

# *Duisburg*

*City of water & fire*









## A WARM WELCOME TO DUISBURG – CITY OF WATER AND FIRE.

*The elements of water and fire have been a big part of our city since far back in history. Boatmen and steelworkers have made Duisburg into what it is today. And these elements in our port city with its international flair are also associated with many exciting possibilities today for visitors to get to know it – between leisure time and business or between industry and industrial culture.*

*I grew up in the northern part of Duisburg and can still vividly recall the breath-taking spectacle of a blast furnace being tapped, igniting the night sky, as it were. That also took place at the Meidericher Hüttenwerk, which has been a source of marvel and wonder for more than 20 years as Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord, which itself was ranked among the top ten most beautiful parks in the world in 2015. Nowadays fire plays a more subtle role. Nevertheless, it is still omnipresent in the iron mills and steelworks. Duisburg is Europe's steel capital, offering the opportunity to discover both active industrial plants as well as industrial culture. Guided tours to showcases of both types are fascinating experiences.*

*Chugging freight barges on the Rhine, silent fishermen on the banks of the Ruhr, the honking of Siberian geese as they arrive in the river meadows and on the banks of lakes in the autumn: when you live in the city of Duisburg with all its waterways, you also take this for granted. It is all just part of life, like an outing for a swim and sunbathing at one of the many lakes, the port festival in the biggest inland port in the world, international canoe races on the Regatta Course in Duisburg Sportpark or taking the Rhine ferry from Duisburg-Walsum to Rheinberg-Orsoy. On the other hand, this is not just a given, however: Guests visiting our city constantly discover that with its ports, rivers, lakes and canals Duisburg has a unique quality of life to offer.*

*Everyday contact with the elements of water and fire have not only shaped the city – it has also moulded its people. The actor Götz George, who played police commissioner “Schimanski”, a somewhat hyperbolic role, in various television films, nevertheless accurately depicted that somewhat rough and tumble, but warm and sincere personality that distinguishes people from our city. But more than anything else, the inhabitants of Duisburg are open to the world – and hospitable. I would like to warmly invite you to experience this yourself in our exciting, multifaceted city.*

A stylized white signature of Sören Link on a dark background.

Sören Link | Lord Mayor



# **Duisburg**

*On the waterfront*

## **Inner Harbour**

*Twenty thousand ships put into the world's biggest inland port on the Rhine and Ruhr each year. Duisburg is one of Germany's most water-abundant cities. Numerous lakes, canals and ports dominate the landscape of the city. But water is also synonymous with quality of life in Duisburg. It is major component of sports and leisure time activities.*



## PORTS, DIKES, WATER SPORTS

Right behind Duisburg City Hall, the banks of Duisburg's Inner Harbour invites visitors on a leisurely stroll. Restaurants and bistros are interspersed among former warehouses. Visitors here can discover the world's biggest inland port by catching a port tour with the Weisse Flotte at Steiger Schwanentor. And you can kick back and enjoy nature in all its lushness on the lakes of the Sechs-Seen-Platte. Duisburg Sportpark has it all: sailing, canoeing, water skiing and dragonboat trips. International competitions are staged at the Regatta Course there.



**Duisburg Port**



**Sportpark Duisburg**







# Duisburg

Industrial culture

Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord



*Duisburg boasts the highest volume of steel production of all cities in Europe. Production sites that have been closed down have been transformed into creative monuments to industrial culture unparalleled in the world. Former factory land now offers sports, cultural experiences and leisure time pursuits in an exhilarating atmosphere. What used to be port granaries are now home to restaurants and internationally renowned art displays.*



## STEELWORKS, SLAGHEAPS, WAREHOUSE ROWS

*Crowning a slagheap is the spectacular sculpture Tiger & Turtle. Duisburg's Inner Harbour has been turned into an office and promenade district whose popularity extends far and wide. And where the sword industry used to dot the banks of the Rhine there is now Rheinpark with its sandy beach, beckoning visitors to enjoy a sunbath. Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord offers music festivals, open air cinema, underwater diving, climbing and much more. Listing off all of the events and possibilities offered by the park would be beyond the scope here. Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord is one of Germany's most popular attractions. The British newspaper Guardian ranked it among the ten most beautiful parks in the world.*



