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Welcome to Kleve – a city rich with history, packed with charm and surrounded by lush gardens and forests. Immerse yourself in the history of the Lower Rhine and discover landmarks like Schwanenburg, Klever Gartenanlagen or the Museum Kurhaus Kleve. Whether you stroll through our lively city centre or reconnect with nature in the Klever Reichswald: Kleve is yours to explore, so experience Kleve at its best.

SCHWANENBURG

The most imposing and recognizable feature of the city's skyline is the castle Schwanenburg, first mentioned as early as 1020. The princes of Kleve traced their lineage back to Lohengrin, the Knight of the Swan, which is why a swan still adorns its highest point, Swan Tower, today. Be sure to check out Swan Tower's geological museum, which offers breathtaking panoramic views across the Rhine Valley.

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MARSTALL UND DENKMAL DES GROSSEN KURFÜRSTEN

Directly opposite the Schwanenburg, you'll find the historic Marstall, built in 1467, former home to several hundred royal horses. The impressive equestrian statue of Frederick William, the Great Elector (1640 – 1688), towers over the square out front. The monument was unveiled in 1909 by Emperor Wilhelm II and commemorates the 300th anniversary of the union between the Duchy of Kleve and Brandenburg-Prussia.

3 SYNAGOGENPLATZ

Kleve's synagogue was destroyed in 1938. Today, the brick monument on Synagogenplatz traces the footprint of the original building.

4 NARRENBRUNNEN

A playful fountain marks the spot where the Klever Geckengesellschaft, Germany's oldest Carnival society, traditionally assembles, paying homage to the more than 600-year-old custom of Carnival in Kleve. Dip into this vibrant tradition and join in the fun – Kleve's Carnival celebrations are very much alive and well today.

5 DENKMAL TOTER KRIEGER

Prominent sculptor Ewald Mataré created this monumental sculpture to commemorate the fallen soldiers of Kleve in 1934. It was soon destroyed and buried during the Nazi-era purge of "degenerate art". It wasn't until 1977 that pieces of the sculpture were rediscovered by chance and restored.

PROPSTEIKIRCHE ST. MARIÄ HIMMELFAHRT (STIFTSKIRCHE)

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The massive trachyte pillars of the Provost and Collegiate Church support the soaring vault and arches of this impressive structure.

Be sure to visit the ornate Cross Altar, the carefully restored Marian Altar, and the mysterious Ducal Crypt when you pop in.

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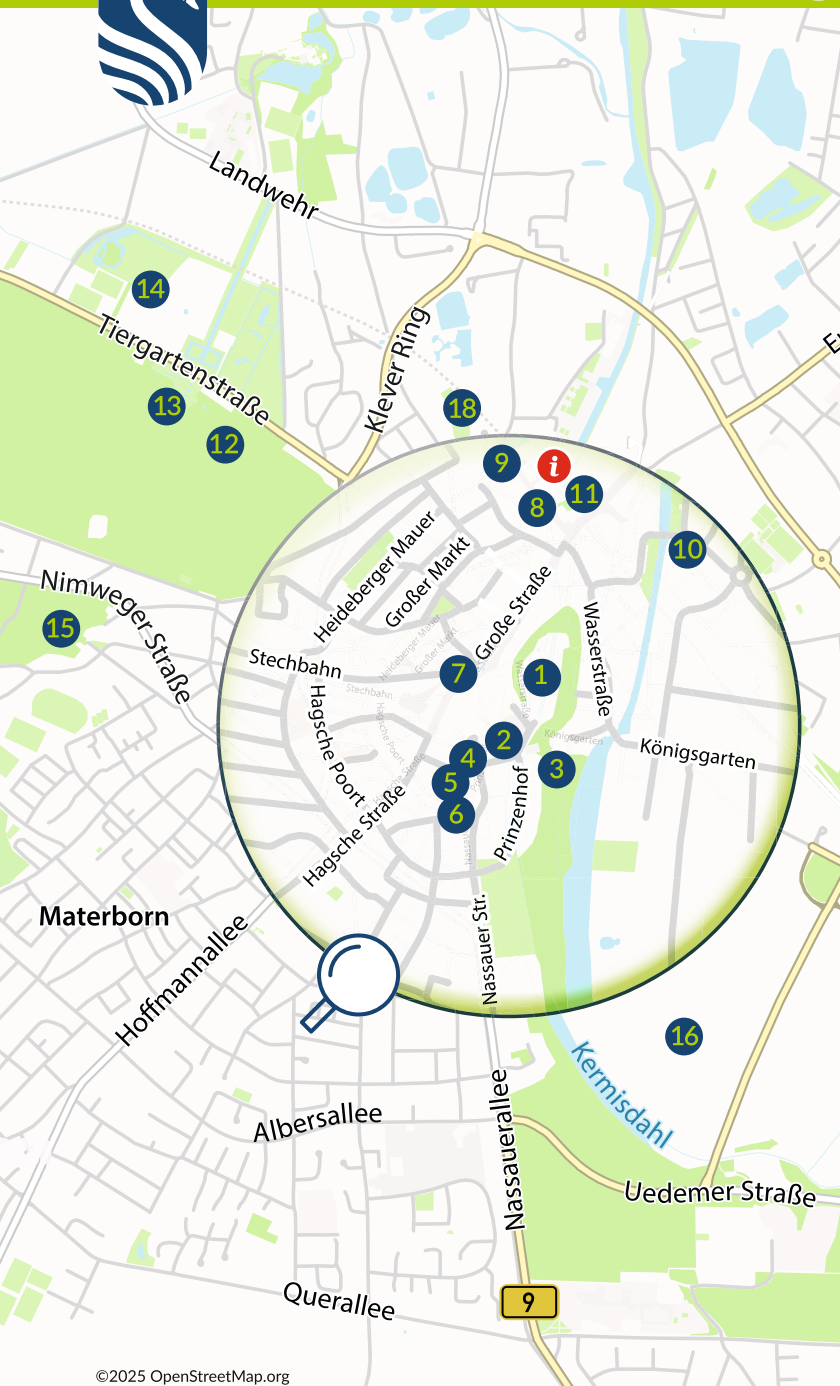
LOHENGRINBRUNNEN AUF DEM FISCHMARKT

