



Bochum

# Discover

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With its many and varied cultural and leisure facilities, Bochum has evolved from a one-time centre of heavy industry to “cultural capital of the Ruhr”, to quote an article in Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. The city’s theatre (Schauspielhaus) is one of the best of all German-speaking theatres. Starlight Express is not only the world’s fastest musical, but also the most successful with some ten million visitors. The German Mining Museum (Deutsches Bergbau-Museum), the largest of its kind anywhere, gives the visitor a unique impression of how mining has developed over the centuries, and the refurbished and extended Century Hall (Jahrhunderthalle Bochum) is one of the most imposing cathedrals of industrial history anywhere.

With its wealth of culture and attractive recreational facilities, with the “Bermuda Triangle” (Bermuda-Dreieck) the most popular “in” meeting place in this part of the country, the Ruhr stadium arguably the “gem” among Germany’s football grounds, and historical churches with rare treasures – Bochum is a lively city at the heart of the Ruhr.

The aim of this brochure is to highlight the city’s diversity and to arouse the visitor’s curiosity. “Discover Bochum” invites the visitor to explore the city but cannot possibly include every single facet. It contains information, tips, and suggestions to whet the visitor’s appetite for more.

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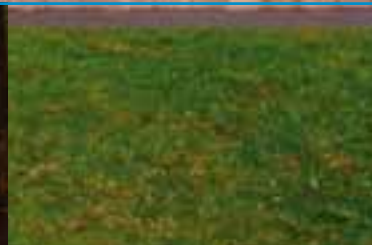




## German Mining Museum

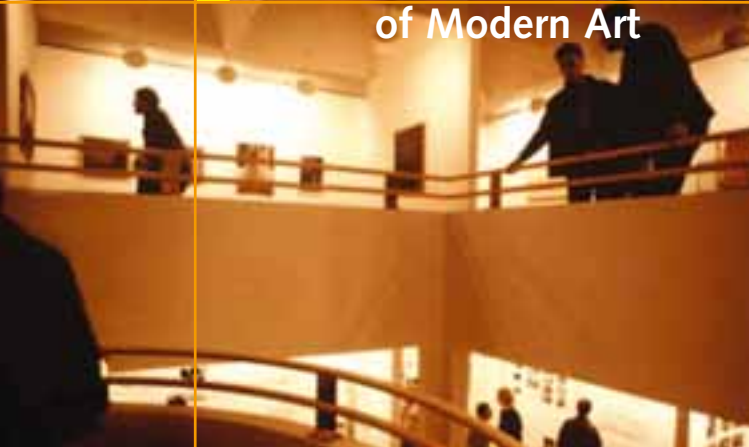
The 74.10 meter high winding tower of the German Mining Museum stands very near the city's public park. The Museum provides a rare insight into the underground world of tunnels and shafts: some 20 meters below the surface, a realistic coal mine has been reconstructed. A new section was opened in 2003 to document modern coal-mining technology. Each year, some 400,000 visitors come to the Museum which enjoys an international reputation and which is also home to the Research Institute for the Mining Industry.

Deutsches Bergbau-Museum  
Am Bergbaumuseum 28  
Phone 0180/5877234





## Museum Bochum - Collection of Modern Art



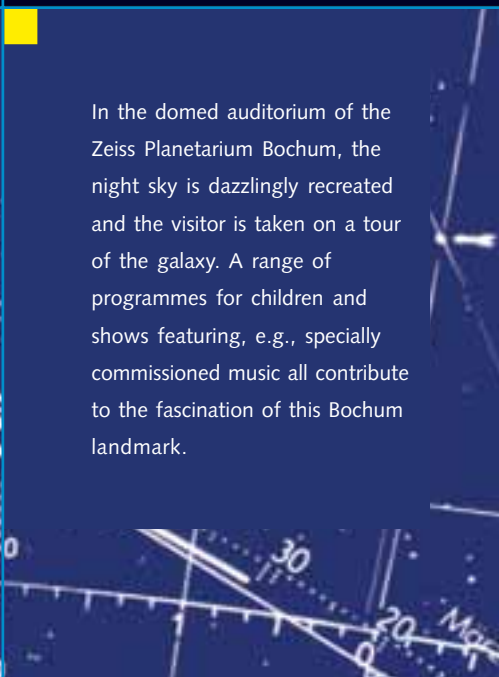
Museum Bochum, which is situated on the edge of the city's public park, has a fine collection of post-1945 art. Particular focus is on artworks from Eastern Europe, but the collection also includes works by established contemporary artists and experimental performance artists. An extension to the Museum, which was designed by the Danish architects Bo and Wohlert and completed in 1983, houses both the permanent collection and temporary exhibitions.