Inner Harbour



# Duisburg

City of culture

## ExtraSchicht

*Duisburg presents a colourful cultural scene befitting a major metropolis night-in, night-out. Whether you are an aficionado of the fine arts or prefer small gigs in trendy clubs: you will quickly find the right stage in Duisburg. On top of it all, there are top-notch festivals of all types.*





Duisburg Theatre

## OPERA, GIGS AND FESTIVALS

*The Deutsche Oper am Rhein, theatre and ballet celebrate inspiring premiers at Duisburg Theatre on a regular basis. Next door, the Mercatorhalle in CityPalais houses the internationally acclaimed Duisburg Philharmonic. The Theater am Marienort stages shows and musicals. Numerous clubs and event-staging pubs feature individual artists and live music. Festivals like ExtraSchicht, Duisburger Akzente, Traumzeitfestival at the blast furnace or Ruhrtriennale are additional highlights during the year.*



Duisburg Philharmonic





# Duisburg

Museums

Lehmbruck Museum



*In the city of the sculptor Wilhelm Lehmbruck and the cartographer Gerhard Mercator, both art museums and historical museums alike are highly reputed. Exquisite pieces of art are displayed in public areas and are virtually everywhere to be seen. The fountain promenade in the inner city, for example, has been designed by internationally renowned artists like Otmar Alt or Niki de Saint Phalle.*



## PAINTING, SCULPTURES AND RELICS

*At the top of any list for fans of international sculpture and object art is the Lehmbruck Museum, which is located in Duisburg's Kant Park along with the Cubus Kunsthalle. Equally renowned is the collection at the MKM Museum Küppersmühle für Moderne Kunst. The DKM Museum features old and new art. Duisburg's more than one thousand years of history is documented in the Kultur- und Stadthistorisches Museum. The Museum der Deutschen Binnenschifffahrt (German Inland Shipping Maritime Museum) is inseparably interwoven with Duisburg's history.*



**Museum der Deutschen Binnenschifffahrt  
(German Inland Shipping Maritime Museum)**



**MKM Museum Küppersmühle für Moderne Kunst**



**Museum DKM**





# Duisburg

Events

Christmas market

*In addition to the cultural program offered by the Theatre and additional organisations, there are countless festivals, markets and events in the streets and squares throughout the year. This is also a good place to get to know the culinary side of the city as well while at the same time experiencing the convivial nature of Duisburg's inhabitants. Visitors from outside the city find ready access to locals here.*





Duisburg's Matjes Fest

## MARVELLING, CELEBRATING, OPEN AIR

More than two million guests from all over Germany and abroad attend the Duisburg Christmas market each year. The Wine Festival in the late summer also has a loyal following reaching far beyond the city limits. There is always a fantastic atmosphere at the Ruhrort Port Festival, while the concert series 'Jazz auf'm Plazz' rocks König-Heinrich-Platz each and every month in summer. Film fans converge upon Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord for the Open-Air Summer Cinema there, but this is only the tip of the iceberg on the city's list of festivals.







# Duisburg

For families

Duisburg Zoo

*What could be more wonderful than enjoying a lovely time with your family? There are different places in Duisburg offering an optimal setting for just this. You will quickly find the right venue to fit the weather and your mood.*





Explorado Children's Museum



Wasserwelt Wedau

## GAMES, FUN AND PETTING ZOO

A visit to the zoo is always an experience for children as well as adults. Duisburg Zoo has some very special fixtures. Where else can you see cute koalas? Duisburg also has an unusual playpark: Wasserwelt Wedau! But there is also a lot for families to do indoors. The Explorado Children's Museum, for example, or Kom'ma Theatre with plays especially for children. Families also feel at home in the new Central Library at Stadtfenster. Duisburg's annual International Children's Book Exhibition (IKiBu) is devoted to the little bookworms.





