

The image is a vibrant, multi-colored collage of Aachen's landmarks, framed by a large stone archway. The central focus is the Aachen Cathedral, with its iconic dome and spires. To the right, the Carolingian Palace is visible, featuring a curved colonnade with tall columns. In the foreground, a cobblestone street leads towards the buildings, with several people walking. The entire scene is set against a bright, clear sky. The text 'KEY TO AACHEN 2018/19' is prominently displayed in the upper center, within the archway.

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## Dear international students,

Welcome to Aachen! Since you'll be spending a few months living in Aachen, you'll probably have many questions about your new home. This booklet has been prepared to provide you with information to make your stay as convenient and enjoyable as possible.

As one of the international students' organizations, AEGEE-Aachen e.V. will be organizing various activities for you to get to know more people, the surroundings of Aachen and the life in Germany. AEGEE is a good place to ask all the questions you have.

If you have any questions regarding your stay, please never hesitate to contact us or the AEGEE-Aachen Polar Bear. It's our mascot which is running around parties!

We wish you a pleasant and successful stay in Aachen.

Your AEGEE-Aachen

## AEGEE-Aachen e.V.

AEGEE is one of Europe's biggest interdisciplinary student organisations, striving for a democratic, diverse and borderless Europe. As a non-governmental, politically independent, and non-profit organisation AEGEE is open to students and young people from all faculties and disciplines. Founded in 1985 in Paris, today AEGEE has grown to a Network of 13000 friends, present in 200 cities in 40 countries all over Europe.

Through our activities, we empower students and young people in Europe to take an active role in society. We create a space for dialogue and learning opportunities as well as act as their representative towards decision-makers. AEGEE strengthens mutual understanding among young Europeans and brings Europe closer to young people.

### Social meeting

AEGEE-Aachen e.V. has its weekly newflash on **Mondays** starting **at 21:00 in Café & Bar zuhause** (📍 Sandkaulstraße 109). If you are interested in our activities you're welcome to come by or visit our homepage:

🌐 [www.aegEE-aachen.org](http://www.aegEE-aachen.org).

### Erasmus Social Drink

**Afterwards** we meet up for the Erasmus Social Drink starting **at 22:00h in Café & Bar zuhause** (📍 Sandkaulstraße 109). If you're interested in meeting new people and hearing different languages all around, this is your place to be! As a drink special, a Shot Of The Day will be served for just 1 € !

## Further activities by AEGEE-Aachen

AEGEE-Aachen is more than activities for international students. With us you have the opportunity to take part in trainings, or even organize them by yourself if you feel up to the challenge. You will get the help of many experienced members who will support you in your project, such as a training, week-end trip or cultural night.

**Homepage**

[www.aegEE-aachen.org](http://www.aegEE-aachen.org)

**Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/AEGEE.Aachen](https://www.facebook.com/AEGEE.Aachen)

**Facebook Erasmus Group**

[www.facebook.com/groups/ErasmusAachen201819](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ErasmusAachen201819)

**Instagram**

[www.instagram.com/AEGEE.Aachen](https://www.instagram.com/AEGEE.Aachen)

**Mail**

[erasmus@aegEE-aachen.org](mailto:erasmus@aegEE-aachen.org)



European Students' Forum

## Dear international students,

Welcome to Aachen! I am very happy that you found your way to our beautiful city which is home to excellent institutions of higher education. With more than 45.000 students and over 500 professors in nine faculties and 260 institutes, RWTH Aachen University is one of the best technical Universities in Germany. Our almost 10.000 international students come from 125 countries, and it is great that you are among them.

Many things will be different here than in your home country, and you might need information on how to open a bank account, on enrollment procedures, or the best leisure activities in the region. In this brochure you will find it all, and much more. In addition, AEGEE Aachen e.V. and the International Office of RWTH Aachen University will gladly provide personal assistance whenever you need it. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with any questions you might have.

I hope that your stay in Aachen will be an unforgettable experience from which you will take home many new friends, new ideas and unusual perspectives. I wish you a great time at **RWTH Aachen University!**

Univ.-Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Dr. h.c. mult. Ulrich Rüdiger  
Rector of RWTH Aachen University

**Dear international students,**

We warmly welcome you to the city of Aachen and to the FH Aachen, University of Applied Sciences. We truly believe that you will face an exciting and decisive time here with us and, therefore, our team of the FH Aachen will do their best to make your stay as interesting and informative as possible.

We would like to express our special thanks to AEGEE-Aachen e.V. for all their effort, so that Aachen feels like home to you and your fellow students. We also appreciate all of the activities from the organization that give you the opportunity to participate in the German culture.

This special stage of your life signifies a highly important and fundamental time and will be a basis for your future. We are convinced that studying in Aachen will be a most exciting experience and rich in variety.

The **FH Aachen** wishes you a great stay in Aachen and all the best for your future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marcus Baumann', with a stylized, cursive script.

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Marcus Baumann  
Rector of FH Aachen

# 1 Getting Settled



## Registration with the City of Aachen

In Germany, it is required by law that you register in the city you move to **within two weeks**. In order to do so, you have to go to one of the registration offices (called "Bürgerservice"). You can choose between the one next to central train station (Bahnhofplatz) or the one near the Katschhof. Get ready for a healthy dose of German bureaucracy, mind the opening hours and don't forget to bring:

- Passport
- Confirmation of your landlord (called "Wohnungsgeberbestätigung")

In case you don't have a student ID yet, you should provide any other proof that you are a student of RWTH Aachen University or FH Aachen.

### Bürgerservice Bahnhofplatz

📍 Hackländerstraße 1, 52064 Aachen

🕒 Mon, Wed 08:00 - 16:00  
Tue, Thu, Fri 08:00 - 12:30

### Bürgerservice Katschhof

📍 Johannes-Paul-II.-Straße 1, 52062 Aachen

🕒 Mon, Wed 08:00 - 16:00  
Tue, Thu, Fri 08:00 - 12:30

## Finding a Room

How to find a flat? Be charming and creative and check out the following options:

🌐 [www.wg-gesucht.de](http://www.wg-gesucht.de)

🌐 [www.facebook.com/groups/ErasmusAachen201819](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ErasmusAachen201819) (Erasmus Facebook Group)

🌐 [www.studenten-wg.de](http://www.studenten-wg.de)

🌐 [www.kalaydo.de](http://www.kalaydo.de)

🌐 [www.immobilienscout24.de](http://www.immobilienscout24.de)

🏠 Notice boards (CARL, Audimax, Mensa, ...)

📰 Newspapers (Super Mittwoch / Sonntag, Aachener Zeitung / Nachrichten, Annonce)

**Studierendenwerk Aachen** (Student Services Aachen) runs dormitories for students from RWTH Aachen and FH Aachen. You can find all information on their website:

📍 [www.studierendenwerk-aachen.de/en/housing.html](http://www.studierendenwerk-aachen.de/en/housing.html)

**INCAS**, the International Center for Aachen students, is an international students' club. They have special service hours to help international students find accommodation.

📍 [www.incas.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.incas.rwth-aachen.de)

The **AStA** (Students' Union Executive Committee) has a webpage with general information about finding accommodation, how to deal with problems concerning landlords and more:

📍 [www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/de/wohnen](http://www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/de/wohnen)

## preStep

### Boarding in Aachen – Rooms on a daily or monthly basis available

preStep has a Boarding House in the center of Aachen, where you can easily get in touch with other people. They also have other accommodations located in the vicinity of the center of Aachen. Just call or write an email for more information, they are friendly and know how to help you:

#### preStep

📍 Römerstraße 13, 52064 Aachen

☎ 0241 16069069    ✉ [info@prestep.de](mailto:info@prestep.de)

📍 [www.prestep.de](http://www.prestep.de)    🌐 [www.facebook.com/prestep.aachen](https://www.facebook.com/prestep.aachen)

## Opening a Bank Account

One of the most important things you can do upon arriving in Germany, aside from putting your name on your door and your postbox, is to open a bank account with one of the banks in Aachen. Having a German bank account allows you to use your debit card at the local ATMs and not have to incur fees by using your local bank. In Aachen, there are many opportunities to open a bank account, and it is usually very easy to do so; take your passport and your registration certificate and walk into the bank and let the people behind the front desk know that you would like to open an account. They will surely be happy to help and then you can make it rain with all those Euro coins.

**Sparkasse Aachen** - Branches are located throughout the city, probably the most convenient bank for students.

📍 Friedrich-Wilhelm-Platz 1-4, 52062 Aachen    🌐 [www.sparkasse-aachen.de](http://www.sparkasse-aachen.de)

**Postbank** - Doesn't offer as many ATMs as Sparkasse but also does not charge you for opening and having an account there.

📍 Kapuzinergraben 19, 52062 Aachen 🌐 [www.postbank.de](http://www.postbank.de)

**Deutsche Bank** - Another Bank that offers a free account for students.

📍 Friedrich-Wilhelm-Platz 15, 52062 Aachen 🌐 [www.deutsche-bank.de/pk.html](http://www.deutsche-bank.de/pk.html)

There are often special student offers at various banks in the Aachen area. Just have a look around for yourself! **And don't forget to bring your ID!**

## Internet & Mobile Phone

Throughout Aachen, there are different possibilities to get wireless network, for example there is Aachen City Wifi provided by the city of Aachen in the city centre, which you can get a 24 hour code for. Also there is a network called Freifunk which is available in many places throughout the city and free for everybody. Both FH Aachen and RWTH Aachen offer eduroam in their buildings, which is accessible by all students. Most departments also provide computers in so called CIP-Pools, which are mostly restricted for internal use. Your students' council provides you with the CIP-Pools conveniently accessible. Furthermore, free internet access terminals are located in the main building and SuperC (limited access to external webpages), at RWTH Aachen's main library and in various departments. Of course, there are also various internet cafés in Aachen, which you can find online.

### eduroam (WiFi)

You might know eduroam from your home university. In case you don't: eduroam provides you with wireless internet access and is accessible for free for all students of the RWTH Aachen, FH Aachen, or any other university that also has eduroam. As a student of the RWTH Aachen, you need your TIM-Kennung (which you are given after enrollment, it consists of two letters plus six numbers) and your password to enter.

