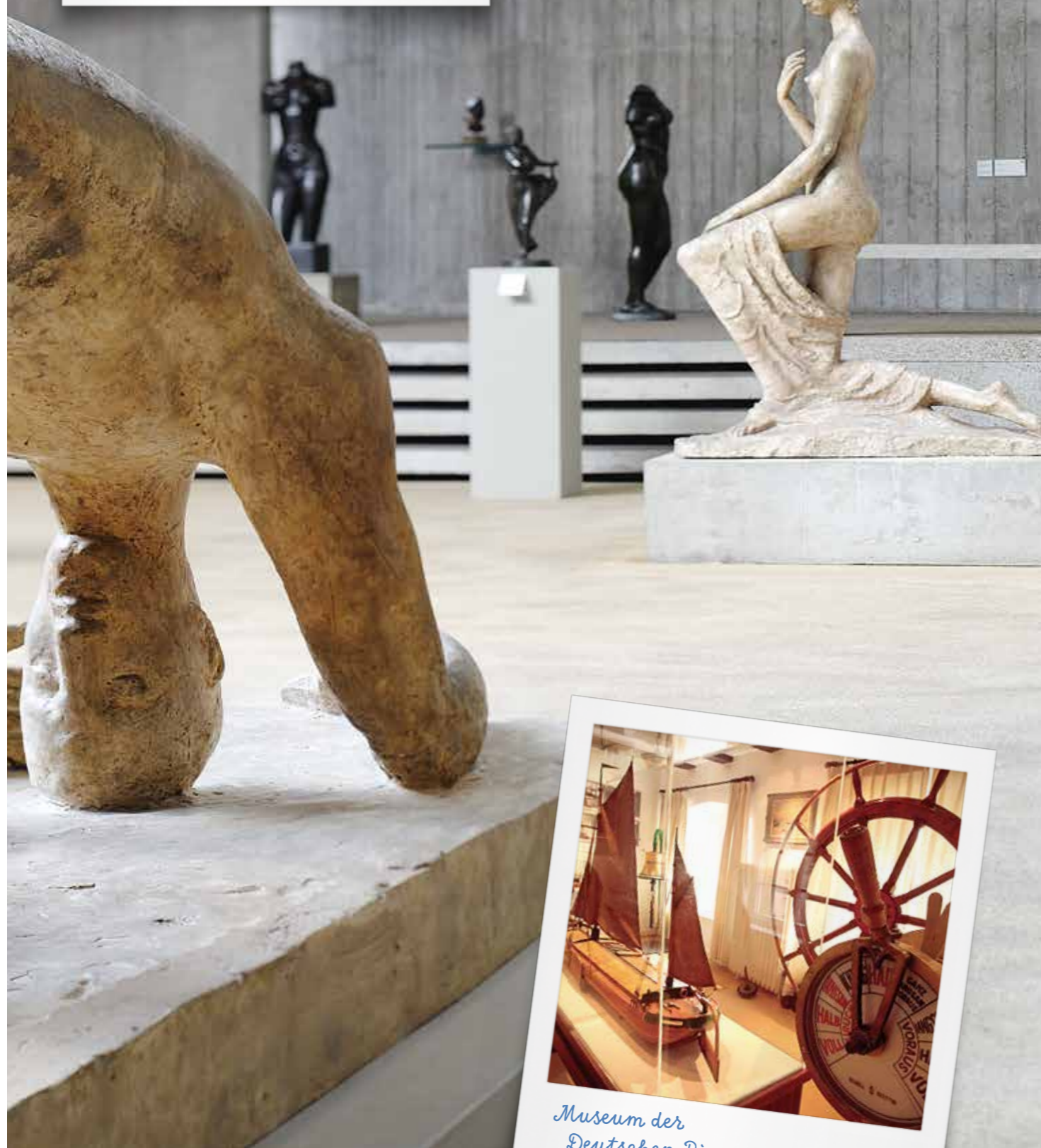
Every 2 years, a huge stage is constructed in front of the city's theatre. The Duisburg Philharmoniker then plays for free outside. The Haniel-Klassik-Open-Air is an unforgettable experience for thousands of enthusiastic visitors.

TIP!



Art in public spaces:
"Rheinorange" landmark

The Lehbruck Museum. Even just its architecture is outstanding. It was created by the architect Manfred Lehbruck, the son of the sculptor Wilhelm Lehbruck.