# Duisburg

City life

Düsenfeldbrunnen

*Duisburg is among those cities that have preserved a lively inner city. A lot of effort goes into maintaining the quality of time spent there. Numerous events and markets ensure the cosmopolitan flair of a major metropolis throughout the year along the broad shopping boulevard Königstrasse with its beer gardens, lime tree alley and fountain promenade.*





**Spielbank Duisburg**

## SHOPPING, STROLLING AND ROULETTE

*In addition to its large malls, the Forum, CityPalais or Königsgalerie, numerous smaller shops and specialty stores along Königstrasse, Sonnenwall, Münzstrasse, Kuhtor and Wallstrasse invite shoppers to rummage around. Cafés and restaurants offer wonderful places for a break, and afterwards, whoever feels bold enough to try their luck will find a great opportunity to make it big: Spielbank Duisburg is considered to be Germany's most modern casino.*



**Boulevard Königstraße**





# Duisburg

*By bike*

*True explorer types swear by bikes. The metropolitan city's colourful hustle and bustle, the quiet, idyllic solitude of its forests, the lakes sprinkling its landscape, its dikes and meadows along the Rhine, fabulous views from its slagheaps – the best way to experience it all is on a bicycle.*

Rheinorange





Ruhr valley cycling path



Cycling tour on the Lower Rhine



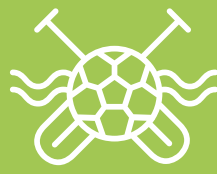
Mountain bike race

## CYCLING, TOURING, MOUNTAIN BIKING

Numerous popular cycling routes such as RuhrtalRadweg, RheinRadWeg, Route der Industriekultur and NiederRhein-route intersect and cross-link in Duisburg. There are various bicycle rental stations spread throughout the urban area and competitive cyclists also get together in Duisburg: one of the biggest non-stop MTB races in Europe takes place every year in Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord: the 24-hour mountain bike race.







# Duisburg

Sporting city

MSV Duisburg

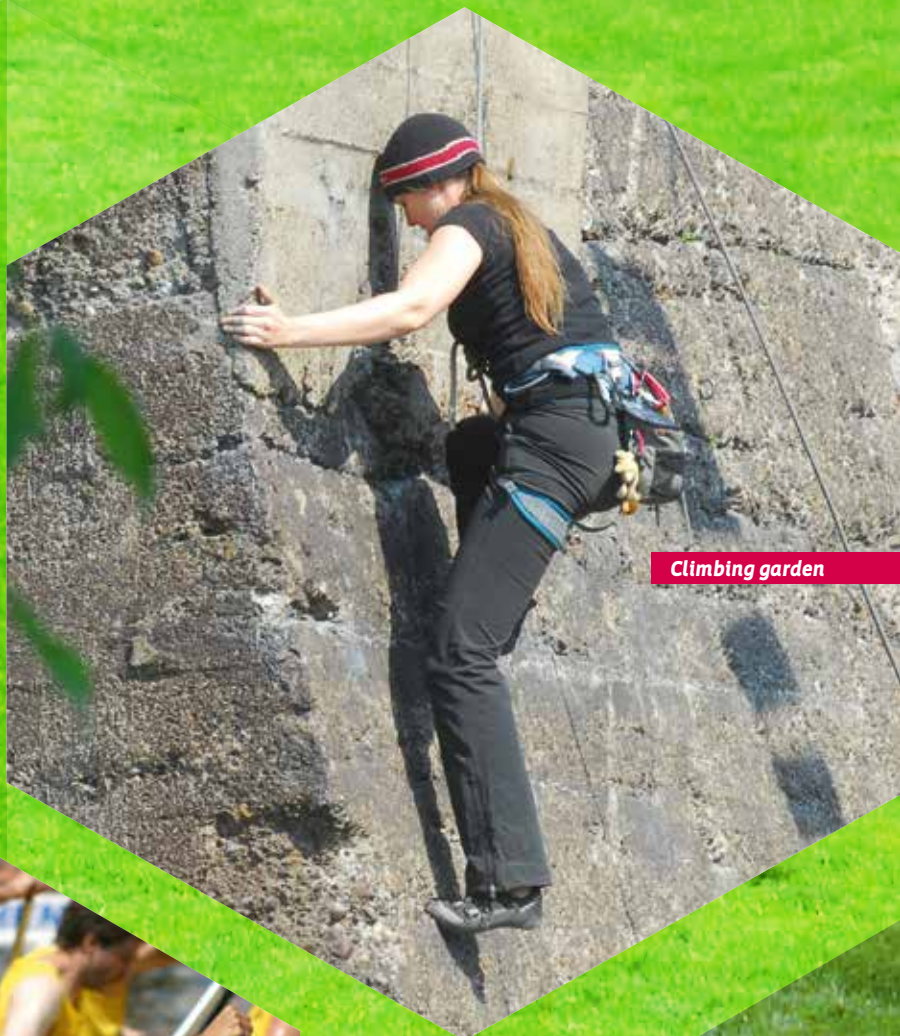
*When it comes to sports, Duisburg has a lot to boast: spread over approximately 200 hectares, around 60 hectares of it covered by water, Sportpark Duisburg and its large number of sporting facilities is one of the biggest and most varied sports and leisure-time areas in Germany.*