### RWTH - IT Center

Need more help? If you're a student at the RWTH Aachen, all your hard- and software related issues are taken care of in the IT Center:

🌐 [www.itc.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.itc.rwth-aachen.de)

### FH - Data Processing Centre

At the FH Aachen you can get help at the Data processing Centre. They also have an English website, check it out:

🌐 [www.fh-aachen.de/en/university/data-processing-centre](http://www.fh-aachen.de/en/university/data-processing-centre)

## Internet Access at Home

Although you get cheap internet access in all of the student dorms, at home you are usually left with a commercial internet provider. You are advised to check whether there is a signal good enough to stream the new episode of Game of Thrones at your place in Aachen before you order internet. 1&1, Unitymedia, ÖcherWLAN and more are commonly offering flatrates and student deals, which should be compared in detail. Websites to compare the offers are:

🌐 [www.billiger-surfen.de](http://www.billiger-surfen.de)    🌐 [www.toptarif.de](http://www.toptarif.de)

## Internet for your mobile phone

There are several providers that offer cheap internet flatrates. We advise ALDI Talk, available at every ALDI. It is prepaid and very cheap. Other options include Fonix, Lebara, Congstar, blau.de and more. Most providers will ask you to show your ID. Make sure to check what you order, as it is not advisable for you to get a German contract as they are usually with 24 months subscription. Websites to compare the offers are:

🌐 [www.billiger-surfen.de](http://www.billiger-surfen.de)    🌐 [www.toptarif.de](http://www.toptarif.de)

## 2 Daily Life



### Going to the Doctor

Not feeling well? In Germany you should have an appointment, if you need to go to the doctor. Otherwise it takes you a lot of time waiting, but is also mostly accepted. If the doctor is booked for the day, the office will generally schedule you an appointment for free in the near future. To find a doctor in your area, take a look on the Internet, where you can also check the opening hours. In a case of an **emergency call 112**. To find more information about health services, visit this web page:

🌐 [www.aachen.de/DE/stadt\\_buerger/gesundheit](http://www.aachen.de/DE/stadt_buerger/gesundheit)

If you require tablets or pills from a pharmacy ("Apotheke") a prescription will most likely be required. In order to acquire a prescription, simply visit a local doctor and have them write up a "Rezept" for you. To find a pharmacy in your area check:

🌐 [www.aknr.de](http://www.aknr.de)

### Health Insurance ("Krankenversicherung")

To study at RWTH or FH Aachen, you are required to have health insurance, which you need to prove when enrolling. If you are an EU citizen and have public health insurance in your home country that should be enough. However, you need a "Krankenversicherungsbefreiung" (release from health insurance) given by a German health insurance. You can go there with proof that you are insured and they will provide you with this document. Otherwise, you need to have a German insurance. There are two separate types of health insurance here: Public and private. Public insurance is the common choice for everyone. Private insurance is primarily for people who make more than a certain amount of money (if you have private insurance in your home country, you might have to take this one). For our Erasmus students, we recommend the public alternative. Two public health insurances close by the city center are:

#### AOK

📍 Karlshof am Markt, 52062 Aachen

☎ +49 241 4640

🌐 [www.rh.aok.de/region/aachen](http://www.rh.aok.de/region/aachen)

🕒 Mon - Fri 08:00 - 18:00  
Sat 09:00 - 12:00

## Techniker Krankenkasse (TK)

📍 Marienbongard 24-26, 52062 Aachen

☎ +49 800 285 85 85

🌐 [www.tk.de/service/app/2025194/filiale/detail.app](http://www.tk.de/service/app/2025194/filiale/detail.app)

🕒 Mon, Tue, Thu 09:00 - 15:00

Wed 09:00 - 16:00

Fri 09:00 - 13:00

If you are not sure what you need to do, you can either contact one of the insurances directly or ask for help at the International Office - Info Service Center of the RWTH Aachen (✉ [international@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:international@rwth-aachen.de)). Both can provide you with more individual information.

## Radio & TV

Germany has a diverse selection of public radio and TV programs. For instance students from RWTH and FH Aachen provide up-to-the-minute stories at the "Hochschulradio Aachen" broadcasted from the campus. More popular radio stations are:

📻 Hochschulradio	99.1
Antenne AC	100.1
WDR2	100.8
EinsLive	106.4

TV Channels in Germany are categorized into Public and Commercial TV Channels. Online you'll find a diverse selection of TV-guides at:

🌐 [www.tvspielfilm.de](http://www.tvspielfilm.de)   🌐 [www.tvmovie.de](http://www.tvmovie.de)

**Public TV channels** are financed by the public. It is compulsory to pay a fee for public radio and television, called "**GEZ Gebühren**". Every household has to pay, irrespective of nationality, even people who use neither public television nor radio. Only students eligible for federal training and education promotion (BAFöG) can get an exemption from the fee. As an international student you will generally not be entitled to these benefits. If you are living together you can share the fee, one person in the flat will have to pay the full fee and the others can sign a release form.

If you have more than six months of outstanding fees the state authorities will take legal action against you. As the authorities can, for example, seize your property and/or commission private debt collectors, we strongly advise you to pay your fees, especially if you are planning on staying in Germany for more than a semester.

**Private TV channels** are financed by advertisement only. They show all modern TV shows and series.

## Watch online

Several channels are also available via live stream or they share a big part of their program online. All you have to do is to find their website:

📺 [www.ardmediathek.de](http://www.ardmediathek.de) 📺 [www.zdf.de](http://www.zdf.de)

## Watch like a German

TV shows are not Germany's main export but to really watch it like a local, tune in to:

📺 Tagesschau	ARD	Daily at 20:00	News program
heute	ZDF	Daily at 19:00	News program
Tatort	ARD	Sundays at 20:15	Criminal series
Sportsschau	ARD	Saturdays at 18:00	Sports magazine
heute-show	ZDF	Fridays at 22:00	Satirical late-night show

## Environmental Issues

### Deposit

In Germany you have to pay a deposit on recyclable glass, plastic bottles and cans. This value varies between 0,08€ for glass bottles to 0,25€ for cans. Once you return the bottles, you get your deposit back. Be aware of the fact that not all stores take back all products. In case you don't want to return your cans, place them next to the trash bin, not into it! Deposit collectors will thank you.

### Waste Separation

Nothing screams Germany like sustainability. Separating waste is one of the easiest ways of contributing to more efficient material recycling. Everything is separated into four colors. **Blue** bins are for paper, **green** ones for biological waste like remains of vegetables, **yellow** is for packaging with the green sign called "Grüner Punkt" that looks like two arrows bent in a circle, **grey** is for the rest, like ash, porcelain, hygiene products, broken light bulbs and dirty paper. The yellow bags for **plastic** are available at many places, for example at many pharmacies. Also **glass** is separated, you have to bring it to the containers made for it, there are plenty of them. In order to get rid of **heavier items** like furniture you need to fill in a "Sperrmüll-Anmeldung" available online at 📺 [www.bit.ly/2M3QB6V](http://www.bit.ly/2M3QB6V). But this will cost you 15€. Or, simply, sell it!

### Old Batteries

To get rid of your old batteries the correct way is quite easy as every store that sells batteries also needs to take these back. The easiest way is probably the supermarket where you buy your groceries. Simply look for the bins behind the counters.

## 3 Organizing Your Studies



### Universities

#### RWTH Aachen University

With more than 40.000 students the “Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen” is both the largest technical university and the most important employer in the region. The university is known for its excellence in teaching and research in an innovative, open-minded environment, the emphasis being put on engineering disciplines and natural sciences. Besides excellent MINT programs, the study offer is complemented with study programs in arts and humanities, medicine, business and architecture. The more than 9000 international degree and exchange students create a truly international atmosphere at the University and in Aachen!

##### **RWTH Aachen**

📍 Templergraben 55, 52056 Aachen

☎ +49 241 80-1    ✉ info@rwth-aachen.de

🌐 [www.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.rwth-aachen.de)

#### FH Aachen University of Applied Science

The FH Aachen was founded in 1898. In 1971 it was established as an institution of higher education, merging from the existing schools of engineering in Aachen and Jülich. With more than 11.000 students, the FH Aachen is one of the largest universities of applied sciences in Germany. An important feature of the structure and teaching at the FH Aachen is its orientation towards practical and professional applications. The strong link between research facilities, such as the Jülich Research Center (🌐 [www.fz-juelich.de](http://www.fz-juelich.de)), as well as regional and international companies, provide an excellent framework for students' professional education and careerbuilding.

##### **FH Aachen**

📍 Bayernallee 11, 52066 Aachen

☎ +49 241 6009-0    ✉ info@fh-aachen.de

🌐 [www.fh-aachen.de](http://www.fh-aachen.de)

## Enrollment at RWTH Aachen University

You are invited for the “Welcome Week for Internationals” by the International Office of RWTH Aachen. Please make sure to meet this event. Further information from the International Office can be found on their website. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact them via email.

🌐 [www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek)    ✉ [incomings@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:incomings@rwth-aachen.de)

One important document you have to provide is a proof of health insurance. In Germany, no-one without valid health insurance coverage is allowed to enroll at university.

🌐 [www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/bqeb](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/bqeb)

## Enrollment at FH Aachen

You have to register at the University's Registrar's Office (“Studierendensekretariat”). The Department of International Affairs (“AAA”) will arrange an appointment for you and assists you with filling out the necessary forms, which are similar to those at the RWTH. You will receive your student ID card directly after the registration.

## The RWTH BlueCard

The BlueCard is the student ID for RWTH Aachen students, but you can also use it as library card and Mensa debit card. **Don't forget to bring it always to your exams!**

After your enrollment you need to upload a photo of yourself to create your BlueCard. You need to pick up the BlueCard at the info point in the SuperC, ground floor, approximately 3-4 days after uploading your photo. You can find all important information at:

🌐 [www.rwth-aachen.de/bluecard](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/bluecard)

## The Student Service Fee & the Semesterticket

After your enrollment session you are requested to pay the Social Contribution for Student Services – Student Service Fee for short – to complete the enrollment. To find out more about the fee and what it is used for please visit:

🌐 [www.rwth-aachen.de/rueckmeldung](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/rueckmeldung)

The Student Service Fee includes among other things the “Semesterticket”, which is a flat-rate ticket for public transportation in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. You are required to carry your semester ticket and your ID with you when riding a bus or train.

**Caution:** The ticket is not valid in high speed trains like IC/ICE or Thalys and in first class! All questions regarding the Semesterticket will be answered at the ASEAG service center:

### ASEAG Kundencenter

📍 Schumacherstraße 14 / corner Peterstraße, 52062 Aachen

☎ 0241 1688-3040    🌐 [www.aseag.de](http://www.aseag.de)

# Organizing your Courses

## Picking your lectures

At the **RWTH Aachen** RWTHOnline is an integrated campus management system. The IT system covers all the operational processes within the areas of studying and teaching at a university, such as application, enrollment, or conducting classes and exams. RWTHOnline is also the central online course catalogue, where you find all courses. It is your personal organizer for your studies and offers other features like downloads of study certificates or all information about your current enrollment status. You will need your TIM account number and password to access RWTHOnline; both will be given to you after your enrollment.

🌐 <https://online.rwth-aachen.de>

At the **FH Aachen** the Campus System is the central online platform for selecting and registering for lectures and exams. Here you can organize your lectures, modules and exams, and also access official, printable forms, a calendar function and the information how to re-register for the next semester. Especially in the beginning of the semester, updates regarding your chosen courses (for example, if the time or room changes) are automatically sent to you digitally if you use the password-protected browser app called CampusOffice. During your enrollment and registration, you'll be assigned a TIM-ID, giving you access to your personal password and the service management system.

🌐 [www.campus.fh-aachen.de](http://www.campus.fh-aachen.de)

## L2P – E-learning Platform

Most of you are probably highly interested in acquiring the lecture material in digital form. So you don't have to take notes all the time. You can access L2P with your TIM-ID and password. Weekly tasks, lecture material and mock exams are provided for most courses and tutor groups. If you would like to benefit from this platform, feel encouraged to ask your professor or lecturer to provide material if it has not been uploaded yet.

🌐 [www.elearning.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.elearning.rwth-aachen.de)

## Learning Environment

You're trying to learn at home, but you get distracted easily? Try one of the dozen study rooms at the university. For quiet study rooms check out the chapter 'Libraries'. You can find a full list with addresses, a map and opening hours at:

🌐 [www.rwth-aachen.de/lernraeume](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/lernraeume)

## Re-enrollment

If you stay longer than one semester, you need to re-enroll at the end of the semester. There are deadlines to keep for the re-enrollment, and you should not miss them. If you

want to extend your stay you need to notify the International Office at the RWTH or the Department of International Affairs at the FH Aachen.

🌐 [www.rwth-aachen.de/reenrollment](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/reenrollment)

## Legal assistance

Although we are sure you'll stick to the rules during your stay, there might be situations in which you need legal assistance. The AStA's of RWTH and FH provide free help:

🌐 [www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/de/rechtsberatung](http://www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/de/rechtsberatung)

🌐 [www.asta.fh-aachen.org/service/rechtsberatung](http://www.asta.fh-aachen.org/service/rechtsberatung)

# Central Offices for International Students

## International Office of RWTH Aachen

Any questions regarding your stay in Aachen and Germany can be answered by the International Office. They run an Info Service Center which is open daily for students and provides loads of information material and services for students.