Museum Bochum –  
Kunstsammlung  
Kortumstraße 147  
Phone 0234/51600-30



# Zeiss Planetarium Bochum



In the domed auditorium of the Zeiss Planetarium Bochum, the night sky is dazzlingly recreated and the visitor is taken on a tour of the galaxy. A range of programmes for children and shows featuring, e.g., specially commissioned music all contribute to the fascination of this Bochum landmark.



**Zeiss Planetarium Bochum**  
Castroper Straße 67  
Phone 0234/51606-13



# Zoo

Bochum Zoo, which is located in the city's public park, is home to more than 3,000 animals representing some 350 species. The marine aquarium, terrarium and fossil collection form the centrepiece. In a 170,000 litre reef aquarium, countless stunningly coloured tropical fish dart in and out of the corals, watched by two black-tipped reef sharks. In the Zoo School rare lizards, snakes and birds of prey can be studied by visitors of all ages in a hands-on biology lesson. The Zoo is wheelchair accessible throughout.

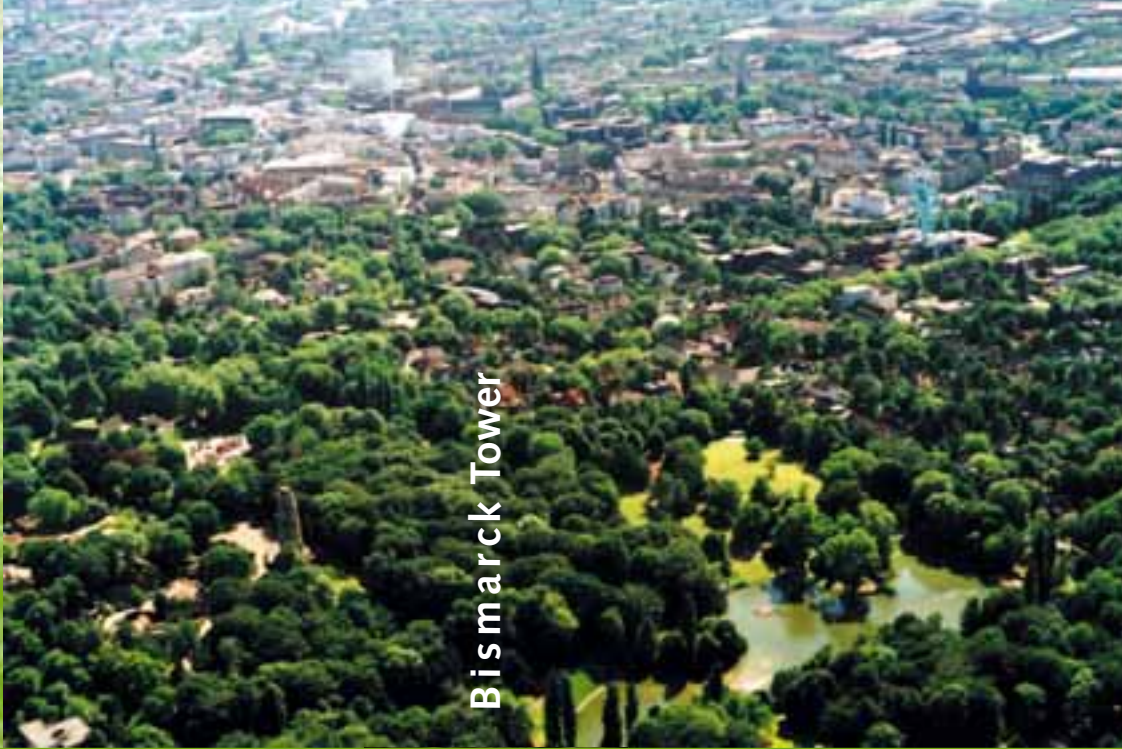


**Tierpark Bochum**  
Klinikstraße 49  
Phone 0234/950290



## Public Park

Bochum's public park, which was opened in 1876 and is designed in the style of an English garden, is situated very near to the city centre. Take a walk in the rose garden or relax at the side of one of the two lakes. This park is one of the oldest municipal gardens in the whole of Germany and is bordered by a number of very handsome 19th century villas, some of which are listed buildings.