## FOOTBALL, ICE HOCKEY, WATER SPORTS

Surrounded by the lakes of the Sechs-Seen-Platte and thick forests, Sportpark Duisburg offers a wide variety of sporting possibilities with its Regatta Course, ice-sports hall, Sportschule Wedau, waterskiing facility, rope-climbing garden, 19 kilometers of trails and the swimming stadium for Duisburg's successful water ball athletes. Athletes professional and amateur are welcome here throughout the year.

MSV Duisburg, one of the founding members of the Bundesliga, plays its home matches at the Schauinsland-Reisen-Arena. Not far away, people get together to sail or play golf. Climbers find ideal conditions for their sport in Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord.



Climbing garden



Dragon boat competition



Ice hockey match







# Duisburg

7 districts full of life

**7 districts – countless possibilities.** Green oases for recuperation or exciting industrial culture, calm lakes or rough-and-tumble port scenes: you will always find the right venue for your excursions in Duisburg. Sports enthusiasts, families, lovers, people taking a “time-out”, adventurers, the young and the old – you will find the right place for you right here!



## WALSUM

Walsum is the northern-most district in the city. This is where the Rhine ferry puts in, linking Duisburg with the idyllic community of Orsoy on the other side of the Rhine. Nature friends love Rheinaue Walsum (picture on double-page spread). A nature conservation area encompassing more than 500 hectares (!), home to all kinds of plants and animal species. This is where the last of Duisburg's previous 17 mines closed in 2008.

## HAMBORN

This lively district still bears the stamp of the steel industry today as well. From the vantage point of 'Alsumer Berg' slag-heap, one has a breathtaking view of the industrial panorama. But there are also large forested areas, parks and meadows. For example, Revierpark Mattlerbusch, with its large forest, tennis courts, riding stables and the Lower Rhine Thermal Baths. The old Hamborn Abbey, with its memorable cloisters, is historically interesting. One can experience the change the district has undergone in the district of Marxloh, where lovers from Germany and abroad meet at Pollmann Corner for a romantic stroll along Germany's longest promenade of bridal stores. A must see!

## MEIDERICH/ BEECK

Just like large parts of Duisburg's northern parts, this district has been shaped by industry. The area where steel production takes place today is enormous. This is also where the former ironworks in Meiderich, the present-day leisure-time paradise Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord, is located – according to “The Guardian” one of the 10 most beautiful landscape parks in the world. Outside our city as well, everyone knows MSV Duisburg, the Meidericher Spielverein, and the beer brewed in Beeck, König Pilsener.



## SÜD

Tiger & Turtle, the popular helter-skelter, is a coveted motif for photographers from all over the world. From here one has a fabulous view of the nearby industrial backdrop, but also lakes and forests. From this elevated site, one really notices what a green city Duisburg is. With its lakes, Sechs-Seen-Platte is a favourite place for an excursion in the region. Cultural aficionados will encounter a sophisticated program for smaller artworks at 'Steinhof'.



**Tiger&Turtle**



**Promenade of bridal gown stores in Marxloh**



**Bridge of Solidarity**



**Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord**

## HOMBERG / RUHRORT / BAERL MITTE

Appealing contrasts between the Lower Rhine and Ruhr Area: Baerl, located on the "left" side of the Rhine, is an agricultural town. You still see farmsteads and village structures here. In Homberg and Ruhrort, life revolves around the river, with ports, bridges, dikes and ships dominating the landscape. You can still smell the romantic history of shipping in Ruhrort's Old Town and around Neumarkt and Schifferbörse. An additional tip for families and fans of maritime culture is the Inland Shipping Maritime Museum, located in a former art nouveau swimming pool, and the museum ship Oskar Huber, the last side-paddle steam tugboat on the Rhine, which was able to tug up to seven freighters!