Museum der Deutschen Binnenschifffahrt

MUSEUMS

MUSEUMS – MARVEL, ADMIRE AND LEARN

The top spot for international sculpture and objet trouvé is the world-renowned **Lehbruck Museum**, which is located in the Duisburg Kant-Park along with the **Cubus Kunsthalle**. There is a high-quality collection of modern art at **Museum Küppersmühle**, which showcases works by Anselm Kiefer and Gerhard Richter. The **DKM Museum** impresses visitors with its collections of historic and modern art. The history of the city of Duisburg, which spans over a thousand years, is documented at the **Kultur- und Stadthistorisches Museum** and the **Museum der Deutschen Binnenschifffahrt**, which is located in a former Jugendstil swimming pool, also shows a key side of Duisburg's history.

→ EXPLORING AESTHETICS AT EVERY TURN

Both the art museums and historical museums in the city of the sculptor Wilhelm Lehbruck and the cartographer Gerhard Mercator enjoy an excellent reputation. Art in public spaces is of a very high quality here and can be found almost everywhere. The Brunnenmeile in the city centre has become a stage for internationally-renowned artists such as Otmar Alt and Niki de Saint Phalle. And renowned artists were commissioned to design the underground stations too.

→ DID YOU KNOW?

20 art museums got together for the Ruhr.2010 cultural capital year to represent themselves to the outside world as a team under the label "Ruhr Kunst Museen". The Lehbruck Museum, MKM Museum Küppersmühle of Modern Art and the DKM Museum are the Duisburg museums which are involved in the project.



Modern art at the Inner Harbour

The "Mercator-Schatzkammer" can be found at the Kultur- und Stadthistorisches Museum. The collection which you can view includes, for example, well-preserved historic globes and the world's first atlas dating from 1595.



A special kind of open air cinema takes place every year at the Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord. The summer cinema offers showings of cult films and current popular films in an open air former furnace hall. This is located right next to a beer garden with comfy wicker beach chairs.



Wine festival at Königstraße

LIFESTYLE

LIFESTYLE – THE QUALITY OF URBAN LIFE

Duisburg is one of the cities which has gone against all the trends and maintained a **vibrant city centre**. Lots has been done to make it a pleasant place to spend time. Numerous events and markets create a lively city vibe around the wide shopping boulevard of **Königstraße**, with its beer gardens, Lime tree avenue and Brunnenmeile. In addition to the cultural programme hosted by the theatre and other organisers, there are lots of **festivals, markets and events** on the streets and squares in Duisburg at various times throughout the year. You can enjoy drinks and snacks here and get to know the sociable nature of the people in Duisburg. Even visitors to the city can get to know people quickly here.

→ A GOOD MOOD AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE

The **Wine Festival**, which is held in late summer, is popular far beyond the boundaries of Duisburg. The **Ruhrort Port Festival** is also always exciting. The **“Jazz auf’m Plazz”** concert series brings **König-Heinrich-Platz** to life every month over the summer. The **street food and music festivals** which are held at various places in the city and different times are totally on-trend. But this is by no means a complete list of the many festivals held in Duisburg.

→ DID YOU KNOW?

Folk festivals have a very long history as part of life in the city of Duisburg. The earliest mention of the **“Beecker Kirmes”** dates back to 1539. The “Kirmes” is still celebrated every year nowadays.



Traumzeitfestival in the Landschaftspark



The Duisburg Christmas market. Every year, millions of visitors, many coming from Belgium and the Netherlands too, come to Duisburg to enjoy the festive decorations in the city centre.



Duisburg coffee culture

Past the cathedrals of industrial heritage, such as here in the Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord. Or on the routes of former industrial railways which have been converted into cycle paths.



TIP! An exciting challenge is the "Ruhr2North-SeaChallenge" which is held at the end of June every year and which spans from Duisburg to the North Sea beach. 300 kilometres in one day!



