



ZOLLVEREIN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

THE HEART OF
THE RUHR AREA



2018
2019



ART, CULTURE, INDUSTRIAL NATURE AND CULINARY DELIGHTS

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The magic of change: where the noise of machines dictated the rhythm, art and culture now set the tone. When during the “ExtraSchicht”, the Night of Industrial Culture, the whole Ruhr area shines and hundreds of thousands turn night into day once a year, the Zollverein World Heritage Site is always right in the middle of music, dance, theatre, guided tours, and light installations. Twice a year, the art fair contemporary art ruhr (C.A.R.) gives new impetus to the art scene, and the international cultural festival Ruhrtriennale brings spectacular cultural experiences as well as inspiring premieres to the World Heritage Site every summer. On a guided tour of the Red Dot Design Museum, visitors discover excellent design and visionary ideas.

ACTIVE AND RELAXED

Industrial culture meets wild nature: the Zollverein World Heritage Site can be perfectly explored and enjoyed outdoors, for example when strolling through the densely overgrown Zollverein Park, when jumping into the Works Swimming Pool or skating at the ZOLLVEREIN® Ice Rink. Several organisers provide guided cycle tours at and around the 100-hectare grounds. Convince yourself of the wide range of leisure activities at.

ENJOY WITH ALL SENSES

Whether visitors take a bite of typical dishes like a curried sausage or feel an appetite for the sublime pleasures of the New World Cuisine – there is the right gastronomic treat for every taste. In summer, a gourmet mile at the track boulevard attracts guests with exquisite delights from the region and from all over the world.



THE “MOST BEAUTIFUL COLLIERY IN THE WORLD”: THE ZOLLVEREIN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Hundreds of coal mines produced coal in the Ruhr area, but only one has been part of the UNESCO World Heritage since 2001. With good reason: the Zollverein Coal Mine is a masterpiece of mining architecture, created by the visionaries Fritz Schupp and Martin Kremmer. The symmetrical arrangement of buildings is still impressive today: the facilities designed down to the last detail are a completely preserved synthesis of the arts. Until 1986, a total of 240 million tons of coal had been produced, up to 8,000 miners worked day and night above and underground.

Today, the industrial monument is a dynamic cultural location with museums for industrial history and design, numerous leisure activities and events. The famous pit-head frame impressively represents the change of a whole region. About 1.5 million guests from all over the world meanwhile visit the site every year to experience the exceptional industrial architecture, participate in guided tours, visit exhibitions, celebrate festivals or relax in the Zollverein Park.

The year 2018 will be characterised by the final phase-out of German coal mining. From 22 January to 2 September 2018, the Ruhr Museum presents the special exhibition “Josef Stoffels. Coal Mines - Photographs from the Ruhr area” and from 27 April to 11 November 2018, together with the German Mining Museum Bochum, the large public exhibition “The Age of Coal. A European History” in the Mixing Plant at the Zollverein Coking Plant. A varied supporting programme accompanies the themed year.

On the following pages you can experience the world of coal, coke, nature, and culture in the heart of the Ruhr area and immerse yourself in the fascinating cosmos of the famous industrial monument.



DENKMALPFAD ZOLLVEREIN®

DAILY GUIDED TOURS OF THE COAL MINE AND COKING PLANT

Denkmalpfad ZOLLVEREIN®, in English “Monument Path”, vividly conveys industrial history. On guided tours through the originally preserved above-ground facilities visitors experience what it meant to be working at the once most efficient coal mine in the world and Europe’s largest coking plant. The participants follow the “path of coal” above ground, thereby gaining exciting insights into the work as well as the life of miners and coke oven workers. Furthermore, the tour guide explains descriptive details on architecture, industrial nature and the change of the Zollverein World Heritage Site into a modern cultural location.

More than 30 different guided tour formats in up to 8 languages guarantee unforgettable experiences for all age groups. The offers of Denkmalpfad ZOLLVEREIN® also include the ZOLLVEREIN® round trips, which make it possible for visitors to comfortably and quickly explore the World Heritage Site by e-bus. During the trip, a guide from Denkmalpfad ZOLLVEREIN® imparts interesting information on the history and architecture of the facilities. In passing, the participants get to know all important buildings at Shaft XII, Shaft 1/2/8 and the Zollverein Coking Plant.

For detailed information please refer to:
www.denkmalpfad-zollverein.de
(German only).

AT A GLANCE

More than 30 different guided tour formats in up to 8 languages for all age groups / Guided group tours: basic price for two-hour guided tour with max. 20 participants: from 120 € (extra charge for foreign languages and tours starting after 7:00 p.m.), duration of the tours and thematic focus can be individually adapted / Prices ZOLLVEREIN® round trips: short trip (1 h) from 195 €, long trip (2 h) from 375 € / Public guided tours: basic price for two-hour guided tour: single person from 9.50 € (reduced 6 €) / prices ZOLLVEREIN® round trip: short trip (1 h) single person from 11 € (reduced 8 €)

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RUHR MUSEUM THE REGIONAL MUSEUM OF THE RUHR AREA

Fascination of the Ruhr Metropolis: featuring more than 6,000 exhibits, the Ruhr Museum in the former Coal Washery presents the exciting natural and cultural history of the Ruhr region. On three spectacular levels, the permanent exhibition illustrates the present of the Ruhr Metropolis, the pre-industrial memory as well as the dramatic history of industrialisation and structural change in the Ruhr area.

2018 will see the end of the German coal mining industry. The termination of coal production marks the end of an important era not only in German but also in European history. For two hundred years, coal mining has determined the economy far beyond the Ruhr area. From **27 April to 11 November 2018**, the **joint exhibition "The Age of Coal. A European History" of the Ruhr Museum and the German Mining Museum Bochum** in the architecturally impressive rooms of the Mixing Plant at the Zollverein Coking Plant presents a fascinating time journey through the historical, technical and cultural dimensions of coal. The exhibition is made possible by the RAG Foundation as part of the initiative "Glückauf Zukunft!"

A comprehensive accompanying programme with multilingual guided tours and audio guides, lectures, film series, and excursions is offered for all exhibitions.

Detailed information can be found at:
www.ruhrmuseum.de and **www.zeitalterderkohle.de**.

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Opening hours Ruhr Museum: daily 10 a.m.–6 p.m., closed on 24., 25. and 31.12. / Guided tours: duration 90 min., 70 € plus admission fee (guided tours in foreign languages 80 € plus admission fee), school and student groups 50 € with free admission, max. 20 participants / Admission fee: permanent exhibition Ruhr Museum + Portal of Industrial Heritage: children and adolescents under 18 free, adults 8 € (reduced 5 €), groups 6 € per person / special conditions for temporary exhibitions

INFORMATION AND BOOKING

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HOW TO GET THERE

Local public transport: tram line 107 (stop "Zollverein"); suburban railway line 2, bus line 170 + 183 (stop "Zollverein Nord") / car: parking areas A1, A2 and C (free of charge) / buses: parking area C (free of charge)

BARRIER-FREE ACCESSIBILITY

Zollverein Foundation and local institutions consistently work on providing unhindered and mostly barrier-free access for all visitors. Further information on barrier-free accessibility is available at: www.zollverein.de/barrierefrei (German only).

VISITOR CENTRE

At the RUHR.VISITORCENTER Essen in the former Coal Washery, visitors can obtain information leaflets, advice and tickets. The Portal of Industrial Heritage informs about the cultural variety of the region and affords an impressive panoramic view from the rooftop of the Coal Washery.

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