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## Things to do in Cologne

The city of Cologne is renowned world-wide for its iconic Gothic cathedral and its 2,000 year-old history influenced widely by the Romans. Situated in western Germany at the Rhine River it is the cultural centre of the region with a great variety of museums to visit. Moreover people in Cologne love to meet for a traditional *Kölsch* beer at a brewery called *Brauhaus* or enjoy traditional or trendy food at one of Cologne's many restaurants.

The **venue** „Leonardo Royal Hotel Köln Am Stadtwald“ is situated at the Stadtwald Park where you can go for a run around or visit the animal park.

**Bars and restaurants** are plentiful throughout Cologne. The restaurant [Erpel & Co.](#) is only 5 minutes away from the hotel, [Club Astoria](#) or [Hellers Brauhaus](#) are 30 minutes away.

Whatever your preference, check out bars like the [Little Link](#) offering fancy cocktails, the Monkey Bar at the [25hours Hotel The Circle](#) with spectacular views of the city.

There are a lot of more things to do and places to go in Cologne. The one thing you should really do is visit the **cathedral**, which is one of the largest gothic cathedrals in the world. It is the second tallest church in Europe and Germany's most visited landmark. It is right by the main station and impossible to miss with its two huge spires. It hosts the shrine of the three wise men and can be visited between 9am and 5pm. We also recommend climbing up the stairs inside the towers (for a fee) for great views of the city. <https://www.koelner-dom.de/en>

Also take a walking tour through the old town by the river or the Belgian quarter which is not far from the hotel. Join one of the pub tours „Brauhaustour“ or „Kölschtour“ at night learning not only about the local beer. For more information about the **various tours** see [Gruppenführungen/Öffentliche Führungen](#).

And here you can find an overview of Cologne's tourist **attractions/museums**: [Sehenswürdigkeiten](#). With more than 40 museums there is a lot to discover: Museum Ludwig, exhibiting modern art, Wallraf-Richertz-Museum or „Schokoladenmuseum“ (chocolate museum) with offers a praline workshop are only three of the popular places to visit.

If you want to go for a run or a long walk, we recommend a 10k loop around the Decksteiner Weiher. See this map or ask Marcus.

