

Full Day Tour III: The Western Ruhr Area – Oberhausen and Duisburg

Meeting point for the tours: Hall 14 (coal washing plant), info counter. Access via the escalator)

09:30 – 11:00 **Short tour of Zeche Zollverein**

Zeche Zollverein in Essen was the largest and most modern mineral coal mining facility in the world. The two architects Fritz Schupp and Martin Kremmer were inspired by Bauhaus, and designed the industrial complex to be consistently harmonised across two axes in accordance with principles of symmetry and geometry, constructing a unique model facility in the form of Zollverein Shaft XII. Today the coking plant and Shaft XII together make up a unique industrial landscape of international renown with a lively cultural centre. At the "most beautiful pit in the Ruhr Area", you can see what was modern in the 1920s and 1930s, and understand the development of heavy industry. The cultural landscape of the UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site Zollverein is not simply maintained as a monument, but is actively developed economically in a state of continuous change.

11:15 Trip continues to Oberhausen

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch in one of the many restaurants of the CentrO mall in Oberhausen.

13:00 – 14:00 **Oberhausen Gasometer ("Out of This World" exhibition)**

The Oberhausen Gasometer was completed in 1929, and at 117.5 m tall is the largest Gasometer in Europe. It has a diameter of 67.7 m and a volume of 347,000 m³. The former disc-type gasholder, now known far and wide as the "Oberhausen Gasometer in the CentrO", has developed into the most unusual exhibition hall in Europe, and is a unique venue.

The trip then continues to Duisburg.

14:30 – 16:00 **Duisburg–Nord Landscape Park**

When the final shift at the smelting works was finished in 1985, after 80 years of hard toil, decay first set in as nature reclaimed its space. The resulting derelict industrial premises of over 200 hectares can credit its present status as a discovery park to committed citizens, who campaigned against its demolition. From 1990 to 1999, between the districts of Meiderich and Hamborn, the landscape park came into being as a project of the Emscherpark International Building Exhibition.

16:00 – 16:30 **Return trip to Intercity Hotel.**

Services: Bus and tour guide provided for the duration of the event, entrance to the Gasometer and possible additional tour of the Duisburg Nord Landscape Park.

Date

September 23, 2010 09:00 – 16:30

Minimum number of participants 25 persons

Price per person 50.00 Euro

Meeting point Intercity Hotel (opposite central station)