CYCLING

CYCLING – SIGHTSEEING ON TWO WHEELS



In Duisburg, there is a large network of popular **cycle paths**, such as the **RuhrtalRadweg**, the **Rheinradweg**, the **Route der Industriekultur by bicycle**, the **radrevier.ruhr** and the **NiederRheinroute**. The importance of the bicycle as a mode of transport has increased greatly in recent years. There are now **bike hire stations** from a wide range of providers scattered throughout the city and even cycling athletes gather in Duisburg: One of the largest non-stop MTB races in Europe impresses spectators every year at the Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord: the **24-hour mountain bike race**. However, there are also more relaxed and family-friendly events on offer. The **"Duisburger Radwanderung"** takes place every year in the spring with varying routes and several thousand participants. And the event started at the end of the 1970s!

→ CLOSE TO NATURE

People who really enjoy exploring swear by cycling. The vibrant atmosphere of the city, the peace and idyllic atmosphere of the forests, the lake landscapes, the embankments and meadows along the Rhine, wonderful views from the slag heaps... you can experience so many things whilst cycling.

→ DID YOU KNOW?

The Ruhr region is developing into a cycling metropolis and is an impressive destination thanks to its network of cycle paths spanning over 1,200 kilometres in length. The new network helps with navigation and guides visitors straight to the highlights.



Cycling beside the inner harbour



At the end of the RuhrTalRadweg



The pirate ship at Wasserwelt Wedau



FAMILIES

FAMILIES – FUN FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

Going to the zoo is always a great experience for children and adults alike. The **Duisburg Zoo** is particularly special. Where else can you see such cute koalas? And there is, of course, a petting zoo too. You can go horse-riding at **Revierpark Mattlerbusch**. And there is also an extraordinary playground in Duisburg: **Wasserwelt Wedau!** There are lots of indoor activities for families too. The **Niederrhein Therme** with sauna and swimming pool is located at **Revierpark Mattlerbusch**. **Explorado** at the Inner Harbour is the largest museum for kids in Germany. The **Kom'ma Theatre** in Rheinhausen shows exciting and fun plays specially for children and young people. And the **International Children's Book Exhibition (IKiBu)** is dedicated to young readers.

→ **WE HAVE THE BEST TIME TOGETHER!**

What could be better than enjoying happy times with your family? There are lots of totally different locations and activities in Duisburg that give you the opportunity to do just that. It is easy to find the right activity for the weather or your mood.