## Bismarck Tower

**Bismarckturm**  
Bergstraße / Klinikstraße  
Phone 0234/910-3506



Following the death of Bismarck in 1898, German students called for beacontopped columns and towers to be erected throughout the country in his memory. The Bismarck tower in Bochum's public park was opened in 1910. An imposing 33 meters in height, it is the tallest of its kind in the country.

**Stadtspark**  
Bergstraße / Klinikstraße  
Phone 0234/910-3506





## Open-air Theatre Wattenscheid



The open-air theatre which first opened in 1937 is used as a venue for theatre productions, concerts and musicals and is popular with adults and children alike. It was refurbished and extended in 1997. The adjacent beer garden is a good place to take time out!



**Freilichtbühne Wattenscheid**  
Parkstraße  
Phone 0234/910-3953

The municipal park in the centre of Wattenscheid was completed in 1901. Over the years, it has become a popular recreation area. Extending over some ten hectares, the park provides a variety of facilities for unwinding and recharging batteries. The boating lake, the botanical garden and the aviary add interest to a stroll through the park in which the visitor will also find many examples of rare and magnificent trees.



## Municipal Park Wattenscheid

**Stadtgarten Wattenscheid**  
Stadtgartenring  
Phone 0234/910-3975

## Sylvester Chapel and Castle Ruins

Hidden from view by the centuries-old trees of the Weitmar castle gardens are the Sylvester chapel and castle ruins. The exact age of the chapel is not known, but there is documentary evidence that it existed in 1397. The ruins are all that remain of a house built in 1592. A path leads from the castle ruins to an old railway line which was once used to transport coal and which goes to Dahlhausen railway station or down to the river Ruhr.



**Weitmar wood**



One of Bochum's many green lungs and the surviving remains of a one-time forest to the south of the city is Weitmar wood which extends over an area of some 80 hectares. According to legend, it is here that a young herdboyc discovered the heating power of coal.



**Sylvesterkapelle und Schlossruine**  
Hattinger Straße  
Phone 0234/910-2516



**Weitmarer Holz**  
Hattinger Straße /  
Blankensteiner Straße  
Phone 0234/910-3526

Bochum's town hall was designed by the Darmstadt architect Professor Karl Roth. His concept is based on a strictly symmetrical ground plan and a large courtyard away from the busy streets. The town hall took four years to build and was opened on May 20, 1931. Since May 1991 it has been a listed building.



## Gerthe Old Townhall

**Amtshaus Gerthe**  
Heinrichstraße 42  
Phone 0234/910-9222

A perfectly symmetrical facade with arched windows on the ground floor, a spacious central staircase and an imposing council chamber, Gerthe townhall is an outstanding example of Wilhelminian architecture. It was completed in 1910. A particularly fine feature is the entrance with its neoclassical decoration.



## Wattenscheid Townhall

Wattenscheid's old town hall on Freiheitstrasse is built in the late renaissance style. The old council chamber with its large bronze chandelier and stained glass windows was destroyed on the night of July 10, 1945 and was rebuilt in 1951. A new wing with a modern facade was added in 1957.

**Rathaus Wattenscheid**  
Friedrich-Ebert-Straße 7  
Phone 0234/910-6200

**Rathaus Bochum**  
Willy-Brandt-Platz  
Phone 02347910-3975

**Townhall  
Bochum**

# Shopping



Bochum offers attractive shopping opportunities, both in the city centre and in the suburbs. The extensive pedestrian precinct around Kortumstrasse, Huestrasse, and Brückstrasse has both a wide variety of individual shops and two shopping malls Drehscheibe and City-Point. Visitors to the Stadtbad-Galerie on Massenbergrasse will find a restaurant and café, shops, a swimming pool and offices.

Germany's largest out-of-town shopping centre, the Ruhr-Park in Bochum-Harpen, is almost entirely covered and is an attractive option for browsing and shopping even in the rain.



