



Aachen

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Oecher Wörter
Oecher Platt [öscher platt] is the name for our traditional local dialect. With expressions like »muckelig« [mukkelisch], meaning »cozy« or »Heilopei« [Hal-o-pai], the expression for a sort of lovable fool, it is so adorable, it's crucial to keep it alive!

The European Spirit
Aachen is a really proud European city, so close to the Dutch and Belgian border, encouraging intercultural exchange and cooperations. What's more, a committee of Aachen citizens award the Karlspreis for work done in the service of European unification every year.

Across the Borders
As you may notice, people from Maastricht love to shop in Aachen, people from Aachen love shopping in Maastricht. And if you wonder, where everyone is gone on a quiet Sunday, they are probably all at IKEA in Heerlen.

International Family
There are students from all over the world staying in Aachen, enriching life in the city with their food and culture, making it the perfect place to make friends, to live exchange, acceptance, and openness.

Draußen spielt die Musik
We love to be outside! Whenever the weather is nice, we're outside: at the park having a barbecue, on the balcony, in the streets. Even if it's cold we can get comfortable outside, cuddled into a blanket.

Say hello!
The traditional greeting from Aachen is the »Klenkes«: holding up a pinky finger. It originates from the textile industry when workers used to sort the needles with their little finger. Nowadays friends usually greet each other with a handshake or a hug.

»Ich hab kalt!«
The Aacheners love to complain about the weather. Basically it is always raining or too cold. So if the sun is out we really know how to make the most of it! Unless it gets too hot though...

Oecher Prent
Aachen is famous for its »Printen«, traditional gingerbread which is not just good at Christmas time! Lindt, Zentis and Lambertz produce chocolates, jam, marzipan and biscuits too, which makes Aachen a sweet city as a whole. If you've got a sweet tooth check out their outlet stores. You may encounter real chocolate-addicts buying trolley-loads of chocolate, as it's super cheap there.

It's »Br« for Backwaren
What would we Germans do without our bread?! No wonder German bakers really know their craft! Explore our bakeries and feel free to try all variations of bread, buns, cakes and pasties. A speciality of Aachen is the »Streuselbrötchen«, a bun topped with crumble.

»Lebkenschen«
»something tasty / (inappropriate) sweetheart«



- see
- go out
- eat
- to do
- shop
- organic
- super market
- hostel
- train station
- bus stop
- park
- tourist info
- ATM

Beef's bonkers!
There are plenty of great burger restaurants in Aachen, serving delicious burgers with a twist. We've picked some of our favourites:
A Jecke Q (crazy cow in Aachen's dialect),
B Homeburgers (American diner style),
C Burgeria (spiralized fries and cocktails),
and D 3H's burgers (hehal).



- 1 Coffee and Brass**
[open Mon-Sat]
Kaffee Erhard is a sweet little café on Jakobstraße. Run by Erhard with a passion for roasting coffee, homemade cakes and brass music.
- 2 Dream of Dumplings**
[open Tue-Sun]
Mei Wei is Aachen's first and beloved dumpling restaurant. A bright and colourful place selling a great variety of Chinese Jiaozi, dumplings filled with spicy meat or vegetables. A students' favourite!
- 3 Billiards Café**
[open every day]
Up for a game of billiards with your mates? Spend a great night at Lichthof Café.
- 4 Cinema and Bar**
Apollo both is a small independent arthouse cinema and nightclub, hosting legendary »Remmi Demmi« on Tuesdays (that's when simply half of Aachen is shaking it off at Apollo), salsa on Wednesdays, and varying parties on the weekend.
- 5 Funky Times**
[open Tue-Sat]
Chilled, hot or with spice – there's always the right drink for the daily dose of jazz at Uwe Klein's Qutoqi Bar!

- 6 The Pub**
[open every day]
Souiso is a real down-to-earth student pub, a little rough but comfortable. The perfect place to go for a beer with your mates and get way too much into playing darts or just to sit back and watch sports on TV.
- 7 Beer Garden**
[open every day]
Labyrinth is a Greek-Turkish restaurant with a lovely beer garden. Quite large, but very comfortable – the perfect place to go to with a group of friends.
- 8 Maki and Nigiri**
[open Tue-Sun]
Best friends, the best place for sushi, all freshly made. They serve delicious stir fries too, with lots of vegetarian options.
- 9 Vintage Boutique**
[open Tue-Sat]
Frieda is a lovely little, well-curated vintage shop selling some real gems, especially beautiful vintage bags and jewelry.
- 10 Liquid Supper**
[open Tue-Sat]
Are you looking for a seriously stylish and luxurious cocktail experience? Dry Bar will spoil you with delicious Old Fashioned, Gin Basil Smash and Negronis!
- 11 Salon de la Philosophie**
[check website for info: www.logoi.de]
Logoi is a philosophic institute hosting different events like lectures, theatre workshops and philosophic discussions like the »Philosophischer Salons« (philosophic parlour) on Sundays (mostly in German).
- 12 Let's meet at Kittel?**
[open every day]
»Treff'n wir uns im Kittel?« has been said for years, because even our parents used to come here. Café Kittel is always busy and always cozy – and has been the local favourite of generations of students.

