

English Translations of excerpts from County Kleve Internet pages (<http://www.kreis-kleve.de/>)

Experience Kleve County

You should be on the watch for...

Diverse Culture

Diversity reigns the present day scene of cultural activities on the lower Rhine: Comedy and marksmen's festivals, outdoor theatres and paintings on the pavement, mill days, 'early bird' drinks with jazz, memorial days, carnival and the church, Nicholas on water and theatre in a former biscuit factory.

[Kulturverein IMPULS](#) | [XOX-Theater Kleve](#) | [Museum Schloss Moyland](#) | [Museum Kurhaus Kleve](#) | [Kleinkunstverein Cinque](#) | [Viller Mühle](#). [Here](#) you can find information about Kleve County KulTourdays.

Cities, Towns, Villages

A tour through the cities and towns in Kleve County is full of surprises. Lovingly renovated medieval town centers are waiting to be discovered. Sculpture parks are found in old fortifications, museums and cafes in historic structures. Here begins a virtual tour to discover the interesting sights worth seeing.

Leisure and Recreation

Those with no desire to idle away their holidays, but would rather actively explore the countryside or engage in sports, will find many possibilities on the lower Rhine.

Hikers and equestrians – and particularly the so-called 'wandering riders' who want to combine hiking with horse riding – can roam to their heart's content through Kleve County. There are many stations available where walkers and horses with riders can relax and gather strength. A cross-border trail network makes 'boundless riding' into the adjacent Netherlands possible.

Special among the many experiences is a balloon flight over the lower Rhine, or a visit to a corn labyrinth. Tranquil tours with a carriage or a covered wagon create a relaxing degree of slowness. But for those that prefer things a bit faster over level ground, consider roller skating over dikes and through fields. Bicyclists are likewise at the right place for unforgettable tours along the river and through the countryside. Tours can be found on the Internet pages "[grenzenlos radfahren](#)" ("unbounded cycling"), "[Niederrhein-Tourismus](#)" ("Tourism on the Lower Rhine") and "[2-Land](#)"; see

the link directory. Bike tourists wanting to spend one or several days on the Lower Rhine no longer need in the future to bring their own bicycles. Because over the Internet under <http://www.niederrheinrad.de/> one can easily reserve one or more of those eye-catching apple-green Lower Rhine bicycles. The departure and return locations can be flexibly selected as bicycle rental stations are situated throughout the lower Rhine. This means that the Lower Rhine bicycles do not have to be returned to the starting point. Provided along with the bicycle is a comprehensive service-package deal consisting of luggage transport, advice and help for route planning, information on tourist attractions, cycling events and many other happenings.

The beautiful natural swimming lakes of Kleve County delight with a refreshing cool-down on warm summer days. Typical for the Lower Rhine countryside are the windmills; the Rhine Windmill Association provides information, tour appointments and opening hours of the mills. A real insider tip is the Lower Rhine for golfers. Six golf courses in such idyllic landscapes will surely enliven the heartbeats of true sport enthusiasts.

Further Links

- [Tourism on the Lower Rhine](#)
- [Unbounded Cycling](#)
- [2-Land](#)
- [Bicycle Touring Map Kleve County](#)
- [Information on Riding Trail Markings](#)
- [Bathing Waters of Kleve County](#)
- [Rhine Windmill Association](#)
- [Directory of all Markets in Kleve County](#)

In the cultural scene of the present diversity reigns at the lower Rhine: Comedy and Schützenfeste, theatre under outdoors and painting on the pavement, mill days, jazz Frühschoppen and monument days, Carnival in the Church, Nicholas on water and theatre in the former biscuit factory.

Since the turn of the millennium, exciting art sites have been a boom for international cultural tourism on the Lower Rhine. Highlights in the north of Germany near the Dutch border are the Kleve Spa presenting modern art in historic bath buildings, and the Moyland Castle Museum with the internationally significant Beuys-Archive only a few kilometers distant in the community of Bedburg-Hau.

Approximately one million visitors each year visit Kevelaer, which is, along with Fatima and Santiago di Compostela, one of the most important centers of Christian pilgrimage in Europe. Those with more secular interests may explore the Museum of Lower Rhine Folklore to learn about the customs and cultures of past generations.