# Triangle

Bermuda



Bochum's nightspot, the Bermuda Triangle, is well-known far beyond the boundaries of North-Rhine Westphalia. Just five minute's walk from the main railway station, it is a conglomeration of pubs, bistros, cafés, restaurants, and discos.

**Bermuda-Dreieck**  
Konrad-Adenauer-Platz /  
Viktoriastraße/  
Kortumstraße /  
Brüderstraße /  
Südring  
Phone 0234/9117333





## Bochum Theatre

The Bochum theatre, which was founded in 1919, is one of the best and most prominent of all German-speaking theatres. After the legendary directors Saladin Schmitt and Hans Schalla, it was Peter Zadek and Claus Peymann especially who delighted theatregoers and critics in the 1970s and '80s with their innovative and unconventional productions. In 1986 Frank-Patrick Steckel took over as director and stayed for a full ten years. He was followed in the 1995/96 season by Leander Haußmann. Since 2000 Matthias Hartmann has successfully directed the distinguished theatre on Königsallee.

**Schauspielhaus Bochum**  
Königsallee 15  
Phone booking office:  
0234/3333-111



## Bochum Symphony Players



Established like the theatre in 1919, the Bochum Symphony Players enjoy an excellent reputation and are one of Germany's foremost orchestras. Frequent guest performances both in this country and abroad testify to the quality of the instrumentalists among the orchestra members who have been under the leadership of musical director Steven Sloane since 1994.

**Bochumer Symphoniker**  
Prinz-Regent-Straße 50-60  
Phone 0234/910-8622



The fastest musical of all times has attracted ten million visitors since 1988. This makes Starlight Express currently the most successful musical in the world. The audience sits in between the roller-coaster tracks on which the actors stage their race sequences and thus experiences the dazzling choreography at very close quarters.

## Starlight Express



**Starlight Express**  
Stadionring 24  
Phone for information and tickets:  
0180/5152530  
Phone for tickets: 0234/95302-0

## RuhrCongress Bochum

Adjacent to the Ruhr stadium is the conference and event centre RuhrCongress Bochum, which opened in 2003. The centre is built of glass and natural stone and extends over an area of 7,500 square metres. It is used as a venue for conferences, concerts and trade fairs and can accommodate up to 5,000 people. A four-star hotel with 360 beds is located close by.



**RuhrCongress Bochum**  
Stationring 20  
Phone: 0234/6103-0

## Ruhr Stadium Bochum

Bochum's Ruhr stadium is a football-only stadium and home to first-division VfL Bochum. All seats are covered and no more than 30 meters from the pitch. Thanks to its excellent acoustics the stadium is occasionally used for open-air concerts. Bochum-born musician Herbert Grönemeyer enjoyed his last "home game" here in May 2003.

## ...and the VfL Stadium Centre



Very near to the Ruhr stadium and the long-standing circular sports hall (Rundsporthalle), VfL has a six-story stadium centre which was completed in August 2003. It provides accommodation for staff and players, medical facilities, and catering services for some 600 VIPs. The ground floor houses a bar and cafeteria, a ticket shop, and the official VfL fan shop.

**Ruhrstadium Bochum  
mit VfL-Stadioncenter**  
Castroper Straße 145  
Phone for information 0234/951848  
Phone for tickets 0234/96302-0

Situated to the south of the city is the Ruhr University which opened to students in 1965 as the first university to be established in the Federal Republic of Germany. The campus concept ensures minimum distances between the 20 faculties. Concerts featuring all genres of music are regularly given in the main hall of the auditorium maximum. With the medical technology centre (Universitätszentrum Medizintechnik), which was established in 2003, the University has unique resources for research and teaching in the field of biomedical technology.