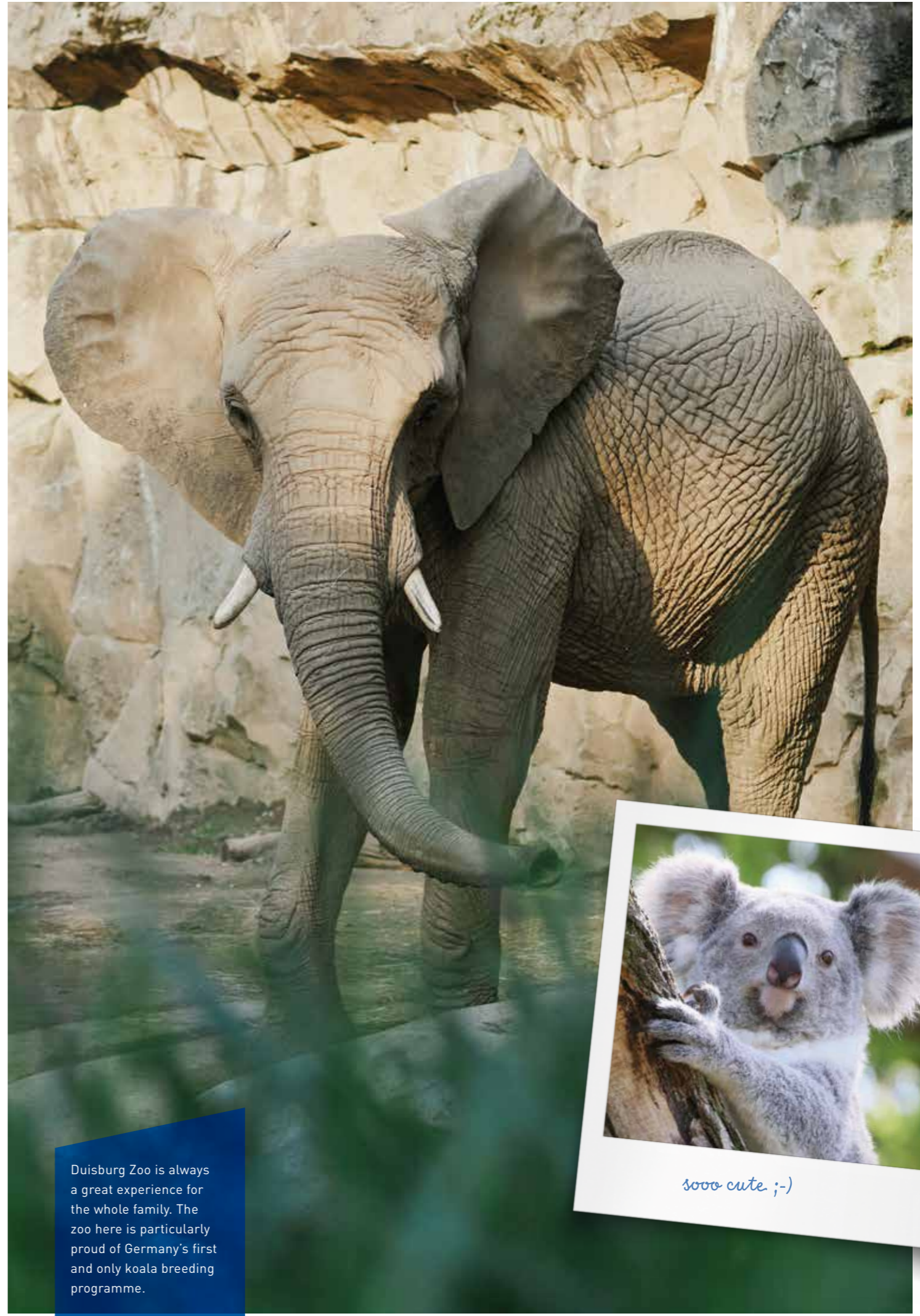
→ **DID YOU KNOW?**

The "Spielkorb" was established in Duisburg back in 1976. It brings theatre for kids and theatre education into nurseries, schools and lots of other organisations for leisure time and young people.



At Explorado Children's Museum

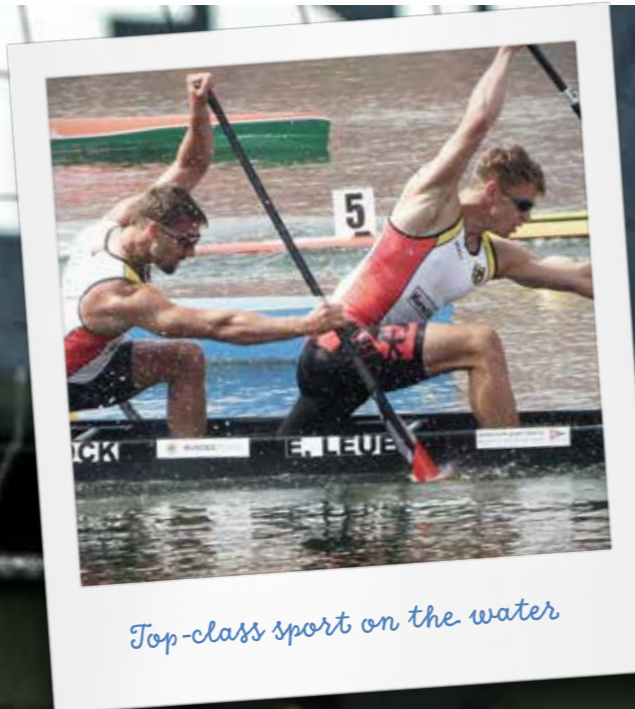
TIP! There is a large and family-friendly indoor trampoline park with lots of attractions and obstacles, comprising an area of 3000 m², which is located close to the schauinsland-reisen-arena, the MSV Duisburg stadium.



soooo cute ;-)

Duisburg Zoo is always a great experience for the whole family. The zoo here is particularly proud of Germany's first and only koala breeding programme.

MSV Duisburg has particularly loyal fans. People stand by the "zebras" here in the good times and the bad times. The team's song, the "ZebraTwist", is thought to be Germany's oldest stadium song.



Top-class sport on the water



Climbing at the Landschaftspark

SPORT

SPORT – A CITY ON THE MOVE!