Cultural highlights, pubs, nightlife, casino and shopping. Duisburg's vibrant inner city is a great place to go out. Since it was redesigned, the Inland Port has been attracting visitors from far and wide to the countless cafés and restaurants lining its promenades along the riverbanks. The Mitte district also contains the borough of Hochfeld with its popular destination for excursions, 'Rheinpark', and the borough of Neudorf, which in addition to the university is also home to Sportpark Duisburg with its Regatta Course and football stadium. The boroughs of Kaßlerfeld and Neuenkamp brings the district of Mitte right up to the Rhine, where the 25 meter-high 'Rheinorange' marks where the Ruhr feeds into the Rhine with an artistic rendition of a steel girder.

## RHEINHAUSEN

Rheinhausen became famous throughout Germany as a result of the strike by metalworkers in 1987. The "Bridge of Solidarity" named after it leads from the district of Mitte to the district on the other side of the Rhine. This is home to Duisburg's Children and Youth Theatre, the Kom'ma Theater. Toeppersee and the idyllic centre of the village in Friemersheim with its old schoolhouse, river meadows and dikes are also very lovely. The weekly marketplace (always held on Wednesdays and Saturdays) is one of the prettiest in North Rhine-Westphalia and definitely worth shopping around at.





# Duisburg

Strong partners



Duisburg Port

## DUISBURGER HAFEN AG

Duisburger Hafen AG is the property and management company of the biggest inland port in the world. It celebrated its 300th anniversary in 2016. duisport offers a wide array of services at the confluence of Rhine and Ruhr – full-service packages in the areas of infrastructure and suprastructure, for example, along with location management and logistical services, among other things in the areas of packaging logistics or rail freight traffic. The almost 300 enterprises located in the port, which account for value-creation to a tune of approximately EUR 3 billion per year, especially profit from the full-service strategy. A total of 45,000 jobs depend on the port.



Sparkasse Duisburg

## WE LIVE DUISBURG – A WARM WELCOME!

With a balance-sheet total of about € 5.5 billion and more than 1,250 employees, Sparkasse Duisburg is one of the biggest savings & loans in Germany. Our bond with the people here is reflected in support for numerous social and cultural projects here. Total commitment to the public weal, in 2015 for example, was more than € 12.3 million. The four promotional foundations established and managed by us are endowed with foundation capital to a tune of € 23.0 million. We will be glad to support you with any financial questions you may have. Pop by one of our numerous branches scattered throughout the urban area or visit us at [www.sparkasse-duisburg.de](http://www.sparkasse-duisburg.de). We look forward to seeing you!



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*Duisburg is at the crossroads of three regions. This is where the Ruhr Area, the Lower Rhine and the Rhine axis all meet, forming an exciting unity. Industrial culture and the Ruhr Area's pulsating rhythm that never stops, the relaxed serenity of the Lower Rhine and the cosmopolitan joie de vivre of the Rhineland.*

*Duisburg is the portal in all directions.*



**Tetraeder Bottrop**



**Zeche Zollverein Essen**

## VISIT THE RUHR! HOLIDAYS IN THE RUHR AREA

*The Ruhr Area has recently emerged as a travel destination in Germany for people interested in monumental industrial culture, highly acclaimed cultural events and extraordinary travel experiences. Be it a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Zollverein, a rope-climbing tour between decommissioned blast furnaces, deep-sea diving in the Gasometer, hiking on slagheaps, art museums with world famous masterpieces and renowned exhibitions or restaurants in breathtaking industrial cathedrals: The Ruhr metropolis is an extraordinary destination for travelers in Europe and one of the most exciting destinations for excursions in NRW!*

[www.ruhr-tourismus.de](http://www.ruhr-tourismus.de), [www.route-industriekultur.de](http://www.route-industriekultur.de)





## HERE YOUR SMALL HOLIDAY TURNS INTO SOMETHING BIG

*If you are interested in a pleasant outing for a day or a brief holiday full of experiences on the Lower Rhine, we have just the right program for you.*