## Chinese Garden



## Botanical Garden

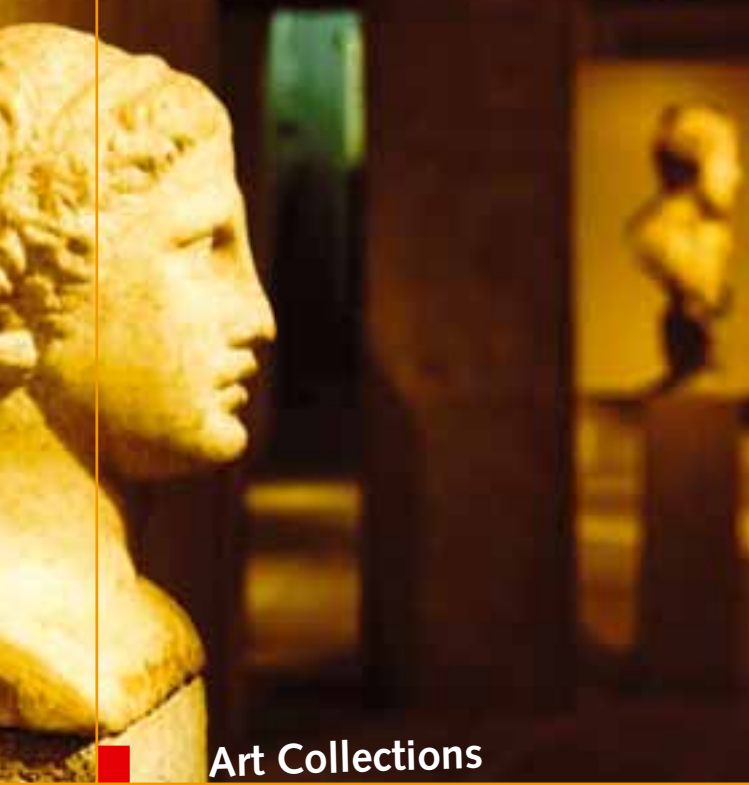


The Botanical Garden on the slopes to the south of the University invites the visitor to step into the multi-faceted world of plants. Display greenhouses accommodate plants from the rain forests, the arid regions and savannahs of Australia and southern Africa as well as water-storing plants from the desert. Outside, visitors can find out how the plant world has developed from the Ice Age to the present day. Not to be missed is

the Chinese Garden. Here the visitor can wander along twisting pathways, past small pavilions and artificial pools, transported for all the world into far-off Asia. The Chinese Garden in Bochum is the only Chinese domestic garden in Germany to be designed in the southern Chinese style.

**Chinesischer Garten / Botanischer Garten**  
University campus  
Access also possible from the road  
Im Lottental  
Phone 0234/32-23098





## Art Collections of Ruhr University Bochum

Both Past and Present await the visitor in the University Library building. The collection of antique art comprises a great many Greek vases and Greco-Roman statues, as well as paintings and sculptures by contemporary artists. The University Library also houses a collection of antique and medieval coins.

**Kunstsammlungen der Ruhr-Universität Bochum**  
Universitätsstraße 150  
Entrance: University forum opposite Audi-max  
Phone 0234/32-24738

## Ruhr University History of Medicine Collektion

From colliery winding tower to history of medicine museum: In the sympathetically restored "Malakow" tower which is part of the disused "Julius Philipp" colliery, the visitor gets an astonishing insight into the history of Western medicine. Ruhr University's Institute for the History of Medicine has put on display more than 10,000 medical instruments, appliances and apparatus.

**Medizinhistorische Sammlung der Ruhr-Universität Bochum**  
Markstraße 258a  
Phone 0234/23394



## Situation Art

Situation Art is part of the extensive art collections of Ruhr University Bochum and of Max Imdahl (1925-1988), the first professor of Art History at Ruhr University Bochum. Alongside paintings and sculptures by Norbert Kricke, Gotthard Graubner, Arnulf Rainer and Jan J. Schoonhoven, "environments" by Richard Serra, David Rabinovitch and Maria Nordman are presented which had previously been shown at the international exhibition of modern art, "Documenta", in Kassel. The internationally significant project integrates selected contemporary artworks into a single artwork in harmony with space and light.

**Situation Kunst**  
Schlossstraße 1a  
Phone 0234/452194



An oasis of leisure in the central Ruhr valley is Lake Kemnade. There's something for everyone here - walkers and cyclists, tennis players and water sports enthusiasts. Cafés, restaurants, playing fields, and barbecue facilities invite the visitor to take time out and unwind. On



## Kemnade Leisure Centre

board the pleasure ships "MS Kemnade" and MS Schwalbe" visitors can get a different perspective on the Ruhr and the Ruhr valley. Sitting up on the sun deck, they can enjoy a trip across the lake or on the river, passing through the lock at Herbede between Witten-Bommern and Heveney quay.