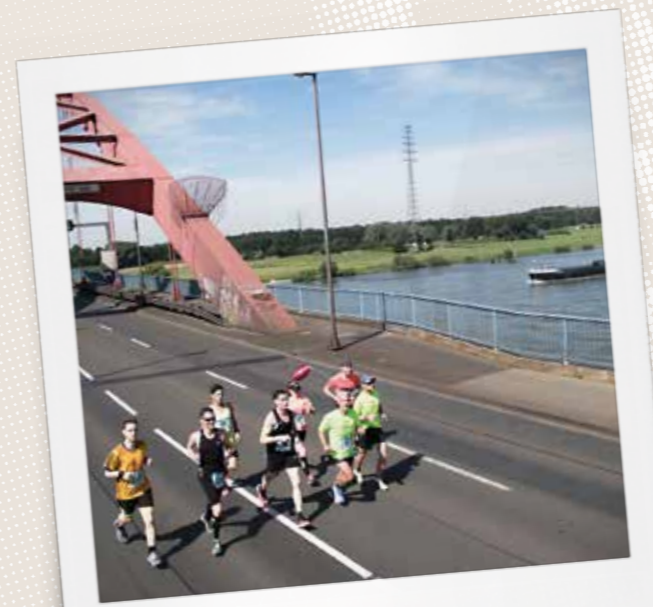
People who live in Duisburg love sport. Almost one hundred thousand of them belong to a sports club. But you can still stay active in Duisburg without being a member of any clubs: **Duisburg Sportpark**, which is surrounded by the **Sechs-Seen-Platte** and dense forest, offers a wide variety of sporty activities thanks to its **Regatta Course**, **canoe station**, **ice rink**, **swimming stadium**, **water-ski facilities** and **climbing garden**. The founding member of the Bundesliga, **MSV Duisburg**, holds its home games in the football stadium. Next to it, at the Sechs-Seen-Platte, people meet up for sailing or for a game of golf. Divers and climbers will love the **Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord**. The facility at the **RheinPark** is very popular for skateboarding.

→ **A PARK THAT IS TOTALLY DEDICATED TO SPORTS**

The **Duisburg Sportpark**, which spans an area of approx. 200 hectares, of which approx. 60 hectares are water, and features numerous sports facilities, is known as one of the largest and most varied sport and recreation areas in Germany.

→ **DID YOU KNOW?**

The **Duisburg Rhein-Ruhr-Marathon**, one of the oldest city marathons in Germany, started in September 1981. Every year, approximately 6000 people participate in the race and are cheered on by ten thousand people in Duisburg.



Rhein-Ruhr-Marathon

The climbing garden at the Sportpark is a breath-taking highlight: The zip wire, which is 252 metres long, goes over the Bertasee lake!

TIP!

REGION

THE REGION – LIMITLESS EXPLORATION



UNESCO World Heritage Site Zeche Zollverein

Whether you wish to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site Zeche Zollverein, do some rope climbing between disused blast furnaces, try diving in the gasometer, climb on slag heaps which offer spectacular panoramic views or visit restaurants and art museums with world-famous masterpieces in breath-taking industrial museums: The Ruhr metropolis is a surprising and exciting travel destination in Europe and one of the best destinations for trips in North-Rhine Westphalia.

→ THE BEST OF ALL THE SURROUNDING REGIONS

Duisburg is located in a spot where three regions join up. The lively Ruhr region, the rural Lower Rhine and the vibrant Rheinschiene come together here. This means that Duisburg really does have the best of all these regions.

→ YOU'RE ALL CLUED UP NOW!

The most important industrial monuments in the Ruhr region which are most popular with visitors are summarised in the "Route der Industriekultur". There is a network of museums, exhibitions, settlements and panoramas from Duisburg and Dortmund to Hamm.



Hiking on the old branch of the Rhine river

"Das Geleucht" on the Rheinpreussen spoil heap. Vegetation has been planted on lots of spoil heaps in the Ruhr region and they now feature landmarks. The "Tiger & Turtle" rollercoaster is famous in Duisburg.



Water museum Aquarius

In our neighbouring city of Mülheim an der Ruhr, there is a prizewinning museum entirely dedicated to the topic of water. The "Aquarius Wassermuseum" is located in a former water tower which is a listed building.

TIP!



LOCATION AND GETTING HERE

Duisburg, the inland port city on the Rhine and in the Ruhr region, extends from the western edge of the Ruhr metropolis to the Lower Rhine and continues to the region of Rheinschiene in the south. The city is a hub for tourism and logistics and is an interesting point of connection within this very varied region.