### International Office Info Service Center

📍 Super C - Room 329,  
Templergraben 57, 52062 Aachen

☎ +49 241 80 90660

✉ [international@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:international@rwth-aachen.de)

🌐 [www.rwth-aachen.de/isc](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/isc)

🕒 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	9:30 - 12:30
Wed	9:30 - 12:30 & 13:30 - 16:00

Incoming exchange students can also contact the RWTH Incoming Student Service for questions around their exchange stay. This service unit of the International Office is dedicated to the special needs of exchange students from all different kinds of programs.

### Incoming Student Service

📍 Super C - Room 328,  
Templergraben 57, 52062 Aachen

☎ +49 241 80 90832

✉ [incomings@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:incomings@rwth-aachen.de)

🕒 Mon, Tue, Thu	9:30 - 12:30
Wed	13:00 - 16:00

## Departmental Coordinators (Faculty Advice) at RWTH Aachen

Each faculty has at least one person who gives advice to students with regard to organizing lectures and exams. Those people go by the name of Departmental Coordinator, but are sometimes also called Academic Advisors, Faculty Advisor or International Coordinators. They also help you change your learning agreement and issue the transcript of records at the end of your stay. You can find out who is your person of contact at:

🌐 [www.rwth-aachen.de/departamental-coordinators](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/departamental-coordinators)

## Humboldt-Haus (RWTH Aachen)

RWTH Aachen runs its own international meeting point: the Humboldt-Haus. It is located centrally in the heart of the city and close to the university main building at 📍 Pontstraße 41. This house is your place to be as there are lots of international events organized. Furthermore, if you are interested in engaging yourself interculturally in one of the many international student associations, get in contact with the coordination of the Humboldt-Haus. Find out more at:

🌐 [www.rwth-aachen.de/humboldthaus](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/humboldthaus)

## Department of International Affairs at FH Aachen

If you are studying at the FH Aachen, either in Aachen or at Campus Jülich, the Department of International Affairs will take care of your questions regarding both legal requirements of your stay in Aachen as well as academic issues.

### Akademisches Auslandsamt der FH Aachen

📍 Bayernallee 11, 52066 Aachen

☎ +49 241 6009-51018 / -52839

✉ [aaa@fh-aachen.de](mailto:aaa@fh-aachen.de)

🌐 [www.aaa.fh-aachen.de](http://www.aaa.fh-aachen.de)

🕒 Mon, Tue, Thu 9:00 - 11:30  
and by appointment

### Akademisches Auslandsamt Campus Jülich

📍 Room 00A 44 & 00A 45 (first floor),  
Heinrich-Mußmann-Straße 1, 52428 Jülich

☎ +49 241 6009-53270 / -53290

🕒 Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9:00 - 12:00  
Wed 13:30 - 14:30  
and by appointment

The international office for all Business Erasmus Students at the FH Aachen is:

### International Faculty Office / IFO at FH Aachen

📍 Room E211, E215 & E216,  
Eupener Str. 70, 52066 Aachen

☎ +49 241 6009-51903

🕒 Mon - Thu 8:00 - 12:30 &  
13:30 - 15:30  
Fri 8:00 - 12:30

# Language Courses

## Sprachenzentrum of the RWTH

Maybe you missed the intensive language course before the beginning of the semester or you just want to further improve your German, the “Sprachenzentrum” of the RWTH offers different German language courses for foreign students:

🌐 [www.sz.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.sz.rwth-aachen.de)

## Volkshochschule

Also at the “Volkshochschule”, an institution for professional training and continuing education, you can take classes. Not only language courses are offered, but you can also learn to play an instrument, visit a yoga class or improve your cooking skills. The language courses vary between weekend classes, weekly courses and intensive classes which take place every day for two weeks. The prices depend on the level.

🌐 [www.vhs-aachen.de](http://www.vhs-aachen.de)

## Sprachenakademie Aachen

Another possibility to learn German and other languages is the “Sprachenakademie Aachen” which offers many different courses, also at different times and levels. You can choose between evening or intensive classes, conversational courses or courses that are especially designed to prepare you for a language certificate.

🌐 [www.spraachen.org](http://www.spraachen.org)

## Tandem

However, the cheapest and probably most interesting method to learn a new language is a tandem. Two people with different mother tongues get together to learn the language of the other one. You may either spend time talking to each other or even learn grammar, watch a movie together, have a beer or cook some food which is typical for your country. It is always a good idea to look out at the “Erasmus Stammtisch” or at the Erasmus Party to find a partner for your tandem. Moreover, you can check the website run by INCAS. Here, you can fill out a form and if you are lucky they find a ‘match’ (language partner) for you:

🌐 [www.incas.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.incas.rwth-aachen.de)

## 4 Student Life



### Canteens & Cafeterias

Already tired of cooking in your apartment? Your Mom isn't there to prepare something for you? Then visit the "Mensa" (canteen)! Every day the university canteens offer well-priced and good food for students. The canteens have a regular menu every day, but there is also a salad bar, pizza, pasta, and much more. The Mensa Academica and the Mensa Vita have especially large selections of food. The menu changes weekly, but some days stay the same, such as Tuesday (Schnitzel) and Friday (Fish). Figuring out what to eat is easy, just use the Mensa App you'll find in your favourite app store or visit the following website:

🌐 [www.studierendenwerk-aachen.de/en/eating-drinking/menus.html](http://www.studierendenwerk-aachen.de/en/eating-drinking/menus.html)

**Canteens** (German: Mensen, singular: Mensa)

🍴 Mensa	📍 Address	🕒 Opening hours
Academica	Pontwall 3	Mon-Fri 11:30 - 18:00
Bistro Templergraben	Templergraben 55	Mon-Fri 07:30 - 18:00
Bayernallee	Bayernallee 9	Mon-Fri 11:15 - 14:30*
Eupener Straße	Eupener Straße 70	Mon-Fri 11:15 - 17:00*
Goethestraße	Goethestraße 3	Mon-Fri 11:30 - 15:00*
Südpark	Weißhausstraße 2	Mon-Fri 11:30 - 14:00
Ahornstraße	Ahornstraße 55	Mon-Fri 11:30 - 14:15
Vita	Helmertweg 1	Mon-Fri 11:30 - 14:30
Jülich	Heinrich-Mußmann-Str. 1, Jül.	Mon-Fri 11:30 - 15:00

\* On Fridays open only until 14:00.

### Cafeterias

☕ Cafeteria	📍 Address	🕒 Opening hours
AcademiCaffé	Pontwall 3	Mon-Fri 07:30 - 18:00
C-Caffé	Templergraben 57	Mon-Fri 08:00 - 18:00

### Cafeteria

Caffé-Bar Vita  
Caffé Lounge  
Cafeteria ESStw (C.A.R.L.)  
Cafeteria Eupener Straße  
Cafeteria Goethestraße  
Cafeteria Südpark  
Cafeteria Ahornstraße  
Cafeteria Vita  
Cafeteria Jülich

### Address

Helmertweg 1  
Bayernallee 9  
Claßenstraße 11  
Eupener Straße 70  
Goethestraße 3  
Weißhausstraße 2  
Ahornstraße 55  
Helmertweg 1  
Heinrich-Mußmann-Str. 1, Jül.

### Opening hours


Mon-Fri 08:00 - 14:30  
Mon-Fri 08:00 - 15:30  
Mon-Fri 07:30 - 16:30  
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Mon-Fri 07:30 - 16:00  
Mon-Fri 08:00 - 15:00  
Mon-Fri 08:00 - 14:30  
Mon-Fri 08:00 - 15:00

\* On Fridays open only until 14:00.

## Libraries


### Libraries at RWTH Aachen


The two most important libraries at the RWTH are the "Zentralbibliothek" (central library) and the "Lehrbuchsammlung" (the 'text book collection'). Plus most of the institutes and faculties have their own libraries with books containing special topics concerning the individual field of study. Before buying a book, it is always a good idea to check online, if this book is available in one of the libraries. Borrowing a book does not cost anything, you only need your RWTH BlueCard. If you forget to return the book on time, you have to pay a late fee (2.00 € for day 1 to 10 and from then on even more).

 [www.ub.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.ub.rwth-aachen.de)


There are also several rooms in the central library where you can not only read the books you just checked-out, but also enjoy the quiet atmosphere to study anything you like – and all that up to midnight! This is also possible in the "Bibliothek 2", which is located directly next to the central library, and some libraries of different institutes.


### **Zentralbibliothek & Bibliothek 2**

 Templergraben 61 & 59, 52062 Aachen

 Mon - Fri 08:00 - 24:00 (service: 08:30 - 16:30)  
Sat 09:00 - 24:00 (service: 09:00 - 13:00)  
Sun & bank holidays 11:00 - 24:00

### **Lehrbuchsammlung**

 Wüllnerstraße 3, 52062 Aachen

 Mon - Fri 08:30 - 16:30 (service: 08:30 - 16:30)

## Libraries at FH Aachen

The most important library of the FH Aachen is the central library, which can be found at Eupener Straße 70. Furthermore, there exist a lot more smaller libraries. You can find all addresses for the different libraries, as well as an online catalogue in english at:

🌐 [www.fh-aachen.de/en/university/library](http://www.fh-aachen.de/en/university/library)

### Bibliothek Eupener Straße

📍 Eupener Straße 70, 52066 Aachen

🕒 Mon - Thu 08:00 - 20:30 (service: 08:00 - 18:00)

Fri 08:00 - 19:00 (service: 08:00 - 15:00)

Sat 10:00 - 19:00

## Public Library of the City of Aachen

In the public library you will find a vast selection of German books, CDs, DVDs and newspapers, all of which are accessible after a registration fee of 2.50€. Each check-out, regardless of the amount of items, costs a small fee.

### Stadtbibliothek Aachen

📍 Couvenstraße 15, 52062 Aachen

☎ +49 241 4791-0

🌐 [www.stadtbibliothek-aachen.de](http://www.stadtbibliothek-aachen.de)

🕒 Tue, Wed, Fri 11:00 - 18:00

Thu 13:00 - 19:00

Sat 10:00 - 14:00

## Counseling

### AStA

The students' union executive committee ("AStA") encompasses all interdisciplinary interests especially regarding academic policy. They also provide information about housing, jobbing & health insurance, loans, financial support, disabilities & chronic illnesses, student initiatives and gender equality.

#### AStA RWTH Aachen

📍 Pontwall 3, 52062 Aachen

✉ [asta@asta.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:asta@asta.rwth-aachen.de)

🌐 [www.asta.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.asta.rwth-aachen.de)

🕒 Mon - Fri 10:00 - 14.00

#### AStA FH Aachen

📍 Stephanstraße 58-62, 52064 Aachen

✉ [asta@fh-aachen.org](mailto:asta@fh-aachen.org)

🌐 [www.asta.fh-aachen.org](http://www.asta.fh-aachen.org)

🕒 Mon, Tue, Thu 10:00-12.00

## Foreigner Presentation

The Foreigner Representation ("Ausländer Vertretung") officially represents your interests as an international student in front of the university and can help you in organizing a visa, to find an accommodation and more.

### Foreigner Representation RWTH Aachen

📍 Humboldt Haus (Trav Room)

🕒 Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10:00-12.00

Pontstraße 41, 52062 Aachen

✉ av@asta.rwth-aachen.de

🌐 [www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/de/foreigner-representation\\_36759](http://www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/de/foreigner-representation_36759)

## Student Councils

In each faculty, students' interests are represented by the student councils. Student councils are a very helpful resource during your professional study, since they sell old exams, provide minutes of examinations, connect thematic tutor groups, and even organizing industry visits and trips. Do not hesitate to contact your "Fachschaft" for help.