Nature

Nature on the lower Rhine has many faces: broad pastures and cultivated fields surrounded by hedges and willow trees, the mighty Rhine and its side arms on whose banks bottomland forests and primitive shore lands have formed, and up to 5,000 hectares large contiguous forest areas present a diversified portrait to offer visitors.

The Lower Rhine landscape has evolved in its diversity to a valuable habitat for numerous animal and plant species. In several large and small nature reserves flora and fauna are maintained and monitored under professional supervision.

Visitors can freely explore and experience large parts of the nature. In several visitor centers one can obtain information and sign up for guided tours.

Travelers on Lower Rhine encounter especially cute guests in winter. Every year around 170,000 Siberian wild geese migrate to inhabit the meadows in the north of Kleve County. Conservationists offer guided tours where matchless impressions can be gathered.

Further Links

- [Gelderse Poort](#)
- [Nature Conservation Center Kleve County](#)
- [NABU Nature Protection Station Kranenburg](#)
- [Nature Park Schwalm-Nette](#)

Cities and Communities

A tour through the cities and towns in Kleve County is full of surprises. Lovingly renovated medieval town centers such as [Kalkar](#) or [Wachtendonk](#) are waiting to be discovered. Sculpture parks are found in old fortifications, and museums and cafes in historic structures, for instance as in [Rees](#) or in the border fortress of [Kranenburg](#).

The special flair of the **Marian pilgrimage city** of [Kevelaer](#) has attracted also every year for as long as anyone can remember many secular guests who like to stroll through the crafts ateliers and galleries of the cordial inner-city.

The large marketplace in **Griet** near Kalkar recalls its past as a small Hanseatic city. Looming over the city [Kleve](#) and widely visible from afar is the Swan Castle, at the foot of which the legendary Knight Lohengrin made his eternal farewells to his beloved Elsa.

From our [home page](#) you arrive with a click to the web pages of our cities and towns in the county. Start a virtual voyage of discovery to find culinary delights to match your tastes and interesting sights to satisfy your interests.

Tourism in Kleve County

The Economic Development of [Kleve County Inc.](#) is the regional coordinating agency for tourism in Kleve County and remains in close contact with tourism specialists and tourist hosts in the cities and towns. The Economic Development of Kleve County Inc. is active as a partner in the parent company of [Lower Rhine Tourism Inc.](#) in many joint activities with Wesel and Viersen Counties and the city of Krefeld. You will find in the Economic Development of Kleve County Inc. a team that will lend support with help and advice – when planning your trip, in selecting tours and tourist destinations, in choosing accommodations.

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Further Links

- [Tourism on the Lower Rhine](#)

Kleve County as Business Location

Euregio-Location in the middle of Europe

Kleve County lies on the national border with the Netherlands. The proximity to the Rhine-Ruhr rail line and the immediate vicinity to major European centers create the best site requirements for entrepreneurial activities. Detailed site info is available at the [County WFG](#).

Regional Airport Weeze

In the middle of the County Kleve – less than one hour from the megalopolis Duisburg-Ruhr District – is situated [Airport Weeze](#). The regional airport opened in 2003 and significantly enriches the logistical arrangements of Kleve County, which is involved in Airport Weeze as a minority partner.

The **site of Airport Weeze** – situated in the heart of the Rhineland, the Ruhr and the Netherlands – connects Kleve County and the surrounding region to major economic zones such as Düsseldorf, Essen, Duisburg, Krefeld, Mönchengladbach, Eindhoven, Nijmegen, Arnhem and Venlo, all located within a radius of about 80 km.

The distance to Cologne and Dortmund is 100 km, to Maastricht 115 km. The nearest federal expressway connection is 12 km, both in Germany and in the Netherlands. With its offer of low-cost flights, Airport Weeze is well on the way to becoming a quick and accessible **logistical option** for about 10 million Dutch and German travelers.

Kleve County currently holds 0.05 % of **corporate shares** as one of three partners. The majority of the corporation is privately owned.

The special interest of the County is directed to the goal of securing long-term safe flight operations at the Airport Weeze. The backdrop is one of high **expectations from politics, the economy and the populace** regarding the economic and tourist potentials of the regional airport.

Further Links

- [Airport Weeze](#)

Rhine-Waal University

As of Winter Semester 2009 one can study in Kleve County at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences. To learn about the degree programs and obtain other info, visit the homepage of the University: <http://www.hochschule-rhein-waal.de/>