

COLOGNE INSIDER TIPPS

There are homes you run from, and homes you run to. (Law Ra Cunning Ham)



Restaurants

Name	Brief Description & Link	Where?
Früh am Dom	Traditional Cologne Pub , a must-see → www.frueh.de/	Am Hof 12-18
Hans im Glück	Burger restaurant, very classy and affordable → www.koeln.hansimglueck-burgergrill.de/	Hohenzollernring 38-40
Vapiano	Italian Restaurant, famous for Pizza, Pasta and Salad. Interesting design and concept → www.vapiano.de/	Habsburgerring 2-12 & Constantinstraße 87-89
Die fette Kuh	Burger restaurant, popular	Bonner Str. 43
Mongo's Restaurant	Mongolian Grill/BBQ → www.mongos.de/	Ottplatz 1
Meson El Cordobes	Cheap and awesome tapas, quite small, need to make a reservation → www.meson-el-cordobes.de/	Gladbacher Straße 11
Freddy Schilling	Burger Restaurant → www.freddyschilling.de/	Kyffhäuserstrasse 34
Il Caminetto	Small Italian restaurant, good and cheap food, really good pizza	Eifelstr. 36
KittiChai	Fancy designed Thai restaurant, great food & cocktails (Jumbo Cocktail Happy Hour 5-11 pm)	Ehrenstr. 81
Zülpischer Döner	Great Turkish Gyros after a night partying	Zülpischer Str. 3



Brunch

Name	Brief Description & Link	Where?
Extrablatt	→ www.cafe-extrablatt.com	Alter Markt 28
All Bar One	→ www.all-bar-one.net	Friesenstraße 82
Herbrand's	→ www.herbrands.de	Herbrandstraße 21
Alex	→ www.dein-alex.de	Friesenstr. 80
Erpel & Co	→ www.erpelundco.de	Dürener Str. 253



Bars

Name	Brief Description & Link	Where?
Sausalitos	Mexican → www.sausalitos.de	Hohenzollernring 50
Bar 51	Live football every week	Hohenzollernring 51
Rheinterrassen	At the river bank, great view → www.rhein-terrassen.de/	Rheinparkweg 1
All Bar One	Great cocktails, also very good Sunday brunch → www.all-bar-one.net/	Friesenstraße 82
Sasam	Good pizza as well, cheap → www.mysasan.com/	Hohenstaufenring 25
Zum Goldenen Schuss	→ www.facebook.com/zumgoldenenschuss	Antwerpener Straße 38
Joe Champs	American Sports Bar, broadcasts a variety of sports, is a restaurant too → www.joe-champs.de	Hohenzollernring 1-3
Corkonian	Irish Pub → www.thecorkonian.com/	Alter Markt 51



Clubs

Name	Music	Brief Description
Ivory	House and R&B	Fancy dresscode
Cent Club	Mainstream	Cheap
Crystal	Mainstream, house	Fancy dresscode
Das Ding	Mainstream	Cheap, bring your Student ID
Diamonds	House, mainstream	More expensive, Posh
Flamingo	Mainstream, house	Fancy dresscode
Halle Tor 2	House, mainstream	Big location
Klasmühle	German Pop	Casual, free 10l keg for birthdays
Live Music Hall	Pop, Rock	Friday free beer
Nachtflug	House, mainstream	Free entry on Tuesday
Red Cat Lounge	Mainstream	Casual dresscode, bar & club



Name	Music	Brief Description
Subway	Hiphop, Elektro, Various	
Triple A	House, mainstream	Wednesday Happy Hour
Roonburg	Mainstream	"Beverage stock exchange" on Fri
Alter Wartesaal	Theme parties	
Tanzbrunnen	Various	Concerts in summer
Goldfinger		
Club Bahnhof Ehrenfeld	Alternative, Various	Concerts+parties
Underground	Alternative	Often free entry, Rock&Punk concerts
Flanagans	Rock, Pop, Mix	Good on Tuesdays

