

# WELCOME TO LEVERKUSEN

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



**Leverkusen** at the River Rhine is a large and multi-faceted city. Its roughly 161,000 citizens are spread out over urban areas as well as idyllic rural ones. Village charisma and the vibrant city life are often just a stone's throw apart. Sometimes they are even directly adjacent.

**Leverkusen** became famous as the industrial town where globally renowned company Bayer AG is headquartered. It offers much more, however: It is a city with many relaxation offers, lots of greenery in particular at the outskirts of the Bergisches Land and with the romantic banks of the River Rhine in the North.

**Leverkusen** is known as a city of sports far beyond its borders. The soccer players of the national league club "Bayer 04 Leverkusen" are one of the top national league teams and have often been highly successful in Europe. The BayArena is and remains one of the most beautiful soccer stadiums in Europe.

With this special mix of well-structured urban offers, **Leverkusen** was able to hold its own well between the much older cities of Cologne and Düsseldorf with their much longer history.

**Leverkusen** was founded in 1930 when the villages of Schlebusch, Steinbüchel, Rheindorf and Wiesdorf were combined under this name. The new town's name is symbolic for its history:

Pharmacist Carl Leverkus built his ultramarine dye factories here starting in 1860, thereby laying the foundation stone for the later Bayer factory and thus also for town development. Before the time of industrialisation, the area on which **Leverkusen** is located today had only small villages with farmers, cattle breeders and fishers. Once the factory opened, many workers from other German regions came flocking to the Rhine. Since the area had no infrastructure, it had to be built quickly. A settlement grew around the factory and influenced the surrounding villages. Workers would go shopping in the villages, which would soon also send men and women to work in the new factory. The relationships that developed at the time were made official when **Leverkusen** was given town status. With the community restructuring of 1975, the town was expanded around the Rhine, the former country town Opladen and into the Bergisches Land.

## Figures, Data, Facts Basic Data on the City of Leverkusen

### Geographic location:

6 degrees 59' Eastern longitude

51 degrees 2' Northern latitude from Greenwich (city centre)

The city's area spreads along the Rhine in the West and all the way to the first hills of the Bergisches Land in the East.

### Lowest point in the city area (Hitdorfer Hafeneinfahrt):

35.1 m above sea level

### Highest point in the city area (access road to waste

disposal site Burscheid): 198.7 m above sea level

**Total length of the city perimeter:** 56.0 kilometres

**Length of the banks of the river Rhine**

**that are within the city:** 8.4 kilometres

**Total area:** 7,887 hectare (ha)

### Citizens:

Total: 161,761 citizens

Including: 83,411 female

Including: 78,350 male

Including: 19,228 foreign citizens

As of 31 July 2012



Leverkusen – A city between Cologne and Düsseldorf,  
at the foot of the Bergisches Land

# Sights

## Kulturzentrum Forum

The central administration office is located at the heart of Leverkusen.

Am Bücheler Hof 9 · 51373 Leverkusen  
Phone 02 14/406 4113 · [www.kulturstadtlev.de](http://www.kulturstadtlev.de)



## Stadium BayArena

More than 30,000 seats! Experience the BayArena! Various guided tours will take any visitor to the playing field. The Kids-Tour, Classic-Tour and the Classic Plus-Tour will all let you explore the official stadium of Bayer 04 Leverkusen.

Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH,  
BayArena · Bismarckstr. 122-124 · 51373 Leverkusen  
Phone Bayer 04-Servicecenter 01805/04 04 04 ·  
[www.bayer04.de](http://www.bayer04.de)



## Erholungshaus

Oldest culture centre:  
The Erholungshaus/Bayer Kulturhaus Leverkusen

Bayer Kulturhaus Leverkusen  
Nobelstr. 37 · 51373 Leverkusen  
Phone 02 14/304 12 83, -84  
[www.kultur.bayer.de](http://www.kultur.bayer.de)



## Industrial Museum Freudenthaler Sensenhammer

„The last scythe factory in the Rhine area was founded at the end of the 18th century. Since spring 2005, it has been a “vibrant” industrial museum where you can watch a smith at work, enjoy concerts, changing exhibitions, theatre nights and many other things.“

Freudenthal 68 · 51375 Leverkusen  
Phone 02 14/500 72 68 (Museum) · [www.sensenhammer.de](http://www.sensenhammer.de)  
Opening hours: Tuesday through Friday 10 AM to 1 PM; Saturday 12 PM to 5 PM;  
Sunday 10 AM to 5 PM  
Further opening hours and presentations for groups possible by agreement.