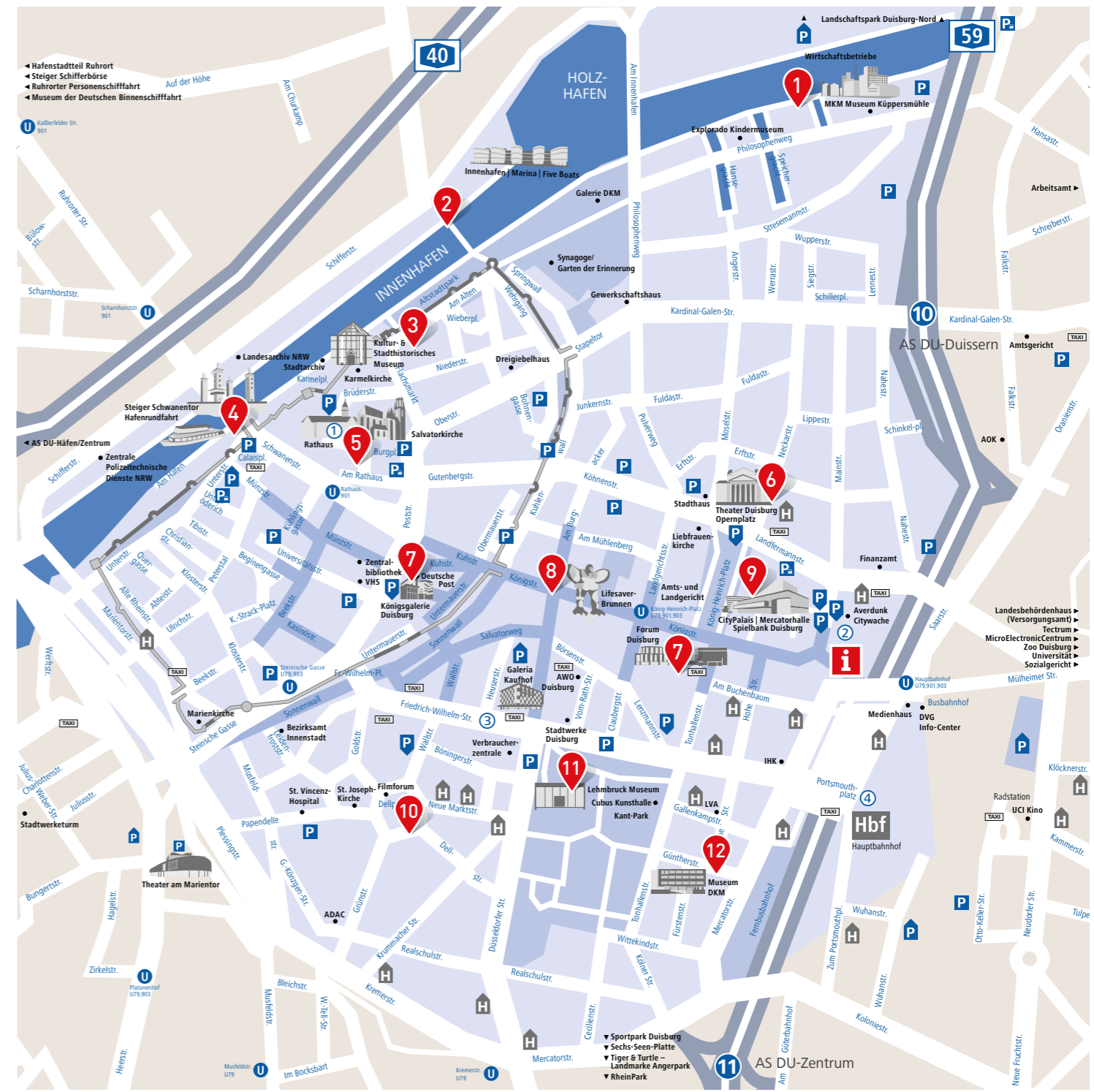
We are based in the heart of Europe, enjoy a good network and are easy to reach.

You can land at the airports in Düsseldorf, Weeze and Dortmund or use the excellent motorway, ferry and train connections.

If you have questions about getting here and parking, we are always happy to assist.



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CITY MAP

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