

Brief Tourist Guide:

What To Do and Where to Eat in and around Bochum

(Compiled by Svenja Schürmann, Nov. 2023)

Food

Mutter Wittig (Cuisine: German; some vegetarian and vegan options)

Traditional restaurant close to the main station serving homestyle German cuisine.

Address: Bongardstr. 35, 44787 Bochum

Website: <https://www.mutterwittig.de/>

Zum Grünen Gaul (Cuisine: German; some vegetarian and vegan options)

Wine bar and restaurant close to the theatre serving a wide-ranging selection of wines and contemporary German cuisine.

Address: Alte Hattinger Straße 31, 44789 Bochum

Website: <https://www.zumgruenengaul.de/>

Kimhap Spot (Cuisine: Korean; vegan)

Cosy vegan restaurant close to the main station serving Kimbap and Bowls.

Address: Ostring 22, 44787 Bochum

Website: <https://kimbapspot.com/>

Hans im Glück (Cuisine: American, International; vegetarian and vegan options)

Burger restaurant close to the main station. Serving mainly burgers and salads with many vegetarian and vegan options.

Address: Kortumstraße 39, 44787 Bochum

Website: www.hansimglueck-burgergrill.de/burger-restaurant/bochum-kortumstrasse/

Levarosa (Cuisine: Oriental, Arabic; vegetarian options)

Restaurant close to the Deutsches Bergbau-Museum. Serving a wide selection of salads and starters as well as some main dishes.

Address: Herner Straße 36, 44787 Bochum

Website: <https://www.levarosa.de/>

Coffee & Ice Cream

Fräulein Coffea (Café)

Cosy café close to the theatre with good coffee and a great selection of homemade cakes, many of them vegan.

Address: Oskar-Hoffmann-Straße 34, 44789 Bochum

Website: <https://www.instagram.com/raeulein.coffea/>

October Café (Café)

Modern café close to the town hall with a focus on specialty coffee and green tea. They also serve savoury snacks and cake with a few vegan options.

Address: Willy-Brandt-Platz 5-7, 44787 Bochum

Website: <https://oktober.cafe/>

I am Love (Ice Cream Parlour)

Ice Cream parlour close to the theatre that serves waffles and ice cream as well as savoury snacks. Many of the dishes and ice cream flavours are vegan.

Address: Dibergerstr. 2, 44789 Bochum

Website: <https://www.i-am-love.de/>

Sights in Bochum

RUB Botanical Garden (Bochum)

Adjacent to the conference venue, the Botanic Garden spreads across the south slope of the Ruhr University Campus. Covering an area of 13 hectares and harbouring over 10,000 different plant species, it is one of Germany's largest botanic gardens.

Address: RUB Campus, N-Südstraße

Website: <https://www.boga.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/index.html.de>

RUB Art Collections (Bochum)

On campus below the university library. Juxtaposes ancient and modern art.

Address: RUB campus, below the university library

Website: <https://www.kusa-rub-moderne.de/>

Deutsches Bergbau-Museum (German Mining Museum)

The *Deutsches Bergbau-Museum* Bochum – established in 1930 – explores the history of the extraction, processing and use of geo-resources across the ages. It is the largest mining museum in the world. There is a permanent exhibition and a visitor's mine, and you can also go up the mining tower.

Address: Am Bergbaumuseum 28, 44791 Bochum

Website: <https://www.bergbaumuseum.de/>

Sights in the Ruhr Area and Beyond

Folkwang Museum (Essen)

One of the most renowned German art museums with an outstanding collection of 19th-century painting and sculpture, classical modernism and art after 1945, as well as photography.

Address: Museumsplatz 1, 45128 Essen

Website: <https://www.museum-folkwang.de/de>

Distance from Bochum HBF: approx. 20 minutes by train + 15-minute walk

Villa Hugel (Essen)

With its 269 rooms, set in the middle of a 28-hectare park overlooking Lake Baldeney, the Villa Hugel was home to the industrialist Krupp family from 1873 to 1945.