## Koloniemuseum

The Koloniemuseum reflects nearly one century of local culture. Visitors can have a look at the lives of the people once living in the company flats of Bayer AG here.

Nobelstr. 78-82 · 51373 Leverkusen  
[www.cleverkusen.de](http://www.cleverkusen.de)  
Opening hours: Saturday 3 PM to 6 PM  
Sunday 11 AM to 1 PM, 3 PM to 6 PM



## Villa Römer

Town history exhibition  
Learn about the diverse history of Leverkusen from the Stone Ages to the current time. On the first floor of the historic building, visitors can literally touch and examine the town's history in six themed rooms.

Villa Römer · Haus der Stadtgeschichte  
Haus-Vorster Str. 6 · 51379 Leverkusen  
Phone 02 14 50 20 05 · [www.zeitraume-lev.de](http://www.zeitraume-lev.de)



Opening hours  
Saturday from 3 PM to 6 PM  
Sunday from 11 AM to 4 PM

## Schloss Morsbroich Internationally Renowned Museum

This museum holds the town museum for contemporary art now (Städtisches Museum für Zeitgenössische Kunst). It comprises more than 300 paintings and sculptures, as well as roughly 2,300 works, on paper. Ten to twelve times per year, changing exhibitions offer an international scenery of contemporary art.

Museum Morsbroich · Gustav-Heinemann-Str. 80  
51377 Leverkusen · Phone 02 14 8 55 56-0 · [www.museum-morsbroich.de](http://www.museum-morsbroich.de)  
Thursday 11 AM to 9 PM (5 PM on holidays)  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday to Sunday 11 AM to 5 PM  
Public guided tour every Sunday, 3 PM



## NaturGut Ophoven

The NaturGut Ophoven in Opladen is a centre for innovative environmental education for children and adults. The city of Leverkusen and the supporting association have been operating this environmental centre since 1988 on monument-protected former farm Gut Ophoven, located at the heart of a 60,000m<sup>2</sup> park.

Talstr. 4 · 51379 Leverkusen · Phone 0 21 71/7 34 99-0 · [www.naturgut-ophoven.de](http://www.naturgut-ophoven.de)  
Public access to the premises: Monday to Sunday, 7 AM to 7 PM

## Japanese Garden

„A Far-Eastern garden landscape in which precious that houses precious exhibits from many parts of Eastern Asia. The roughly 15,000 sqm large “Japanese Garden” is open around the year. It is an oasis of silence and beauty for everyone in any season. The premises merge seamlessly into the area of the “Bayer communications centre“.“

Kaiser-Wilhelm Allee · 51373 Leverkusen  
Opening hours: Mai to September: 9 AM to 8 PM;  
October to April: 9 AM until dusk.

Bayer-Communications Centre · Phone 02 14/30-50100 · [www.baykomm.bayer.de](http://www.baykomm.bayer.de)  
Open Monday to Friday, 4 to 6 PM; Sundays from 10 AM to 5 PM.



## Neuland-Park

The “Neuland-Park” is a local recreation areas for the entire family and all garden friends. On a barrier-free area of 22 hectare that is adjacent to the banks of the river Rhine, the park offers several themed gardens, many unusual playgrounds, a gastronomy offer and a minigolf facility. Events that take place in the park throughout the year, inviting guests to linger. Because the changing

flora adjusts to the seasons, the park is worth a visit in any weather and any season. Dogs are not permitted in the fenced-in part of the park.

Nobelstr. 91 · 51373 Leverkusen · Phone 02 14/406-67 01 · [www.neuland-park.de](http://www.neuland-park.de)  
In winter (16 October to 31 March), the park is open everyday from 6 AM to 6 PM,  
in summer (1 May to 15 October) from 6 AM to 10 PM.

## Leverkusen offers much, much more. Discover it.

For more information on Leverkusen, see:

[balkantrasse.de](http://balkantrasse.de)  [wildpark-lev.de](http://wildpark-lev.de)  
[home.arcor.de/schiffsbruecke/impress](http://home.arcor.de/schiffsbruecke/impress)  [wfl-leverkusen.de/ueberraschend-anders](http://wfl-leverkusen.de/ueberraschend-anders)  
[neue-bahn-stadt-opladen.de](http://neue-bahn-stadt-opladen.de) [wupsi.de](http://wupsi.de)  
[radregionrheinland.de](http://radregionrheinland.de)  
[rathaus-galerie-leverkusen.de](http://rathaus-galerie-leverkusen.de)   
[sportpark-lev.de](http://sportpark-lev.de)   
[vereinlev.de](http://vereinlev.de)



**City of Leverkusen**

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