## Heveney Swimming Complex

Blending in perfectly with the surrounding countryside, the Heveney swimming complex on the edge of Lake Kemnade promises not only a welcome refreshment from the heat of the summer. An extensive sauna area also provides healthy relaxation, and a giant flume adds to the fun.

**Freizeitzentrum Kemnade**  
Querenburger Straße 29  
58455 Witten  
Phone 02302/2012-0

**Freizeitbad Heveney**  
Querenburger Straße 35  
58455 Witten  
Phone 02302/56263

On the slopes above Lake Kemnade in Stiepel golfers on the 18-hole course can enjoy the panoramic view of the Ruhr valley. A truly relaxing way of keeping fit and active.

## Blankenstein castle

Blankenstein castle is the birthplace of Bochum. It is where, in 1321, Count Engelbert II von der Mark conferred the status of a town on the community of Bochum. Today, the castle is very popular with visitors. Its 30 meter high tower affords wonderful views across the Ruhr valley, and the castle-restaurant looks after guests in a genuinely historical setting.

**Burg Blankenstein**  
Burgstraße 16  
45527 Hattingen  
Phone 0234/910-2940

● Golf

## Grumbt Collection of Musical Instruments



The collection of musical instruments assembled by Hans and Hede Grumbt and now on display in the moated castle Haus Kemnade comprises instruments and musical boxes from many parts of the world and different periods. The exhibits, some of which are extremely rare, are supplemented by valuable manuscripts and original scores as well as publications on the theory of music.

## Moated castle Haus Kemnade and Farmhouse Museum

The fact that Bochum was not always an industrial town is suggested by the farmhouse museum which is housed in a timber-framed building to the east of the moated castle Haus Kemnade. The museum's many exhibits document rural culture: Apart from agricultural tools the display also comprises 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century furniture from Westphalia and "Bergisches Land".

## Ehrich East Asian Collection

The collection of East Asian artworks includes some remarkable Japanese belt ornaments and depictions of the seven Japanese gods of fortune from the Ehrich collection.



**Wasserburg Haus Kemnade mit Bauernhausmuseum Musikinstrumentensammlung Grumbt**  
**Ostasiatika Sammlung Ehrich**  
An der Kemnade 10  
45527 Hattingen  
Phone 02324/30268

# Cistercian Monastery and Pilgrimage Church Siepel

The monks in the Cistercian Monastery in Siepel minister both to the parish and to pilgrims; the monastery also offers an opportunity for self-

reflection. The picture of "Our Lady of Sorrows" dates from the mid-15<sup>th</sup> century and is visited throughout the year by pilgrims and others.



**Stiepel Village Church**




Stiepel Village Church dates back almost a thousand years to 1008 when Countess Imma von Stiepel had it built. During restoration work in 1952, original wall and ceiling paintings were revealed. Further treasures include a 14<sup>th</sup> century font and a late-Gothic 15<sup>th</sup> century tabernacle.

**Stiepler Dorfkirche**  
Gräfin-Imma-Straße / Brockhauser Straße  
Phone 0234/791337




**Zisterzienserkloster**  
Am Varenholt 9  
Phone 0234 777050





## Railway Museum Bochum-Dahlhausen

Visitors to the Railway Museum in Bochum-Dahlhausen can see more than 200 historical vehicles from 150 years of railway history. The *pièce de résistance* is the Orient Express dining car dating from 1908. During the summer months visitors can ride on the museum train through the Ruhr valley and see for themselves how the old engines are operated.