🌐 [www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/de/fachschaften](http://www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/de/fachschaften)

## Students' Initiatives & Organizations

Aachen has a wide variety of initiatives and offers designed for and by students. If you are interested in one of these organizations, contact the person in charge. Organizations in Aachen cover a wide variety of topics from sports to robots, music and films. Coming to Aachen allows you to try something new you've never tried in your home country before. We will introduce you here a few of them, all initiatives can be found at:

🌐 [www.bit.ly/2Nlgmng](http://www.bit.ly/2Nlgmng)

### BEST (Board of European Students of Technology)

BEST is a constantly growing non-profit and non-political organisation. They provide communication, co-operation, exchange and educational possibilities for students all over Europe and also offer an opportunity to work on projects and to develop hard and soft skills, e.g. Project Management or Negotiation skills.

🌐 [www.facebook.com/BESTAachen](https://www.facebook.com/BESTAachen)

### Big Band

The Big Bands of the RWTH and the FH Aachen put on many happenings throughout the semester. At festivals or parties, the Big Bands put on a show that will thrill the senses.

🌐 [www.bigband.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.bigband.rwth-aachen.de)    🌐 [www.fh-aachen.de/hochschule/big-band](http://www.fh-aachen.de/hochschule/big-band)

## **Engineers Without Borders (Ingenieure ohne Grenzen e.V)**

Ingenieure ohne Grenzen is a German NGO committed to the creation of technical solutions to everyday problems in developing countries. As sustainability, local acceptance and capacity building are the leading principles of their work, all projects are carried out in close cooperation with local partner organizations and the beneficiaries on the ground. To ensure continuous support for people in need, Ingenieure ohne Grenzen always welcomes committed students who would like to make a change.

📍 [www.ingenieure-ohne-grenzen.org/de/aachen](http://www.ingenieure-ohne-grenzen.org/de/aachen)

## **Hochschulradio**

Hochschulradio is the local university radio station with music that would not be played on normal radio stations. It is broadcasted on the station 99.1 MHz in and around Aachen area as well as on the Internet. There are many opportunities to join the station and meet people who also have interest in the same kinds of music as you.

📍 [www.hochschulradio-aachen.de](http://www.hochschulradio-aachen.de)

## **Interkulturelles Centrum Aachener Studierender (INCAS)**

INCAS is an intercultural students' association with a huge range of diverse offers, based at the "Humboldt Haus" (Pontstr. 41). During the service hours they assist you in finding an accommodation and other issues. Every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. INCAS organizes events e.g. cultural presentations or "Café Lingua", where you can practice your language skills. Once a month they offer excursions to regional destinations or even Belgium, Luxembourg or the Netherlands.

📍 [www.incas.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.incas.rwth-aachen.de)

## **Queerreferat Aachen**

The Queerreferat is a group of lesbian-/gay-/bi-/trans-/... or just queer students from Aachen's universities, who regularly meet for movie- and game nights, discussions or

📍 [www.queerreferat-aachen.de](http://www.queerreferat-aachen.de)

## **Student Orchestra / Collegium Musicum**

The Collegium Musicum consists of an orchestra and a choir, which also puts on a very good show and is always searching for more singers interested in the group. Anyone is welcome to come by, try out and become a part of this vocally focused group!

📍 [www.aso.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.aso.rwth-aachen.de)    📍 [www.cm.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.cm.rwth-aachen.de)

## 5 Freetime



In the next two chapters special places for the summer or winter semester are tagged with symbols:



Summer



Winter

### Cinemas

For those of you who love cinematic adventures, movies in Germany are almost exclusively shown dubbed without subtitles, nevertheless the Filmstudio sometimes shows the original versions.

#### Movie Magazine

The latest schedules of the cinemas are announced in various sources, for example in the "MOVIE", a local free magazine focused on culture and cinema:

📍 [www.movieaachen.de](http://www.movieaachen.de)

#### Filmstudio ❄️

The Filmstudio organizes films from and for students. The films are shown in the Aula in the Hauptgebäude. Tickets for the shows are well priced and you are allowed to bring your own snacks or drinks. The films range from modern films to classics. Furthermore the movies are often shown as original version ("Originalfassung" - OF). The Filmstudio's program can be found at:

📍 [www.filmstudio.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.filmstudio.rwth-aachen.de)

#### More Cinemas

If you're interested in a special selection of movies, Apollo might be your spot of choice. Other cinemas in Aachen are the Capitol and Cineplex:

📍 [www.apollo-aachen.de](http://www.apollo-aachen.de)   📍 [www.capitol-aachen.de](http://www.capitol-aachen.de)   📍 [www.cineplex.de/aachen](http://www.cineplex.de/aachen)

# Theaters

## Das Da Theater

The theater provides a colorful program throughout the year. In the summer, some events are held in the Burg Frankenberg.

📍 Liebigstraße 9, 52070 Aachen 🌐 [www.dasda.de](http://www.dasda.de)

## Grenzlandtheater

A small theatre with an exciting line-up is the Grenzlandtheater in the Elisengalerie.

📍 Friedrich-Wilhelm-Platz 5/6, 52062 Aachen 🌐 [www.grenzlandtheater.de](http://www.grenzlandtheater.de)

## Raststätte

This is a small, but decent event location with a diverse set of poetry slams, concerts, plays and art exhibitions. Fixed opening hours don't exist, which is why everyone is urged to have a look at their website.

📍 Lothringerstraße 23, 52062 Aachen 🌐 [www.raststaette.org](http://www.raststaette.org)

## Stadttheater Aachen

As the biggest and probably most impressive theatre in Aachen the "Stadttheater" offers a broad assortment of plays, operas, ballet performances, concerts and musicals. If you want to feel all grown up and sophisticated, this is your place to be! Beside the performances in the main building at Theaterplatz 1, events are also taking place in Mörgensstraße 34. In case a performance is not sold-out students are eligible for "last-minute tickets" sold for 7 € each 30 minutes before show-time. You can also buy tickets for five plays in a season for just 22.5 €.

📍 Theaterplatz 1, 52062 Aachen 🌐 [www.theater-aachen.de](http://www.theater-aachen.de)

## Theater K

If you are interested in experimental shows and progressive art, visit Theater K.

📍 Strüverweg 116, 52070 Aachen 🌐 [www.theater-k.de](http://www.theater-k.de)

# Clubs

Aachen has a variety of clubs where you can hit the dance floor. Here are our favorites:

## Apollo

At day a movie theater, at night famous for Remmi Demmi, motto parties and of course home of the legendary ERASMUS Parties.

📍 Pontstraße 141-149, Aachen 🌐 [www.apollo-aachen.de](http://www.apollo-aachen.de)

## HOTEL EUROPA

A small, unique and friendly Berlin-Style-club with a living-room like bar, beaming you right into the 60s/70s, and a dance floor in the basement. They do parties, concerts and Festivals from Electro, Funk, House to Swing, Indie and Balkan. Prices are moderate, the waiters are cuties. Some of our AEGEE parties happening there – don't miss them! One important rule - respect the neighborhood when being outside.

📍 Südstraße 54, Aachen 🌐 [www.deinhoteleuropa.de](http://www.deinhoteleuropa.de)

## KingzCorner

A small and lovely club which offers live music, hiphop and techno.

📍 Königstraße 46, Aachen 🌐 [www.kingzcorner.de](http://www.kingzcorner.de)

## Musikbunker ❄️

An alternative club, located in a former bunker. Famous for its techno parties, but also offers a lot of live acts and concerts. Be aware of their summer break.

📍 Goffartstraße 26, Aachen 🌐 [www.mubu.ac](http://www.mubu.ac)

## Nox

Looking for 90s, reggaeton, indie, electro or even metal? In Nox you will find any type of music and a mixed crowd to party with.

📍 Blondelstraße 9, Aachen 🌐 [www.facebook.com/NoxAachen](https://www.facebook.com/NoxAachen)

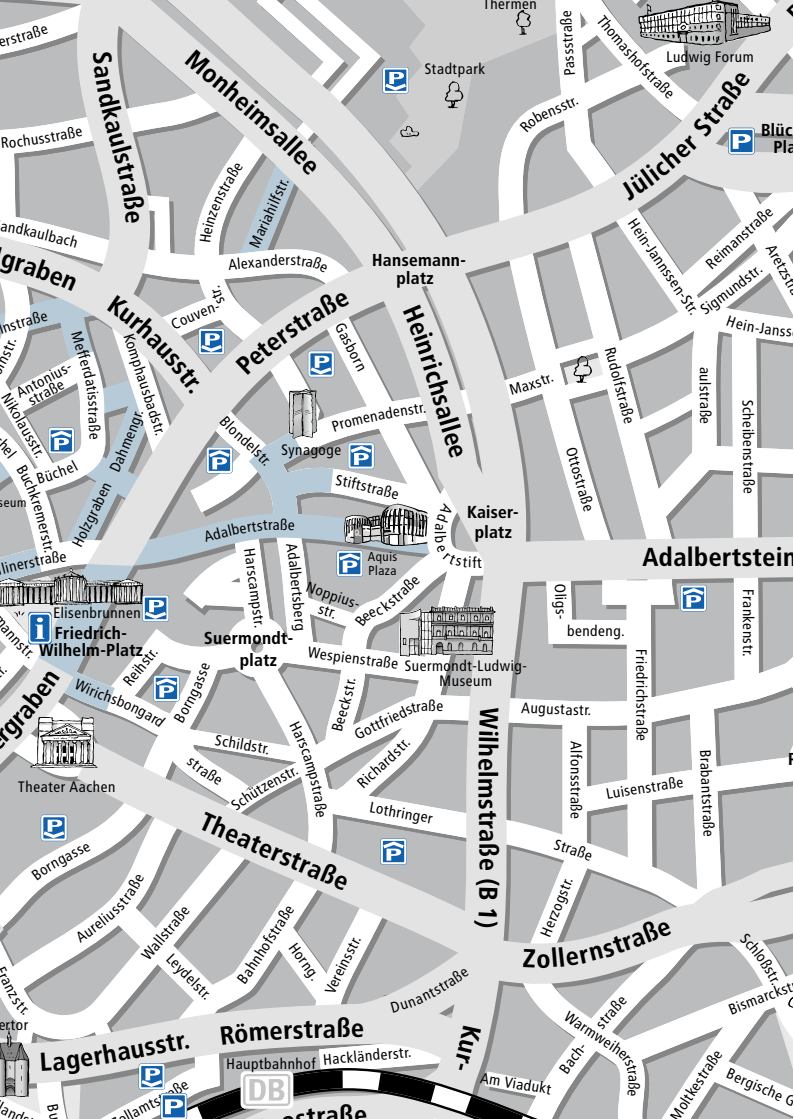
## Museums

If you want to visit more than one museum, there might be the chance to get a discount. Just ask at the reception for special tickets which allows entrance more than one time!

### Couven-Museum

In 1786, Jakob Couven lived in this house near the city center where he collected furniture and art from this time period. Today, despite the destruction from the Second World





War, the majority of art is still preserved and offers a view into the past.

📍 Hühnermarkt 17, 52062 Aachen

🌐 [www.couven-museum.de](http://www.couven-museum.de)

💎 6.00 € student discount

🕒 Tue - Sun 10:00 - 17:00

## Internationales Zeitungsmuseum

Internationales Zeitungsmuseum ("International newspaper museum") - This "Main Office of the World Press" is home to more than 200,000 newspapers and 300 books about the history of newspapers. The museum is definitely worth a visit to anyone interested in print-related materials!