Address: Hugel 1, 45133 Essen

Website: <https://www.villahuegel.de/>

Distance from Bochum HBF: approx. 40 minutes by public transport + a short walk, easier to reach by car

Dortmunder U (Dortmund)

Located in a former brewery building close to the main station, the Dortmunder U is a centre for the arts and creativity. Visit the Museum Ostwall, located on the fourth and fifth floor, and discover their huge collection of modern art (with a focus on Expressionism and Fluxus), visit one of the many temporary exhibitions on the other floors or get a drink on the roof terrace overlooking all of Dortmund.

Address: Leonie-Reygers-Terrasse, 44137 Dortmund

Website: <https://dortmunder-u.de/>

Distance from Bochum HBF: approx. 10 minutes by public transport + a short walk

Deutsches Fuballmuseum (Dortmund)

The German Football Museum portrays the triumphs as well as defeats of both German club football and the German National Team.

Address: Platz der Deutschen Einheit 1, 44137 Dortmund

Website: <https://www.fussballmuseum.de/en/start>

Distance from Bochum HBF: approx. 10 minutes by public transport + 5-minute walk

Halde Hoheward (Herten)

Part of the Industrial Heritage Trail, the Halde Hoheward is a spoil tip right in the middle of the Ruhr area and today serves as a monument to German mining history.

Address: Werner-Heisenberg-Str. 14, 45699 Herten

Website: <https://www.hoheward.rvr.ruhr/>

Distance from Bochum HBF: approx. 45 minutes by public transport, easier to reach by car

K20 (Düsseldorf)

The collection on display at K20 has been assembled since 1961 and includes major works of classical modernism. Artists include Paul Klee, Max Beckmann, Wassily Kandinsky, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Henri Matisse, and Pablo Picasso.

Address: Grabbeplatz 5, 40213 Düsseldorf

Website: <https://www.kunstsammlung.de/de/exhibitions/k20-sammlung>

Distance from Bochum HBF: approx. 60 minutes by public transport + a short walk

Gasometer (Oberhausen)

Built in the late 1920s, Europe's largest disc-type gas holder is an impressive reminder of the heavy industry that characterised the Ruhr area for more than a century. Check their website for current exhibitions.

Address: Arenastraße 11, 46047 Oberhausen

Website: <https://www.gasometer.de/>

Distance from Bochum HBF: approx. 60 minutes by public transport, easier to reach by car

Schloss Benrath (Benrath Palace and Park) (Düsseldorf)

A Baroque-style *maison de plaisance* (pleasure palace) in Benrath, Düsseldorf. It was erected for the Elector Palatine Charles Theodor and his wife, Countess Palatine Elisabeth Auguste of Sulzbach, by Nicolas de Pigage. Construction began in 1755 and was completed in 1770.

Address: Benrather Schloßallee 102, 40597 Düsseldorf

Website: <https://www.schloss-benrath.de/>

Distance from Bochum HBF: approx. 90 minutes by public transport + a short walk, easier to reach by car

Burg Vischering (Vischering Castle) (Münsterland)

Vischering Castle in Lüdinghausen, built in the 13th century, is a moated castle typical of the region.

Address: Berenbrock 1, 59348 Lüdinghausen

Website: <https://burg-vischering.de/en/home-castle-vischering/>

Distance from Bochum HBF: approx. 60 minutes by car

Cities

Cologne

The historic city centre next to the Rhine is worth a visit; so is the world-famous Cologne Cathedral located right next to the main station. There are some great museums close to the main station as well, such as the Museum Ludwig (20th-century and contemporary art), the Wallraf-Richartz-Museum (medieval period to the early 20th century) and the Roman-Germanic Museum.

Distance from Bochum HBF: approx. 90 minutes by public transport

Münster

Charming city with a historical city centre, great for sightseeing or stopping for coffee and cake in one of the many cafés. Münster's gothic Town Hall, the Erbdrostenhof Palace and the Picasso Museum are all worth a visit.

Distance from Bochum HBF: approx. 70 minutes by public transport