Eisenbahnmuseum Bochum-Dahlhausen  
Dr.-C.-Otto-Straße 191  
Phone 0234/492516

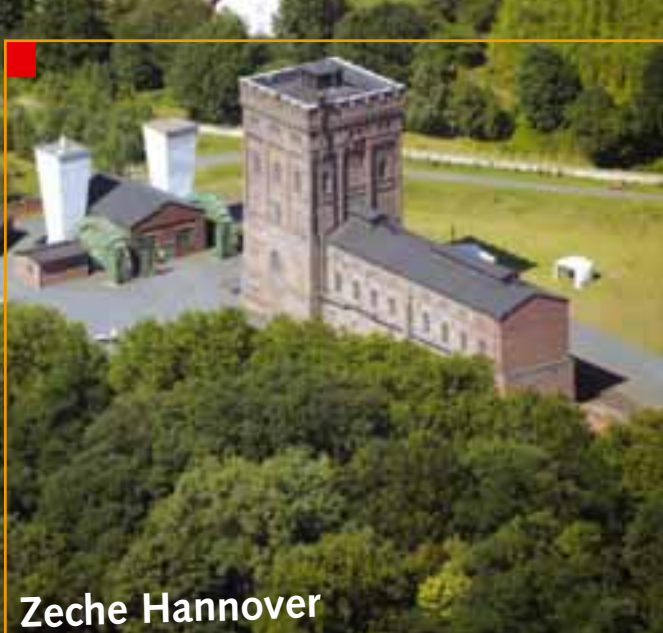


## Century Hall Bochum

Century Hall in the west of the city is a reminder of Bochum's past as a centre of iron and steel making. An imposing cathedral of industry dating from before the Great War, it served in 1902 as the exhibition pavilion of the steel company Bochumer Verein für Bergbau und Gußstahlfabrikation at the Industry and Trade Fair in Düsseldorf. It was subsequently assembled in its present position on Alleestraße as a powerhouse. The rather stately looking hall is now a listed building. After considerable extension and sympathetic renovation it has become one of the main venues of both the RuhrTriennale Festival and the NRW Festival.

### Jahrhunderthalle Bochum

Gahlensche Straße / Alleestraße  
 Phone 0234/3693-203  
 Phone for tickets and guided tours:  
 0234/96302-26  
 Phone for tickets and information:  
 0700/2002-3456



## Zeche Hannover

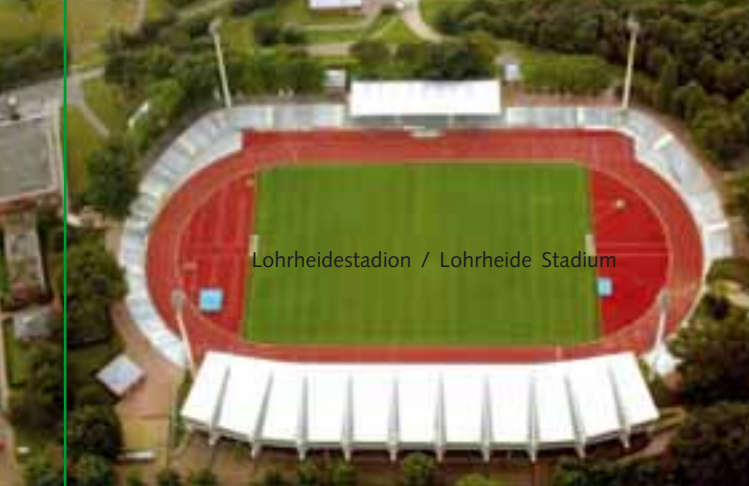


The Malakow tower and the adjacent machine-house of the disused Hannover colliery have been largely preserved and are now part of the Westphalian Industrial Museum. The still recognisable constellation of colliery, community, and

## Zeche Knirps

workers' houses is typical. The Industrial Museum has a special attraction for children: they can "mine" coal in the kiddies' colliery. This mine has been designed to demonstrate to young visitors how a colliery actually works.

**Zeche Hannover / Zeche Knirps**  
 Günnigfelder Straße 251  
 Phone 0231/6961233



Lohrheidestadion / Lohrheide Stadium



The 2002 German track and field championships were held in the Lohrheide Stadium which had been revamped for the occasion. 38,000 visitors attended the three-day event.

## ■ Lohrheide Stadium

**Lohrheidestadion**  
Lohrheidestraße 82  
Phone 0234/910-1838

The 16<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse Helfs Hof has retained much of its original fabric. A collection of rustic furniture and agricultural equipment as well as valuable documents and pictures shed light on Wattenscheid's history.



## ■ Wattenscheid Civic Hall

The Civic Hall in the centre of Wattenscheid accommodates an audience of some 800 people. It is a regular venue for theatre productions, concerts, and cabaret.