📍 Pontstraße 13, 52062 Aachen

🌐 [www.izm.de](http://www.izm.de)

💎 3.00 € student discount

🕒 Tue - Sun 10:00 - 17:00

## Ludwig Forum for International Art

The "Ludwig Forum für Internationale Kunst", based on the huge Ludwig collection, is an important location for the contemporary art scene. The museum shows works of well known artists such as Beuys, Lichtenstein or Hanson but also hosts exhibitions of local artists. Even the building itself is worth a visit, the former umbrella factory Emil Brauer is designed in Bauhaus style and was built in 1928. It also has a lovely courtyard and park. Lookout for the initiative JUNGE FREUNDE Ludwig Forum, a network of young art lovers organizing special events for the young crowd, for instance the LUFO bar in summer. Every thursday it is free to enter!

📍 Jülicher Straße 97-109, 52070 Aachen

🌐 [www.ludwigforum.de](http://www.ludwigforum.de)

💎 6.00 € student discount

🕒 Tue - Sun 10:00 - 17:00

## Suermondt-Ludwig-Museum

Middle-Age sculptures and icons from 15th to 17th century await your visit in this museum. Most of the art is quite old, but occasionally modern art shows come through.

📍 Wilhelmstraße 18, 52070 Aachen

🌐 [www.suermondt-ludwig-museum.de](http://www.suermondt-ludwig-museum.de)

💎 3.00 € student discount

🕒 Tue - Sun 10:00 - 17:00

## Sights


### City Tours

The tourist information is located at the "Elisenbrunnen". It offers several different city tours, e.g. through the old city of Aachen. Also the perfect place to ask for special discounts or events.

🌐 [www.aachen-tourismus.de](http://www.aachen-tourismus.de)


## Route Charlemagne


The Route Charlemagne takes you along crucial historical sights in Aachen. The different stations of the tour focus on topics that link present times with Charlemagne, such as science or culture. Important locations are included, for example the Town Hall, the Cathedral, the International Newspaper Museum or the Grashaus (Fischmarkt) and Centre Charlemagne (Katschhof), of which the latter one is the central starting and info point.


 [www.route-charlemagne.eu](http://www.route-charlemagne.eu)


## Cathedral

“Der Dom” - the Aachen Cathedral is located directly in the heart of the city and probably Aachen's most well known landmark. Seen from almost every corner of Aachen, the Dom is definitely something to marvel at. Not only the various facades but also the inside of the Dom is highly photographed and a must see for everyone in Aachen. The Domschatzkammer (“cathedral treasury”), next to it, hosts a wide variety of art and historical exhibits from hundreds of years ago related to the Dom. A new “Dom Information” building is open across from the Domschatzkammer where more information can be picked up and tours can be planned.

 Klosterplatz 2, 52062 Aachen


 [www.aachendom.de](http://www.aachendom.de)

 free entrance


 Mon - Sun 10:00 - 17:00


## Royal Crowning Hall in the City Hall

The “Krönungssaal des Aachener Rathaus”. Every year, the Charlemagne Prize is awarded in this large hall in the upper floor of the Aachen “Rathaus” (city hall). The large hall is filled with murals and frescos. Some of them are still the original ones and all of them make a good picture. The “Katschhof”, the area between the Dom and Rathaus, is a great place to take pictures of both historical buildings.

 Markt, 52062 Aachen

 [www.aachen.de/rathaus](http://www.aachen.de/rathaus)

 3 € for students

 Mon - Sun 10:00 - 18:00

## Elisenbrunnen

The name Aachen derives from old Germanic “Ahha”, which means water – a fact that points to the former importance of the local hot springs that you can still visit today at the “Elisenbrunnen”, and even swim in it when visiting the thermal bath “Carolus Thermen”. The water is up to 70°C and actually smells like sulphur. But still it's supposed to be healthy and you can try it if you dare to (even if the signs say it is not drinkable).

 Friedrich-Wilhelm-Platz, Aachen

## Fountains & Monuments

Aachen has been known to have the “warmest hot springs north of the Alps”. Also all of the fountains in Aachen are nice to visit; does not matter if it is the sulphur-smelling “Elisenbrunnen”, the “Circulation of Money” or the figures of the “Puppenbrunnen”. A photo of the “Klenkes-Statue” with the local greeting of Aachen is a must have!

## Lousberg

The Lousberg is a hill with a height of 264 m close to the city center. On top is a small viewing platform with an obelisk and around are paths for walking and jogging as well as meadows and a place with hammocks. Every Sunday you can climb the old water tower Belvedere and enjoy a brunch or a coffee time, while you are turning around Aachen.

📍 Belvedereallee 5, 52070 Aachen

🌐 [www.drehturm-aachen.de](http://www.drehturm-aachen.de)

🕒 Sun 11:00 - 14:00 (brunch)

14:30 - 17:30 (coffee & cake)

## Shopping

### Supermarkets

In Aachen there is always a supermarket near by. The opening hours of the smaller supermarkets may vary, but most of them should be open until 20:00. Do not forget that in Germany all supermarkets and other shops are closed on Sundays! If you need something urgently, one possibility is to cross the border and go shopping in Vaals. Moreover, gas stations and Kiosks are mostly open on Sundays and sell the most important stuff – but of course for very high prices.

#### 🛒 Supermarkets

Aldi, Lidl, Netto

Edeka, Rewe

Denn's, Alnatura, Biomarket Vital

Kaufland, Real

#### 💬 Comment

well priced food

slightly more expensive, but wider choice

fair traded and bio products

huge supermarkets, comparable to Walmart

### Local markets

To buy special cheese, fish, fruits or vegetables that are really fresh and sometimes directly from the farmer, visit the “Wochenmarkt” (local market). It takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7:00 and 14:00 in front of the City Hall and on Saturdays from 9:00 to 14:00 at the Münsterplatz. Or visit the local market in your neighbourhood:

🌐 [www.aachen.de/wochenmaerkte](http://www.aachen.de/wochenmaerkte)

## Foodsharing

Speaking of regional products and sustainability: Don't waste your food, there are food-sharing spots all over the city. Just check the facebook group for further information:

📍 [www.facebook.com/groups/FoodSharingAachen](https://www.facebook.com/groups/FoodSharingAachen)

## Chocolate Factories

Two great ways to spend your money in Aachen are **Lindt** and **Lambertz**. The factory of Lindt produces chocolate, Lambertz cookies. Be aware of their "Werksverkauf" (factory sale). Here you can buy their products cheaper than in any supermarket. Moreover, you can get damaged goods really low priced. Since Lindt chocolate is quite famous all over the world and Lambertz also produces "Printen" (something similar to ginger bread – typical for Aachen!), it is always a good present to bring home.

📍 [www.lindt.de/shops/werksverkauf](http://www.lindt.de/shops/werksverkauf)    📍 [www.lambertz-shop.de/werksverkauf](http://www.lambertz-shop.de/werksverkauf)

## Shopping Mall

The shopping mall **Aquis Plaza** at Kaiserplatz is a good place to be if you need new cloths, shoes, electronics or anything else you are looking for. With a supermarket at the basement, a food court at the top floor and everything else in between, it's always worth a look:

📍 [www.aquis-plaza.de](http://www.aquis-plaza.de)

## Sports

### University Sports Center (Hochschulsportzentrum)

The University Sports Center is the place to be if you want to work on your beach body! There you can find an outside running track, facilities for outdoor fitness plus beach and football courts. The sports center offers everything from aerobics to yoga and everything between. Most courses are quite cheap. Some courses are even free, for example "Kontakthüpfen" (officially called "Fitness mit Musik"), a fitness class with music and many other students. The center also offers "Extratouren", trips to different places in Germany throughout the year, ranging from skiing in the winter to sailing and surfing in the summer. Usually you can find flyers in the canteens of the universities that show what the center is planning and how to get involved. More info at:

📍 [www.hochschulsport.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.hochschulsport.rwth-aachen.de)

## Bunte Liga Aachen

The "Bunte Liga" ("the colorful league") was founded 30 years ago by students who did not like the idea of official club football. It is an alternative for those who want to play

this wonderful sport, with a lot of respect and fairness towards the other players and opponents. If you want to join, just contact a team you'll find at:

📍 [www.bunteliga.de](http://www.bunteliga.de)

## Swimming Pools

### Indoor

There are many pools located in the city. Below we have listed some for you. If you need more information concerning opening hours, prices, etc. you can click on the website from the city of Aachen. They have gathered all the information there:

📍 [www.aachen.de/schwimmbaeder](http://www.aachen.de/schwimmbaeder)

**Elisabeth-Halle**

📍 Elisabethstr. 10

**Schwimmhalle Ost**

📍 St.-Josefs-Platz 8

**Schwimmhalle Süd**

📍 Amyastrasse 8

**Ulla-Klinger-Halle**

📍 Händelstraße 14

### Outdoor ☀

There is an outdoor swimming pool with lawn to lie around and tan like a bronze god. Perfect for a summer day! The opening hours vary but they always close at 20:00:

**Freibad Hangeweier**

📍 Am Hangeweier 32

### Carolus Thermen

The Carolus Thermen are thermal baths perfect for relaxing after a stressful day at the university. They have different baths, whirlpools, an oriental-style bathing area and many different saunas to choose from. The prices are not that low as they vary from 12 € for 2,5 hours from Monday to Friday to 18 € for a whole day on a weekend. Plus 14 - 18 € if you want to use the sauna as well. You should look out as there are special offers or coupons from time to time.

📍 Stadtgarten (Passstraße 79, 52070 Aachen)

🕒 Mon - Sun 9:00 - 23:00

📍 [www.carolus-thermen.de](http://www.carolus-thermen.de)

### Bouldering

**diehalle** is the city's top attraction for bouldering. It offers multiple opportunities to learn how to boulder and it's definitely a place to reduce stress or just for practicing. They offer a full range of climbing options and it fits for both - amateurs and advanced climbers. A full day costs 10 € for students.

📍 Grüner Weg 22, 52070 Aachen

🕒 Mon - Fri 10:00 - 23:00

📍 [www.diehalle-aachen.de](http://www.diehalle-aachen.de)

Sat, Sun 10:00 - 21:00

Another great place for bouldering is the new **"Campus"**. It offers a great spot for motivated climbers to enjoy a big variety of routes. With 9 € for students it is a place where everyone will find his or her personal challenge, even advanced boulderer.

📍 Tempelhofer Straße 16, 52068 Aachen  
🌐 [www.campusboulderhalle.de](http://www.campusboulderhalle.de)

🕒 Mon, Tue, Thu 16:30 - 23:00  
Wed, Fri 14:30 - 23:00  
Sat, Sun 12:00 - 20:00

## Climbing and Badminton Tivoli Rock Aachen

Close to the Tivoli is the **"Rock"**, another climbing hall with different climbing trails and also a little bouldering area. They also have fields for Badminton. Both services are reasonably priced.

📍 Strangenhäuschen 11, 52070 Aachen  
🌐 [www.badminton-kletterhalle.de](http://www.badminton-kletterhalle.de)

🕒 Mon - Fri 10:00 - 23:00  
Sat, Sun 9:30 - 22:30

## Kletterwald Aachen ☀

For those of you who want to go climbing outside in the forest there is "Kletterpark Aachen" (high-wire forest adventure course). Students pay 18 € for all parcours. Be aware that **you always need a reservation**.

📍 Unterer Backertsweg 7, 52074 Aachen  
🌐 [www.kletterwald-aachen.de](http://www.kletterwald-aachen.de)

🕒 Sat, Sun from 10:00  
instead only as group

## AStA Fahrradwerkstatt

If you need tools and assistance to fix your bike, this service provided by students is the right place.

📍 Kockerellstraße 19, 52062 Aachen  
🌐 [www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/de/fahrradwerkstatt](http://www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/de/fahrradwerkstatt)

🕒 Mon - Thu 15:00 - 19:00

## 6 Food & Drink



Here are our favorite places in Aachen you shouldn't miss during your stay in Aachen.