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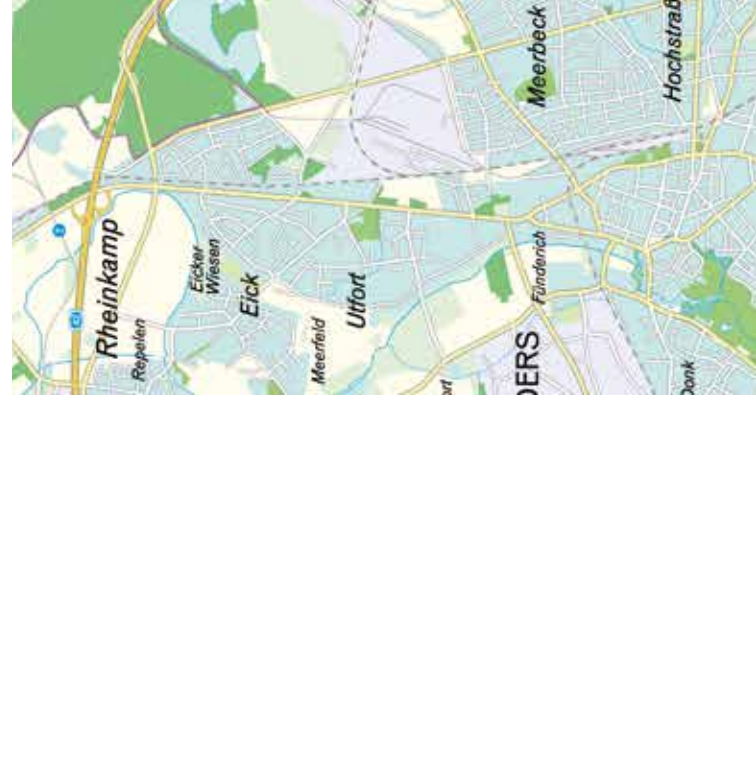