Bookworms
There are a number of good book shops in Aachen: G Buchladen 39 (a small bookshop with a focus on architecture), H Schmetz am Dom (they do lots of lectures with local authors), I Backhaus (that's the place to find books by small, independent publishers), J die Mayersche (a truly large bookshop selling books on everything you can think of)

- 13 Since 1951**
[open Tue-Sun]
Serafin has been selling traditional Italian ice cream for two generations! Enjoy some extraordinary, delicious flavours like »joghurt-walnut-sesame-and-honey« or »cream-semolina-and-passionfruit«.
- 14 Also known as AKL**
[open Mon-Sat]
AKL is selling the best and most beloved falafel in Aachen. So don't be scared by the queue, it's worth the wait!
- 15 Bière Belge**
[open every day]
Egmont is a cozy and quirky little bar selling a huge variety of Belgian beers and hosting live gigs from time to time: French Chansons, smooth jazz or local rock bands.



City of Science
Aachen truly is a city of students! With more than 58,000 students from all corners of the world, the city is full of young people, ideas and innovation. The RWTH Aachen University is one of the largest in Germany and a centre for engineering, science and technology. So cliché, but that's possibly why there are so many boys in the city. As a saying goes: »There's an engineer for every girl in Aachen!«

During the last few years the university has been expanded on a large scale, a number of modern centres have been built for different institutions, like E Super C and F CARL, one of the largest auditoriums in Europe. There are three main clusters of the campus, near the city centre, at Hörn and Melaten.

Campus Melaten is a vast site (as big as the city centre) for lots of different institutions and the Uniklinikum (teaching hospital). Built in the 70s in the style of »technical modernity« (like Centre Pompidou in Paris) it is a monument of »high-tech architecture«, a huge and frankly bizarre hospital. Would you have expected a hospital to look like this?

Gain insight into interesting science projects and research programmes concerning engineering, material science and aviation at RWTH with the future lab app (futurelab-aachen.de/flapp), a scenery city guide. It's free and available in English, too! To get a glimpse of what's life like as a student just wander around the campus and Pontstraße. We'll be there!

- 16 Green Fairies**
[open Mon-Sat]
Grottesque Absinth Bar invites you to a journey through time, right back to the golden 20s! You guessed it: they only serve absinth.
- 17 Domsingschule**
[only open during the holidays, 10:00-18:00, Mon 10:00-14:00]
If you walk straight through the treasury you'll find a beautiful hidden gem, the schoolyard (probably the most beautiful ever) of »Domsingschule«, a primary school.

18 History Lesson
[open Tue-Sun]
Centre Charlemagne is a museum that shows Aachen's important role in history. Our city developed from a Roman settlement and spa, became the medieval imperial residence of emperor Charles the Great (aka Charlemagne) and thus, for a long period of time the place where 31 Holy Roman Emperors were crowned Kings of the Germans. This is a great place to learn about Aachen's past and everything that lead to its character today and its connection to the European spirit. Centre Charlemagne hosts great temporary exhibitions too, mostly about not-so-long-ago local history like smuggling in our region or Aachen's youth movements after WWII. They're always worth a visit!

19 Rathaus
The town hall of the city hosts the »Krönungssaal«, a hall of kings, two baroque, lavishly decorated halls and the assembly hall which is still the residence of the City Council. On weekends (especially in summer) you'll see the staircase covered in white glitter, confetti and flowers and bridal couples taking pictures with all of their wedding guests.

20 Katschhof
A square enclosed by the cathedral, the town hall and other historic buildings: the heart of the historical city centre. From here you'll have the best view on the cathedral. Time for your Instagram story update?

21 Since 1698
[open Wed-Mon]
Am Knipp is the oldest inn in Aachen! Its interior is decorated with tiles, copper jugs, woodcarvings and painted china – making for a really authentic experience.

22 Bahkauw
Legend has it that the Bahkauw jumps on the back of drunk men at night. So watch out when walking home from Pontstraße.

23 Elisenbrunnen
Can you smell it? Aachen is known for its hot mineral springs that have been frequented since Roman times. Even the name »Aachen« descends from Old High German »ahha« meaning »water«. Latin »Aqua« figures in Aachen's Roman name »Aquaë granni«, which meant »waters of Grannus«, referring to the Celtic god of healing who was worshipped at the springs. Even Casanova himself visited Aachen to recover from his STDs. If you pay attention to the marble engravings inside the pavilion, you'll find his name there.

