

Full Day Tour II: Folkwang, City Centre and Cathedral Treasury

- 10:00 **Short walk (approx. 20 min.) along the "Culture Path" to the Folkwang Museum. (In the event of bad weather, travel by underground or tram)**
- 10:30 – 12:00 **Visit to the exhibition "Images of a metropolis – The Impressionists in Paris" in the newly erected buildings of the Folkwang Museum designed by star architect Chipperfield.**

The focus is on the reconstruction of the collection that was founded in 1902 by Karl Ernst Osthaus, was brought to Essen shortly after his premature death in 1921, and which was here developed into an institution with global significance by Ernst Gosebruch. The co-founder of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, Paul J. Sachs, when visiting Essen in 1932, described the Folkwang as "the most beautiful museum in the world". The Nazis brutally interrupted the progressive acquisition and display policy of the museum in 1937, and confiscated more than 1,400 works, which were later legally sold and are now amongst the masterpieces of great museums and private collections both in Germany and abroad, including paintings by Kandinsky and Matisse, Kirchner and Marc, Munch and Beckmann.

- 12:30 – 14:30 **Return trip to the city centre / Lunch break in one of the many restaurants in the city centre.**
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Beginning of a city tour through Essen city centre**

On the way you can visit Essen Cathedral and the city's Town Hall, whose 22 storeys offer you a fantastic view over the Capital of Culture.

- 15:00 – 16:00 **Visit to the Cathedral Treasure Chamber**

Now that the damage from aerial bombardment has been repaired, the Münster church shows the same form today as at the beginning of the 14th century. The 11th century octagonal tower of Abbess Theophanu survived the war unscathed. The more compact Westphalian version of an early Gothic hall church stands on the foundations of Essen's first monastery church, whose corner stone was laid around the year 850 by Altfred, Bishop of Hildesheim, at the place where he was born. When the Essen diocese was set up on 1 January 1958, the time-honoured "Münster am Hellweg" church officially became a cathedral, and as such the bishop's church. The cathedral and its treasure chamber house numerous world-class works of art, predominantly dating back to the Ottonian-Salian period (980 to 1060): these include the "Golden Madonna" and the "Seven-armed Candlestick".

Services: Bus and tour guide provided for the duration of the event, entrance to and guided tour of the cathedral treasure chamber, entrance to the "Images of a Metropolis" exhibition at the Folkwang Museum.

Date

September 23, 2010 10:00 – 16:30

Minimum number of participants 25 persons

Price per person 50.00 Euro

Meeting point Intercity Hotel (opposite central station)