### Bars & Pubs

#### Café Kittel ☀

A much loved student bar with cult-status and a big beer garden

📍 Pontstraße 39, Aachen 🌐 [www.cafe-kittel.de](http://www.cafe-kittel.de)

#### Café Egmont

Very cosy atmosphere with a hint of class from an earlier time. Here you can find regular live performances and Belgian beer! Here you can also eat food from AKL, which is right next door.

📍 Pontstraße 1-3, Aachen 🌐 [www.cafe-egmont.de](http://www.cafe-egmont.de)

#### Café Einstein ☀

Although it is not a typical student bar, Café Einstein is famous for its casual atmosphere. Every second Wednesday they organize a bar quiz where you can show you are the next Sheldon Cooper.

📍 Lindenplatz 17, Aachen 🌐 [www.einstein-aachen.de](http://www.einstein-aachen.de)

#### Chico Mendes

Very cheap to have a couple of drinks. If you like board games or want to learn how to play them, this is your place! They have a huge variety and it's always growing.

📍 Pontstraße 74-76, Aachen 🌐 [www.chico-mendes.de](http://www.chico-mendes.de)

#### Die Bar Cantona

In contrast to all the bars in the city center this cozy bar is located in the hip district "Frankenberger Viertel".

📍 Bismarckstraße 47, Aachen 🌐 [www.diebarcantona.de](http://www.diebarcantona.de)

## Die Kiste ❄️

"Schatz, ich bin in der Kiste!" - Mondays (Weizen for 2.10€) are the best days to visit the Kiste; usually quite full.

📍 Büchel 3, Aachen

## Domkeller

Enjoy many different types of beer in Aachen's oldest pub and café. From 10:00 till 18:00 the upper floor is open for students to study, wifi for free, cheap drinks and you may bring your own snacks. Don't miss the free concerts every Monday at 20:00 between September and May, all kinds of genres and always a great atmosphere!

📍 Hof 1, Aachen 🌐 [www.domkeller.de](http://www.domkeller.de)

## Dumont

Nice beer garden in the summer and live music on the weekend.

📍 Zollernstraße 41, Aachen 🌐 [www.dumont-aachen.de](http://www.dumont-aachen.de)

## Grotesque Absinth-Bar ❄️

The name says it all - here you get any kind of Absinth you ever wanted to taste.

📍 Rennbahn 1, Aachen 🌐 [www.facebook.com/GrotesqueBar](https://www.facebook.com/GrotesqueBar)

## Guinness House ❄️

The legendary 250 years tradition from Ireland: Draught beer, Irish whiskey and ciders.

📍 Neupforte 6, Aachen 🌐 [www.guinnesshouse.de](http://www.guinnesshouse.de)

## Hopfen + Malz

Great place to try different and rather extraordinary kinds of beers - enjoy the daily varying five special beers right there or buy some bottles for later.

📍 Franzstraße 17, Aachen 🌐 [www.hopfenundmalz.de](http://www.hopfenundmalz.de)

## Kaktus

In the center of the Pontstraße located, Kaktus is famous for its daily specials like the "Meter Mittwoch" where you get a meter of beer.

📍 Ponstraße 121, Aachen 🌐 [www.kaktusaachen.de](http://www.kaktusaachen.de)

## Kiez Kini

The absolute highlight of the bar is the legendary "Einstundenparty" every last Sunday of the month. Finish your weekend with giving 100 percent for one hour starting at 22:00!

📍 Promenadenstraße 46, Aachen 🌐 [www.facebook.com/Kiez.Kini](https://www.facebook.com/Kiez.Kini)

## Köpi (officially König-City)

Beer and fries nearly 24 hours a day. After a long night drop by here to experience "Schlager" culture! Feel free to sing along!

📍 Holzgraben 7, Aachen

## Last Exit

Nice pub hidden in a residential area. Great alternative to the Pontstraße. Very tasty seasonal food.

📍 Krakaustraße 1, Aachen 🌐 [www.mylastexit.de](http://www.mylastexit.de)

## LikeLike

Hawaiian bar, located right next to the Pontstraße and known for the various flavours of Weizen beers. Tuesdays to Thursday is Weizen day where the prices are even lower!

📍 Pontdriesch 35, Aachen

## Rethel Pub

Great place to enjoy your Guinness in a typically Irish and cozy atmosphere.

📍 Rethelstraße 4, Aachen

## Sowiso/Ocean

Especially nice when the weather is good. Outdoor and indoor seating, rather large pub with billiard and table soccer. Great place to watch any sporting events.

📍 Pontstraße 165-166, Aachen 🌐 [www.sowiso-aachen.de](http://www.sowiso-aachen.de)

## Sturmfrei/Die WG

Nice atmosphere for chilling or having a party, you'll feel more like in a WG than an ordinary club.

📍 Promenadenstraße 38-40, Aachen 🌐 [www.facebook.com/DieWG.Aachen](https://www.facebook.com/DieWG.Aachen)

## Uwe Klein Qutoqi Bar

Not strictly speaking a student bar, but it is in Pontstraße and great for fancy food, a bit of live music and drinks like Gin Tonic that are all topped off with the venue's cosy atmosphere.

📍 Pontstraße 168, Aachen 🌐 [www.uweklein.bar](http://www.uweklein.bar)

## Wohnheimbars

Every student dorm (Studentenwohnheim) in Aachen has its own bar (called "Bierkeller"). Normally there are open for everyone once a week. This is where the students from the dorms are and enjoy evenings with friends at very low cost. A few times a month they organize large parties which can be some of the best in Aachen. The bars also allow people to rent out the entire bar for private parties for a rather low price. You can find an overview at:

🌐 [www.aachen.wikia.com/wiki/Wohnheimbars](http://www.aachen.wikia.com/wiki/Wohnheimbars)

🏠 Wohnheimbar	📍 Address	🕒 Opening hours
Bärenhöhle	Bärenstraße 5	Tue from 21:00
Bierkeller	Hainbuchenstraße 6	Wed from 21:00
Cafe18	Ahornstraße 73, H4	Tue from 21:00
Club IM EIMER	Rütscher Straße 121 (1st tower)	Thu from 21:00
Club MOTORBAR	Rütscher Straße 155 (2nd tower)	Wed from 21:00
Club Mühle	Mattschö-Moll-Weg 4-28	Thu from 21:00
Haus 4 Bar	Eckertweg 20	Tue from 22:00
Institut	Roermonder Straße 112a	Wed from 21:00
KänGuruh	Kullenhofsstraße 56-66	Thu from 21:00
KaWo-Bar	Kastanienweg 4-6	Thu from 22:00
K2-Bar	Kastanienweg 21-35	Tue from 22:00
Schillout	Schillerstraße 86	Fri from 21:00
Symposion	Turmstraße 1	Wed from 22:00*
Triangel	Am Weißenberg 16	Mon from 21:00

\* Every first and third week of the month

## Cafes

### Café & Bar zuhause

Stefan opened his bar in November 2011. Given his long experience with international student organizations, he will surely be your bartender of choice. Café & Bar zuhause is your living room, either with hot chocolate on long winter nights in the cosy couch area or for meeting your friends to enjoy the summer atmosphere outside in the beautiful

garden. AEGEE has its weekly meetings here every monday at 21:00, right before the Erasmus Social Drink at 22:00.

📍 Sandkaulstraße 109/111, Aachen 🌐 [www.zuhause-aachen.de](http://www.zuhause-aachen.de)

## Cafe Stopover ☀

The hot spot for good coffee between canteen and library, famous for their “Wachmacher” and their deckchairs in the summer.

📍 Milchstraße (Marienbongard 24, Aachen) 🌐 [www.facebook.com/cafe.stopover](https://www.facebook.com/cafe.stopover)

## Leni liebt Kaffee

A great place for coffee lovers! Definitely some of the best coffee in and around Aachen with its own roast, plus, tasty cakes and cheeky refreshments.

📍 Buchkramerstraße 6, Aachen 🌐 [www.leniliebtkaffee.de](http://www.leniliebtkaffee.de)

## Lulu's Coffee & Co

If you want good coffee with a tasty piece of cake or another little snack, go to Lulu's. Besides the coffee, you'll get fresh water with mint and lime for free!

📍 Burtscheider Markt 21, Aachen 📍 Grosskölnstraße 73, 52062 Aachen

🌐 [www.luluscoffeeeco.com](http://www.luluscoffeeeco.com)

## Vierundneunziggrad

A very nice and peaceful place for a nice and long breakfast to start your day right! In addition, they offer some very delicious coffee from their own barista. And don't miss the home-made ice tea with fresh fruits.

📍 Hirschgraben 7, Aachen 🌐 [www.vierundneunziggrad.de](http://www.vierundneunziggrad.de)

## Ice Cream Parlors

### Delzepich ☀

Home-made ice-cream (you can watch them cutting fruit into the ice machine), therefore only a limited offer. You can really taste the individual ingredients. Come as early as possible since they are regularly out of ice-cream in the evening.

📍 Bismarckstraße 197, Aachen

### Devido Frozen Joghurt ☀

A wide range of toppings for your frozen yogurt, from various forms of chocolates over nuts up to to daily fresh fruits. The prices for special offers are very attractive!

📍 Pontstraße 8, Aachen 📍 Lochnerstraße 57, Aachen 🌐 [www.devido.de](http://www.devido.de)

## Eiscafé Del Negro ☀

Probably one of the best ice-cream parlours in town. They sell ice-cream from their own production. By the way you can practise a typical German thing on hot summer days: Queuing, but absolutely worth the waiting time and every penny! Huge variety of different and delicious ice-cream.

📍 Jakobstraße 73a, Aachen 🌐 [www.eiscafedelnegro.de](http://www.eiscafedelnegro.de)

## Öcher Eis Treff ☀

Much like Delzepich, ice-cream is freshly made with only a couple of flavors to choose from. As a special, all dairy ice-cream is made with biologically certified milk and the fruit ice-cream is completely vegan!

📍 Bismarckstraße 72, Aachen 🌐 [www.eis-treff.de](http://www.eis-treff.de)

## Snack Bars

### AKL - Libanese Specialities

Tired of the usual fast-food places? Looking for better quality and something you haven't tasted yet? This is the first Lebanese restaurant in Aachen, in a great location and definitely worth trying! Everything you there is homemade and freshly prepared in front of your eyes. Rawad, the owner, personally advises you to try the Shawarma sandwich! Tip: You can take the food to Egmont, the cafe next to it, and eat it there!

📍 Pontstraße 1-3, Aachen 🌐 [www.akl-orient.de](http://www.akl-orient.de)

### Dat Frittebüdche by Papa Toni

Are you coming home after a long party night and do you want to taste something else than fries as goodnight snack? Then try the best Shawarma or Falafel in Aachen, handmade by Papa Toni. Beside this, the snack bar offers Dutch, Belgian and more Lebanese food.

📍 Pontstraße 127, Aachen

### Kathy's Frietnesse

Can you fry it? - Yes! This place fries everything you can imagine, even if you've never seen a Snickers fried. Here you get french fries cut from fresh potatoes in typical Belgian style with a huge variety of tasty sauces, some you've never heard of that will burn your mouth, to onion toppings for hamburgers, and typical Dutch fast food like "Frikandell" along with everything in between. Open from 11:00 to 6:00 (in the morning).

📍 Pontstraße 101-105, Aachen 📍 Kapuzinergraben 13, 52062 Aachen

🌐 [www.frietnesse.de](http://www.frietnesse.de)

# Restaurants

## Am Knipp

Make sure you don't miss this spot during your stay, because it's the oldest tavern in Aachen: Food and beer are running over the counter here since 1698! A very hotspot for meeting the old-original Öcher (the Aachen natives).