Events

Name	What	When	Where
PollerWiesn	Music Festival	29 May 2014	On Boats
Red Bull Flying Illusion	Breakdance/Illusion	28 June 2014	Lanxess Arena
Rund um Köln	Cycle Race, interesting event spectators	21 April 2014	Finish at Rheinauhafen Köln
Wake the line	Wakeboard contest	19-20 July 2014	Stadionbad (next to the Playa)
Unilauf	Run organized by the University of Cologne (1k, 5k, 10k)	4 June 2014	Around the Aachener Weiher
Justin Timberlake	The 20/20 experience worldtour	20 April 2014	Lanxess Arena
Beyoncé	The Mrs. Carter Show World Tour	15 March 2014	Lanxess Arena
Christopher Street Day (CSD)	Gay and Lesbian Parade, great music and a lot of fun for everyone	28 June 2014	In the City
Kölner Lichter	One of the biggest music synchronized fireworks in Europe. There are different themes every year	19 July 2014, starts at 11.30pm. Be a few hours early to get a good spot. It's for free	On the Rhine between the Bastei and Tanzbrunnen (close to the Dom)
Cologne Marathon	Marathon through Cologne	14 September 2013	Mostly CBD, start is on the other side of the Rhine by the Hohenzollernbrück, finish line is by the Dom



Locations & Things worth seeing

Name	Where	What	Link
Love locks	Hohenzollernbrücke, train bridge behind the Cologne Cathedral	It's a tradition. People attach padlocks to the bridge and throw the key in the Rhine. It's a symbol for love & friendship	www.cologne.de/what-to-do/sightseeing/love-locks.html
Observation deck Köln Sky	Ottoplatz 1, opposite side of the Dom	Good view over the city	www.koelnsky.com/
1. FC Köln (most popular soccer team in Cologne)	RheinEnergy Stadium (games), Geißbockheim (training grounds)	Visit a home game in the RheinEnergie Stadion, or their training grounds	www.fc-koeln.de
Kölner Haie	Lanxess Arena	visit a home game in the Lanxess Arena (Cologne Sharks, most popular ice hockey team in Cologne)	www.haie.de
Fühlinger See	Köln Fühlingen	Lake, Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Rowing, Canoeing, Picnic	www.fuehlinger-see.com/
Escher See	Am Baggerfeld 4	Lake, Artificial Beach, Beach Soccer, Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Restaurant, Bar	www.sundownbeach.de
Decksteiner Weiher		Lake inside the Stadtgarten, Café, Pedal boats	
Opera	Gladbacher Wall 5	Various shows	www.operkoeln.com/
Philharmonie	Bischofsgartenstr.1	Classical concerts	www.koelner-philharmonie.de/
Cologne Cathedral Climb	Cologne Cathedral (Dom)	Take the stairs to the top of the Dom, great view of the city	www.koelner-dom.de
Kölsch Wasser 4711 House	Glockengasse 4	Store of the famous Cologne perfume, insights on production	www.4711.com
Sport & Olympia Museum	Im Zollhafen 1	Interesting museum for sport history	www.sportmuseum.de
Chocolate Museum	Am Schokoladenmuseum 1a	Everything about chocolate, including production on sight	www.schokoladenmuseum.de

Activities

Name	Brief Description	Where?	Link
Michael Schumacher Go-Karting	Very professional go-kart track, indoor and outdoor	Michael-Schumacher-Str. 5	www.ms-kartcenter.de/
Le Mans Karting	Indoor Go-Kart Track	Köhlstrasse 37	www.lemanskarting.de/
chimpanzodrome	Indoor Climbing Park	Ernst-Heinrich-Geist-Straße	www.chimpanzodrome.de/
Neptunbad	Wellness Sports & Spa Club (incl. Sauna)	Neptunplatz 1	www.neptunbad.de/
Claudius Therme	Thermal Spa (incl. Sauna)	Sachsenbergstraße 1	www.claudius-therme.de/
Aqualand	Water Fun Park (incl. Sauna)	Merianstraße 1	www.aqualand.de/
Flea Markets	There are many flea and farmer's markets in Cologne. They are great for fresh food, antiques, and bargains	Am Rheinufer, Unicenter, Südstadt, Agnesviertel, Wilhelmsplatz	www.flohmarkt-termine.net
Strawberry Picking	Pick strawberries yourself	Gut Clarenhof, Gutshof Bell	www.gut-clarenhof.de , www.beller-spargel.de
Open Air Cinemas	There is a variety of open air cinemas in and around the city	Rheinauhafen, Cinenova, etc.	www.openairkino.de/koeln
Climbing at the Hohenzollernbrücke	climbing at the bridge, you will need to bring equipment, it's for free	opposite of the Dom, other side of the Rhine	www.dav-koeln.de/cgi-bin/page.cgi?368