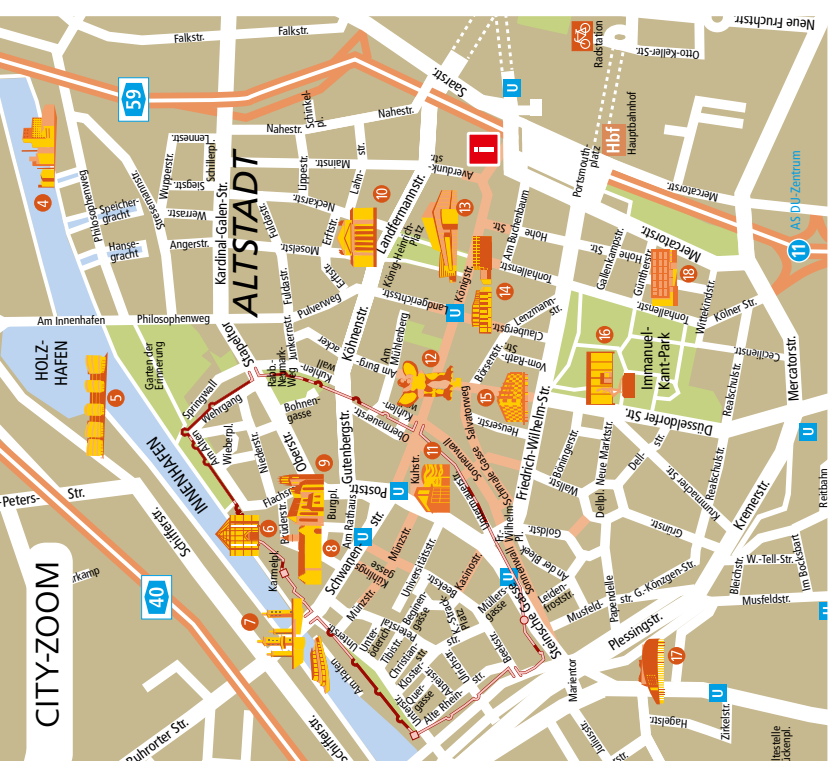
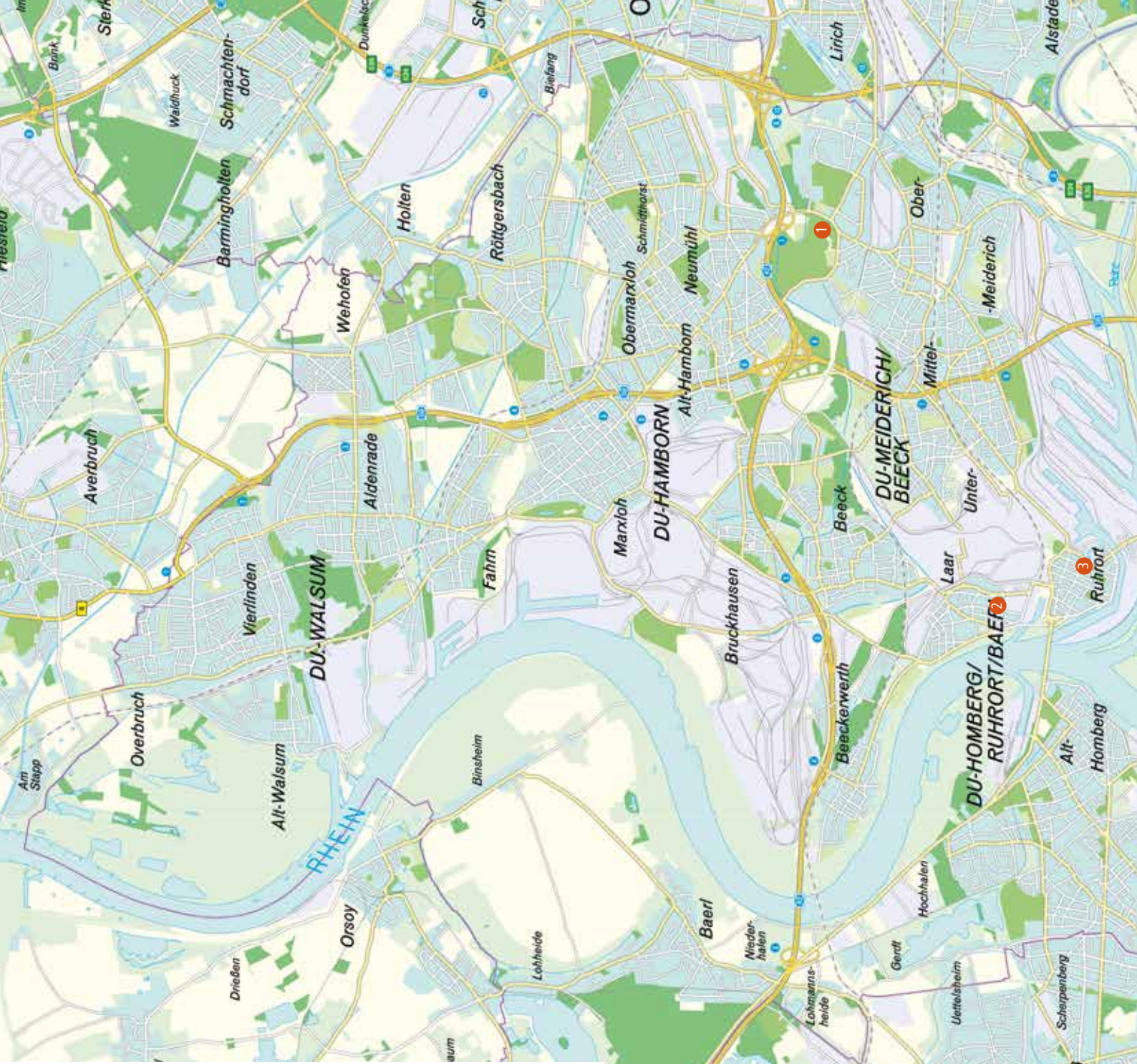