📍 Bergdriesch 3, Aachen 🌐 [www.amknipp.de](http://www.amknipp.de)

## Ferbers

If your parents are visiting you in Aachen, Ferbers will be your choice. Situated in classyurtscheid in the literally middle of the Ferber-Park, this modern wood and glass pavilion will convince your parents that Aachen was a good choice for you by delighting them with fancy food and wine – but make sure daddy's gonna pay. ;)

📍 Kapellenstraße 51, Aachen 🌐 [www.ferbers.de](http://www.ferbers.de)

## Lola paroli (vegan)

If you're looking for vegan and/or sustainable food this is your spot. The burgers are all vegan and sustainable. Even if you're not a vegan, the burgers are a nice alternation.

📍 Friedrichstraße 117, Aachen 🌐 [www.road-food.mobi](http://www.road-food.mobi)

## Mei Choi - homemade noodles

A nice location when you're looking for tasty Asian food. No matter if you're looking for healthy „fast food“ like noodle soups or substantial and balanced dishes. Ramen is very recommendable! Don't forget to create your own soup. Perfect cost-benefit-ratio and very friendly service.

📍 Pontstraße 168, Aachen 🌐 [www.meichoi.de](http://www.meichoi.de)

## Zum goldenen Schwein

Traditional and yet modern German cuisine that could be found in brewery taverns. Dishes are affordable in relation of their good taste and quantity. Rustic-cosy atmosphere inside and a nice terrace in the backyard for the summer. Important: Open from Mon-Sat from 5.30pm!

📍 Franzstraße 40, Aachen 🌐 [www.goldenesschwein.de](http://www.goldenesschwein.de)

## 7 Typical Aachen



You have chosen the city of Aachen, and because of that you should experience something unique which you won't find in the rest of Germany. First of all, the people who live here call the city "Oche" and themselves "Öcher". These terms originate from the dialect spoken, the "Öcher Platt". Don't worry if you have troubles understanding people talking German here.

### Typical Greeting

Did you ever hear about **Klenkes**? It is a great indication that you have become a true "Öcher"! Just make a fist and extend your little finger, and then you can say other "Öcher" "Hello"! But based on this tradition, there exists an event calendar with the same name. Just enter:

🌐 [www.klenkes.de](http://www.klenkes.de)

### Typical Food

#### Printen

Printen are the most popular sweets in Aachen - and only in Aachen. They are a sort of pastry similar to ginger bread. Two sorts can be bought: soft or hard. They can be covered with different types of chocolate and nuts or can even be filled with almond paste (Marzipan), not to mention the spices that go into it. A must at Christmas time!

#### Reisfladen

"Reisfladen" is the cake you have at tea time or for coffee break. "Reis" means rice, and "Fladen" is an expression for a pie, which is then stuffed with either fruits (e.g. apricots, berries or plums) or with this creamy rice mass. So the dough itself does not contain milled rice but there is literally rice on it. There are two kinds of "Reisfladen": The Belgian style or the Aachen style. The Belgian style has a shiny cover thanks to eggs, but the taste is almost the same. But try it yourself!

## Typical Events

### Carnival

Celebrating carnival is a huge tradition in Aachen. Originally the aim was to banish bad spirits by dressing up as ghosts or something similar. In religious terms carnival is the last chance to celebrate before the Lenten season. People today, however, just dress up, get drunk and enjoy the parades. The “5th season”, as it is also called, starts “Weiberfastnacht” and lasts seven days until Aschermittwoch. On “Rosenmontag”, there is a big parade in Aachen. Just scream “Alaaf!” while watching and it will rain sweets.

### Rudy Rockt

The students’ event Rudy Rockt takes place a few times per year and is sort of a cooking-rally. The idea behind this super fun evening program is that a team of two people applies for one course, either starter, main course, or dessert. Then, there will be hundreds of other people doing the same and in the end, these selections find matches. You will cook your course with your partner at your place and have four visitors you don’t know (yet), and you will walk to unknown students’ flats to see what they cooked for you. In numbers: 3 courses in 3 different flats with 12 different dining partners. Enjoy this awesome social event!

🌐 [www.rudirockt.de/cities/aachen](http://www.rudirockt.de/cities/aachen)

### Öcher Bend

Twice a year there is the Öcher Bend, a funfair in Aachen, once in the spring and once in the summer. It always takes place at the Bendplatz, close to Lindt. Normally there are around 125 booths and attractions.

📍 Süsterfeldstraße 130, Aachen

### Christmas Market

During the advent season there is the famous “Aachener Weihnachtsmarkt” around the Cathedral. Every year, around 1.5 million visitors come to Aachen to see the festive Christmas market, to shop, to taste delicacies as Printen and to drink hot wine (“Glühwein”). The market is open every day from 11:00 to 21:00 and closes before Christmas Eve.

## 8 Getting Around



### Means of transport

#### The NRW-Semesterticket

One of the first most important slips of paper you'll receive with your arrival in Aachen is your "NRW-Semesterticket". Hold on to this ticket at all costs: It is your ticket to free travel on any bus line, U-Bahn, S-Bahn and the regional trains inside of North-Rhine Westphalia (NRW). It doesn't matter what city you're in: As long as it lies in NRW, your ticket applies! BUT make sure you don't try to use the ticket onboard the IC/ICE/Thalys trains! The conductors aren't sympathetic to people who only have a Semesterticket! Also **don't forget your BlueCard and your passport** to validate the ticket.

#### Bus Travel in Aachen

Buses in Aachen will soon become your best friend. As Aachen doesn't have any other form of public transport, the bus network is extensive and covers literally every corner of the city as well as some parts of the Netherlands and Belgium. The buses also run to scenic areas of the Eifel such as Monschau, a quaint, old town nestled between two rather steep hills. Unfortunately, night buses are only available at the weekend. Your nearest bus stop is most likely just around the corner. The best place to find timetables and routes are the ASEAG app or:

 [www.avv.de](http://www.avv.de)    [www.aseag.de](http://www.aseag.de)

#### Train Travel Around Aachen

The local central station ("Hauptbahnhof") provides many connections to cities and places throughout Europe. The other train stations in Aachen (-West, -Schanz, -Rothe Erde) offer multiple connections to Aachen Hbf. Whether you want to take the train to Paris for a weekend or need the rails to make it to Frankfurt Airport, this is your stop for everything. If you have your semester ticket, any train marked "RB" ("RegionalBahn") or "RE" ("RegionalExpress") is free to use for you. Traveling outside of NRW can be quite pricey and even though the Germans are said to be punctual, the trains are most often delayed. Tip of a pro: Always plan for a delay during your trips, so you don't have to sleep in a train station! Tickets are available online, in the travel offices and from the

ticket machines at the stations. Make sure to get the GoPass when traveling in Belgium.

🌐 [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)   🌐 [www.belgianrail.be/en](http://www.belgianrail.be/en)   🌐 [www.ns.nl/en](http://www.ns.nl/en)

## 🚗 BlaBlaCar

The concept of sharing a car with passengers and fellow travelers you don't know may be quite daunting to most people, but in Germany, this system of travel is very popular and generally very safe. To find someone traveling in your direction head on over to the homepage of BlaBlaCar. This site lists people heading to and from cities through Europe and will show who is driving, what kind of car they have and how much the trip costs. Usually the trips are much cheaper than traveling by train or by plane. Expect a very interesting and sometimes fun ride if you choose this form of travel!

🌐 [www.blablacar.de](http://www.blablacar.de)

## 🚗 Car sharing

You can also always rent your own car from one of the many rental car agencies here in Aachen. Another option is Cambio Carsharing: After paying an initial cost of 30 € and then free per month, cars can be found around the city and is on a per-hour basis plus a kilometer based price. More information at:

🌐 [www.cambio-carsharing.de](http://www.cambio-carsharing.de)

## 🚌 Fernbus

Nowadays German people go by bus – even for a long distance trip. Due to the expensive train tickets and the typical delays, the so-called “Fernbusse” offer a cheap alternative. Especially when you're booking quite early, you can save the cheapest prices. The disadvantage is the buses need more time from A to B.

🌐 [www.flixbus.de](http://www.flixbus.de)

## ✈ Flying

While Aachen has its own airport, conveniently located near Maastricht in the Netherlands (and accessible via bus from the Hauptbahnhof), there are also other airports in the vicinity:

### ✈ Airport

Brussels-Charleroi	CRL
Dortmund	DTM
Düsseldorf	DUS
Düsseldorf Weeze	NRN
Köln-Bonn	CGN
Maastricht-Aachen	MST

### ✈ Main Airlines

Ryanair
Ryanair
Germanwings
Ryanair
Germanwings, Ryanair
Wizzair

### 🌐 Website

<a href="http://www.charleroi-airport.com">www.charleroi-airport.com</a>
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<a href="http://www.dus.com">www.dus.com</a>
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A great welcome from Studifahrten to all international students and 5€ off for your first trip with us! Until 2011 we have already organized trips every weekend to different cities: Paris, Amsterdam, Munich, Berlin, Venice, Florence, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Bratislava, Brussels, Bruges and a lot more... After a longstanding experience we are now the most loved Student Travel Agency for International Students.

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Greetings from your Studifahrten Team



## Travel Destinations

### Germany

#### Bonn

Former capital city of Germany rich of administrative buildings and a decent selection of excellent museums. Don't miss the "Haus der Geschichte" (museum of German history), it's for free!

📍 [www.bonn.de](http://www.bonn.de) 📍 [www.hdg.de](http://www.hdg.de) 📍 [www.rhein-in-flammen.com](http://www.rhein-in-flammen.com)

#### Dreiländereck

Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands at the border triangle. Accessible by bike, a walking tour or a good destination for your next run. If you're lazy, take the bus to Vaals.

## Düsseldorf

Modern fashionable state capital of NRW with international flair. Make sure to visit the Königsallee (simply called Kö) to spend your millions in jewellery and designer clothes.

📍 [www.duesseldorf.de](http://www.duesseldorf.de) 📍 [www.karneval-in-duesseldorf.de](http://www.karneval-in-duesseldorf.de)

## Eifel

Rural area with many traces of active volcanoes 10000 years ago. Beautiful nature, clean air, and tons of possibilities for hiking and sailing at the Rursee.

📍 [www.eifel.de](http://www.eifel.de) 📍 [www.eifelsteig.de](http://www.eifelsteig.de)

**Monschau** is a beautiful village in the Eifel with a lot of historical half-timber houses and a nice castle soaring upon the hills. Famous for its mustard.

📍 [www.monschau.de](http://www.monschau.de) 📍 [www.senfmuehle.de](http://www.senfmuehle.de)

Located at the **Rursee** is the **Wildenhof**, the RWTH Aachen water sports center. Here you can camp for very cheap prices, relax at the sea and go for a sail!

📍 [www.hochschulsport.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.hochschulsport.rwth-aachen.de)

## Köln

Stronghold of European carnival with a rich Roman heritage and a huge gothic cathedral, which was literally the only building having survived WW2. Visit the brewery taverns to drink Kölsch but make sure you didn't miss the museums before!

📍 [www.koeln.de](http://www.koeln.de) 📍 [www.koelner-dom.de](http://www.koelner-dom.de) 📍 [www.koelner-brauhaus-wanderweg.de](http://www.koelner-brauhaus-wanderweg.de)

📍 [www.koelner-lichter.de](http://www.koelner-lichter.de)

## Münster

Rural area especially famous for horse riding tours with a lovely historical university city. In Aachen especially known for its high percentage of women studying there.