24 Man's Business
[open Mon-Sat]
Treat yourself to a very special barber experience at Baderknechte, a barber shop with a stylish industrial design interior and extraordinary service.

25 Patisserie Parfait
[open every day]
Even if you don't make it inside, you have to take a look at the shop window, you'll be amazed by all of the picture-perfect Belgian cakes and »petit fours« (dwarf-sized colourful pastries) at Café van den Daele.

26 Pizza please
[open every day]
If you are looking for the best pizza in town – wood-fired-oven-baked, simply crisp and delicious – Luigi's Pizza is the place to go!

27 Tearoom
[open Mon-Sat]
Teehaus Eulenspiegel is the loveliest place to hide away from bad weather. Get comfortable in the little tea room upstairs and enjoy some freshly brewed loose-leaf tea with scones and biscuits.

28 Oh là là délicieux
[open Mon-Sat]
Treat yourself to some French delicacies, cheese, wine and bread at Monsieur Daniel. Or enjoy a piece of French boulangerie and a cup of coffee on the bench outside.

29 Cathedral's Cellar
[open every day]
Domkeller is an old-school, down-to-earth pub, humble and comfortable with more than 40 years of tradition! It's a workspace for students too (free wifi, you can bring lunch, from 10:00-18:00).

30 Möschenbrunnen
»Mösch« translates to »sparrow« in the Aachen dialect. You can drink the water from this little adorable fountain.

31 Dom zu Aachen
The antique star of the show! Even if you're not overly interested in old churches, you have to take a look inside! You'll be amazed by the beautiful golden mosaic ceiling giving an impressively beautiful air to the monumental halls. Looking up, standing in the centre of the octagon you'll see what people in the Middle Ages imagined heaven to be like. A little more humble at first sight is Charlemagne's throne up on the gallery, but made out of marble slabs from the holy city of Jerusalem. The Aachen Cathedral was the church of coronation for German kings and queens for about 600 years, a true centre of political power and significance. Built in 800, the cathedral is one of the oldest in Europe. So there are lots of stories about the cathedral that have been passed on for generations. Legend has it that the people of Aachen built it with the help of the devil and tricked him in the end, so that, when he slammed the door leaving the church in a blind fury (notice the crack in the great portal?), he pinched his thumb. You can still feel it inside the right door handle.

32 Baths of Art Nouveau
[open Mon-Sat, 3,50/2,30€]
This is a really unique experience! Elisabethhalle is one of the few pools built in the Art Nouveau era that are still open to the public and super cheap. Take a header into the past!

33 Brauhaus
[open Mon-Sat]
Degraa is a classic, traditional brewery, serving very hearty meaty German dishes like Bratwurst, Haxe (a ham, pickled, cured and boiled) and Leberkäse (sounds like cheese, but we'll have to disappoint all veggies, it's meat, too). Just next door Stehgraa is the smallest bar you might ever come across.

34 Theater Aachen
[Bistro open Mon-Fri, 10:30-17:00 for programme visit www.theatreaachen.de]
Theatre and opera, giving performances both at the theatre and at Mörgens (Mörgensstraße 24), made for a young audience. At Mörgens tickets are only 7,00€ for students and you can get the High Five Card for 22,50€ at the Aachen theatre for five shows. Get comfortable in the theatre's foyer, sit back in one of the cushioned sofas and enjoy a hearty soup for lunch. If you're lucky, someone is playing the piano upstairs.

35 Altertümchen
[open Thu-Sat]
An adorable shop for refurbished vintage furniture and homeware with a back story.

36 hopf'n'malz
[open Thu-Sat]
Hopfen and Malz is a genuine heaven for all craft beer lovers! Experience the variety of beer at a guided tasting with a beer sommelier or just enjoy a cold brew at the bar. German beer culture is world-famous of course, but German beer is only ever made according to the German purity law: Beer must only be made from water, barley, yeast and hops. Our Belgian neighbours are a little more experimental with their brewing, adding ingredients like raspberry or cherry, making for a completely different experience.

37 Fancy Frittenbude
[open every day]
You may call Maier Peveling's a gourmet chippy, serving French fries with truffle mayo or gourmet Currywurst, run by chef Christof Lang, Patron of »La Becasse«, one of Aachen's Michelin Star restaurants. If you like, you can enjoy some champagne with your fries.

38 Chunky and Bold
[open Mon-Sat]
For a very bold experience, have a browse through Dreist, selling high-quality sustainable denim, leather boots and jackets. Right next door there's a barber shop for the matching haircut, too.

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