**Stadthalle Wattenscheid**  
Saarlandstraße  
Phone 02327/93237-0  
And 0234/910-3314



## ■ Helfs Hof Local History Museum

**Heimatemuseum Helfs Hof**  
In den Höfen 37  
Phone 02327/33150 and  
02347/910-3315

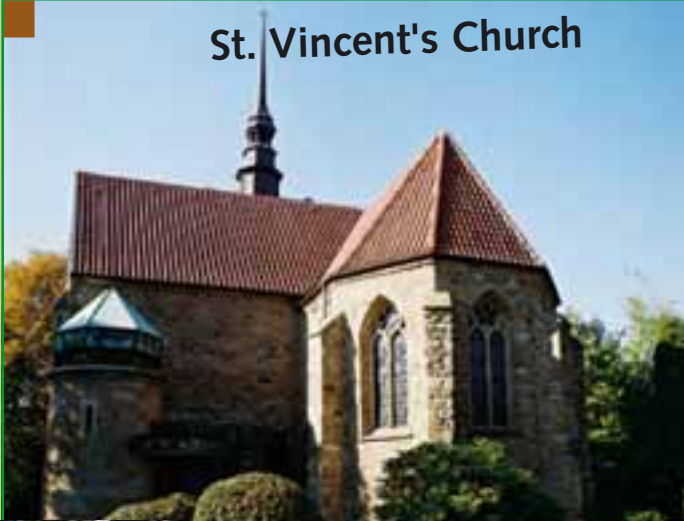


**Propsteikirche St. Peter und Paul**  
Bleichstraße 12  
Phone 0234/14715

## Provostry Church of St. Peter und Paul

The Provostry Church of St. Peter and Paul is the oldest church in Bochum. It contains a number of fine artworks from different epochs. Of particular interest are the Romanesque font dating from around 1175, the reliquary of saints Perpetua and Felicity, and the high altar with the figure of Christ from the year 1352.

## St. Vincent's Church



This Neo-gothic five-aisle church was built between 1868 and 1872 and is the central landmark of Wattenscheid old town. The early Romanesque font dates from around the year 1000. It is thought to be one of the oldest decorated fonts in Germany.

St. Vincent's Church was founded round about the year 1,000. Together with Stiepel Village Church, therefore, it is one of the oldest buildings in Bochum. Particularly well worth seeing are the exquisite Baroque altar dating from 1699 and the 16th century Peternell organ.

**St. Vincentius-Kirche**  
Kattenstraße 3  
Phone 0234/231546

## St. Gertrud of Brabant



**Propsteikirche St. Gertrud  
von Brabant**  
Auf der Kirchenburg 1  
Phone 02327/88183



## Facts and Figures

Geographic position:

Longitude 7 degrees 13 min. 34 sec. east of Greenwich

Latitude 51 degrees 28 min. 21 sec. north

Population density: 2,709 per m<sup>2</sup>

Population: 393,853 (December 2003)

Of these,

male: 190,362, female: 203,491

Total road network: 981.7 km

Wooded area: 959 hectares

Hotels: 29

Hotel beds: approx. 3,200

Number of overnight stays: 422,399 (in 2003)

Theatres: 10

Swimming baths: 7

Cinemas: 7

Libraries: 9

Hospitals: 11

Churches: 60

Of these,

protestant: 27, catholic: 33

Gyms and indoor sports halls: 104

Outdoor sports fields: 63

## Useful contacts

### Promotion of Trade and Industry

Viktoriastraße 10

Phone 0234/910-3966

### Functions and Events

Viktoriastraße 10

Phone 0234/3079970

### Bochum Marketing GmbH

Huestraße 9

Phone 0234/96302-0

### Information Office in Bochum Townhall

Willy-Brandt-Platz 2-6 / Gustav Heinemann-Platz

Phone 0234/910-3978 and 0234/910-4041

### Information Office in Wattenscheid Townhall

Friedrich-Ebertstraße 7

Phone 0234/910-6200

### Municipal Office of Cultural Affairs

Westring 32

Phone 0234/910-3953

### Press and Information Office

Willy-Brandt-Platz 2-8

Phone 0234/910-3081

### RuhrCongress Bochum

Stadionring 20

Phone 0234/6103-0