📍 [www.muenster.de](http://www.muenster.de)

## Ruhrgebiet ("Ruhrpott", Ruhr area)

Traditional German coal mining region. Steel industry, corner bars, soccer clubs (Schalke, Borussia Dortmund, Rot-Weiss Essen, ...) and a lot more, now transformed into a modern cultural region rich of industrial heritage. Don't forget to visit Essen Zeche-Zollverein and the Villa Hugel (manor of the family Krupp).

📍 [www.metropoleruhr.de](http://www.metropoleruhr.de) 📍 [www.gasometer.de](http://www.gasometer.de) 📍 [www.landschaftspark.de](http://www.landschaftspark.de)

📍 [www.villahuegel.de](http://www.villahuegel.de) 📍 [www.zollverein.de](http://www.zollverein.de)

## Netherlands

Since Aachen is located just at the “Drielandenpunt”, a trip to the Netherlands is not much effort. It's a great country for day or weekend trips due to its great infrastructure. Here are some destinations we would highly recommend you to visit:

### Amsterdam

Capital of the Netherlands, with gorgeous architecture woven seamlessly into a network of countless canals (“Grachten”). First class museums, coffee shops, European graffiti metropolis, or the Jordaan world heritage, these are just all a few highlights.

📍 [www.iamsterdam.com](http://www.iamsterdam.com)

### Maastricht

As an university city and principal town of Limburg municipality offering multifaceted theaters within the shopping metropolis. Stronghold of Dutch street carnival beside starting point of the 130km long Mergellandroute cultural trail. A nice day trip to cycle to.

📍 [www.vvmmaastricht.nl](http://www.vvmmaastricht.nl)   📍 [www.bonnefanten.nl](http://www.bonnefanten.nl)

### Rotterdam

Since Rotterdam's city center was destroyed in WW2, the typical small “Grachten” and old, dutch houses do not exist anymore. Instead it looks modern with a lot of concrete and is the only city with a real skyline in the Netherlands. Within the last years it has changed and you will find nowadays many young and hip places with international flair.

📍 [www.rotterdam.info](http://www.rotterdam.info)

### Sea Side

It's just 3 ½ hours by car or comparably painless by train towards the North Seaside. Close to the German/Dutch border Emden and Wilhelmshaven are at your disposal. Come to get to know typical East Frisian tea and the local mentality. Merely a stone's throw away there are also **Delfzijl** and **Groningen**. There you can find several natural habitats for seals. It's definitely worth a visit!

📍 [www.toerisme.groningen.nl](http://www.toerisme.groningen.nl)

### Vaals

Closest Dutch town to Aachen, good bus connections available. Sunday shopping possible! Also includes the tri-point, where Germany, Netherlands and Belgium meet, and the highest point of the Netherlands.

📍 [www.vaals.nl](http://www.vaals.nl)

## Belgium

Travels to Belgium are very cheap, and it doesn't matter if you travel just across the border or all the way to the ocean. If you are under 26, it's 8,30 € per trip (from Aachen to anywhere in Belgium, or vice-versa). You can buy your tickets online (Go Pass 1 Aachen). If you are over 26, you have to get a Rail Pass, which you can only get in Belgium. You have to buy 10 trips at once, but at 77,00 € this is very affordable. Note that a Rail Pass is only valid within Belgium, and you therefore need to pay an additional fee from Aachen to Belgium.

### Bruges

The central venue of the Flemish city owes its history to the Zeebruges industrial harbor. The historic centre, Basilica of the Holy Blood, De Halve Maan, Belfry and Cloth Hall are just a few spots to discover. It's called the "Venice of the north" and you'll see why.

📍 [www.brugge.be](http://www.brugge.be)

### Brussels

Capital of Belgium, a huge center for comic enthusiasts, headquarters of both the European Union as well as the NATO, numerous cultural and culinary delights located around the impressive Grand Place Market. Visiting the famous Atomium might be interesting for you as well. Don't struggle at the Delirium pub and you shouldn't forget to sneak a peek at the Manneken Pis.

📍 [www.visitbrussels.be](http://www.visitbrussels.be)   📍 [www.deliriumcafe.be](http://www.deliriumcafe.be)   📍 [www.cbdd.be](http://www.cbdd.be)

### Gent & Leuven

In contrast to cozy Bruges, Gent and Leuven are offering a great student flair around their historical cities. Especially during week days Gent and Leuven are known for its student parties and bars where you can taste hundreds of different beers.

📍 <https://visit.gent.be/en>   📍 [www.visitleuven.be/en](http://www.visitleuven.be/en)

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## German for beginners

### Basic Level

Yes	Ja
No	Nein
Thanks	Danke
Please	Bitte
Sorry	Entschuldigung
Hello	Hallo
Bye	Tschüss
Cheers!	Prost!

### Advanced Level

Hi! What's your name?  
My name is ...  
Where are you from?  
I am from ...  
How are you?  
Good / so-so / bad  
What are you studying?  
I am studying ...  
For how long are you staying?  
I am staying for half a year / a year

I'm looking for Pontstraße.  
Yay, no speed limit!

German words are way too long!

Hi! Wie heißt du?  
Mein Name ist ...  
Woher kommst du?  
Ich komme aus ...  
Wie geht es dir?  
Gut / so lala / schlecht  
Was studierst du?  
Ich studiere ...  
Wie lange bleibst du?  
Ich bleibe für ein halbes Jahr / ein ganzes Jahr.  
Ich suche die Pontstraße.  
Juhu, keine Geschwindigkeitsbeschränkung!  
Deutsche Wörter sind viel zu lang!

## Master Level

No, I'd rather go out than study.  
To which party are you going?  
I am going to ... party.  
The party will start at ... o'clock.  
I want to rave (dance to techno).  
Could I have a beer please?  
Where's the beer?!

Do you have a boyfriend/girlfriend?  
Let's have a cup of coffee some time!  
I'm having the best time of my life!  
This is my certificate of matriculation.

Do you need to see my id / passport?

I signed my new rental contract today.

Thank god it's friday!

Nein, ich gehe lieber aus als zu lernen.  
Auf welche Party gehst du?  
Ich gehe zur ... Party.  
Die Party fängt um ... Uhr an.  
Ich will raven.  
Könnte ich bitte ein Bier haben?  
Wo ist das Bier?!

Hast du einen Freund/eine Freundin?  
Lass uns mal 'nen Kaffee trinken gehen!  
Ich habe die beste Zeit meines Lebens!  
Dies ist meine Immatrikulations-  
bescheinigung.  
Brauchen Sie meinen Personalausweis /  
meinen Pass?  
Ich habe heute meinen neuen Mietver-  
trag unterschrieben.  
Hoch die Hände, Wochenende!

## Öcher Platt

You already find "Hochdeutsch" (standard German) boring? When visiting one of the recommended places, why not try and talk to a few words of the local dialect? Here are a few suggestions:

Crap / shit!  
Damn!  
Do you already leave?  
Everybody's darling  
I'm so sorry!  
In the middle of nowhere.  
It's raining cats and dogs.  
My heart will stay in Aachen.  
Please don't make trouble!  
Puddle/ Downpour  
Such a hottie!  
What a horrible person.  
Write me someday!

Au Huur!  
Au Banan!  
Jödderatt?  
Allemannsfrönd  
Och herm!  
Henger herjotts fott.  
Et helt sich an't sife.  
Mi Hazz blijft een Oche zeröck.  
Maach jenge Hantier!  
Eene Plaatsch.  
Dat is eene Kremschnittsche!  
Nä, wat e fleddige Möpp.  
Schriv mich ens!

# Calendar

## Carnival

On **11 November each year**, at 11:11 and 11 seconds, carnival starts with a huge party in Cologne. But the 'real' carnival events starts with "Weiberfastnacht" at Thursday, **28 February 2018** and officially ends on "Aschermittwoch" (Wednesday), **6 March 2019**. During this time, you will see dressed up people everywhere drinking enough to chase the evil spirits away. Buy your costumes in advance, or make them by yourself!

## Holidays

These are the official bank holidays valid for Aachen. It means you won't have lectures, but it also means shops are closed, just as on a Sunday.

### 2018

Wednesday	<b>3 October</b>	Day of German unity	(Tag der deutschen Einheit)
Thursday	<b>1 November</b>	All Saints' Day	(Allerheiligen)
Tuesday	<b>25 December</b>	1st Christmas Day	(1. Weihnachtsfeiertag)
Wednesday	<b>26 December</b>	2nd Christmas Day	(2. Weihnachtsfeiertag)

### 2019

Tuesday	<b>1 January</b>	New Years Eve	(Neujahr)
Friday	<b>19 April</b>	Good Friday	(Karfreitag)
Monday	<b>22 April</b>	Easter Monday	(Ostermontag)
Wednesday	<b>1 May</b>	Labor Day	(Tag der Arbeit)
Thursday	<b>30 May</b>	Ascension of Christ	(Christi Himmelfahrt)
Monday	<b>10 June</b>	Whit Monday	(Pfingstmontag)
Thursday	<b>20 June</b>	Corpus Christi	(Fronleichnam)

## Semester Dates 2018/19

These are the free university weeks, for all semester dates check the university's website:

 [www.bit.ly/1zbtjNT](http://www.bit.ly/1zbtjNT)

Monday	<b>24 December 2018</b>	Christmas holidays	(Weihnachtsferien)
Friday	<b>4 January 2019</b>		
Monday	<b>10 June 2019</b>	Excursion week	(Exkursionswoche)
Friday	<b>14 June 2019</b>		

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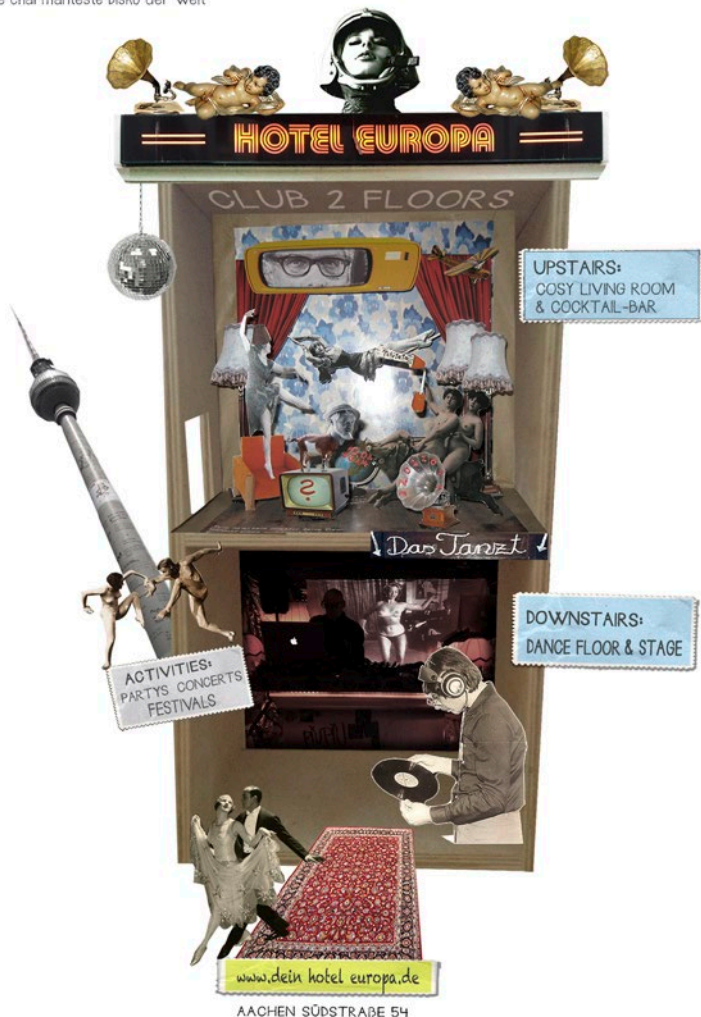
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