**Spectacular hiking trails**

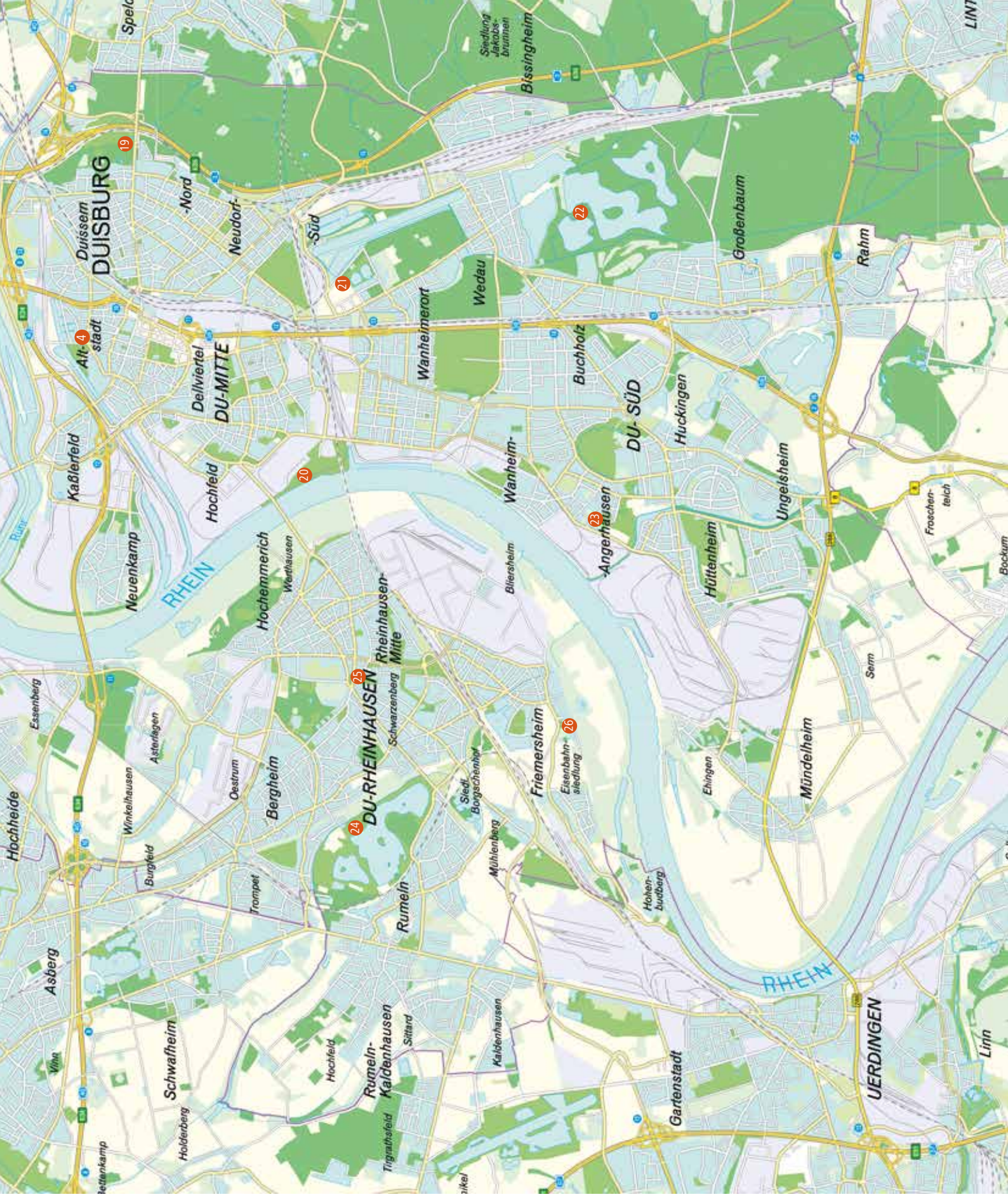


**Lower Rhine landscape**









## Legend

(5-18 see CITY ZOOM)

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- 3 Hafencityteil Ruhrort / Steiger Schifferbörse / Hafenumrundfahrt
- 4 Innenhafen / Museum Kippersmühle / Explorado Kindermuseum
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## Symbol key

- 923 Bus
- 901 Tram
- NE1,2,3 Night express
- U79 Underground
- S9 Motorway
- Pedestrian zone

**i** Tourist information

**Hbf** Main train station

**Bf** Train station for rail traffic

**Bicycle** Bicycle station



# DIRECTIONS AND HOW TO GET THERE

*Duisburg, the inland port on Rhine and Ruhr, ranges from the western edge of the Ruhr conurbation to the Lower Rhine, and extends in the south to the Rhine axis. The city views itself as a hub between tourist and logistical paths, acting as an interesting hinge between these regions full of variety and diversity.*

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Explore the world's largest inland port with your bike and visit the numerous sights along the Rhine and Ruhr, as well as the imposing "Echo of Poseidon" sculpture by famous artist Markus Lüpertz on the Mercatorinsel in Ruhrort. The riser at the Mühlenweide also offers the ideal starting point for a city tour during your river cruise stopover. Whether by bike or boat – discover the colorful aspects of the Port of Duisburg!  
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