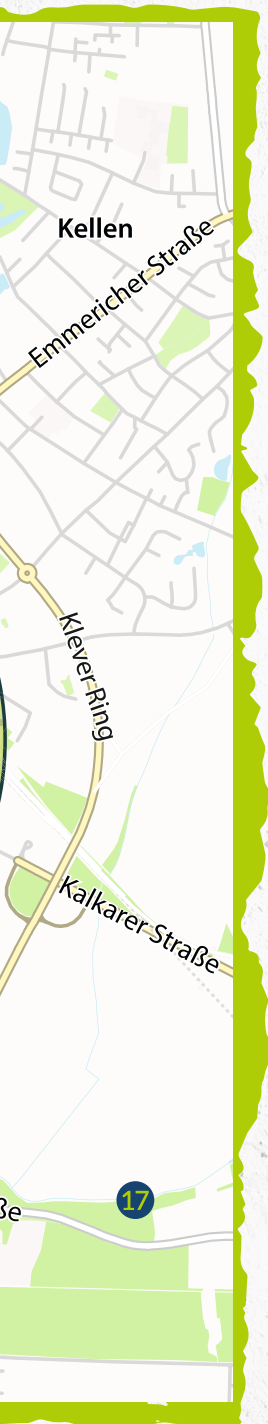
This fountain playfully commemorates the legendary tale of the Swan Knight, which is closely linked to Kleve's history. Richard Wagner based his Romantic-era opera Lohengrin on this legendary medieval tale. Fun fact: the fountain's Lohengrin figure is a likeness of Wagner himself—a delightfully clever detail by artist Prof. Seemann.

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KATH. PFARRKIRCHE ST. MARIÄ EMPFÄNGNIS (MINORITENKIRCHE)

The Minoritenkirche was built between 1425 and 1445. Its ornate choir stalls and the impressive Baroque pulpit are worth a stop as you peruse the local shops on Kavarinerstraße.





- 1 Schwanenburg
- 2 Marstall und Denkmal des Großen Kurfürsten
- 3 Synagogenplatz
- 4 Narrenbrunnen
- 5 Denkmal Toter Krieger
- 6 Propsteikirche St. Mariä Himmelfahrt (Stiftskirche)
- 7 Lohengrinbrunnen auf dem Fischmarkt
- 8 Kath. Pfarrkirche St. Mariä Empfängnis (Minoritenkirche)
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B.C. KOECKOEK-HAUS

In 1847–48, the Dutch Romantic landscape painter Barend Cornelis Koekoek (1803–1862) had this stately home as his residence and studio. Furnished in the style of the 19th century, the house hosts captivating temporary exhibitions complemented by a permanent collection of works by Koekoek, as well as his family, students and contemporaries.



10 SCHÜSTERKEN

Erected in 1951, the Klever Schüsterken is a nod to Kleve's industrial past in shoemaking. From 1878, over 50 shoe factories operated in Kleve, employing several thousand workers at their peak. Kleve became widely known for the brand "Elefanten", which transformed Kleve into Germany's hub of children's shoe manufacturing.



11 STADTMODELL

The bronze model of Kleve just outside city hall is a highly detailed replica of the extended city centre in miniature. Have a closer look to discover Kleve from a new perspective—a highlight for young and old alike!

12 MUSEUM KURHAUS KLEVE

The Kurhaus (spa) hails from the heyday of Bad Cleve, a time when Kleve was a prominent regional health resort. Construction began in 1845 and was completed in two phases. Located directly adjacent to the 17th-century amphitheatre, it was once home to sculptor Joseph Beuys's studio. Today the Museum Kurhaus Kleve's permanent collection features artworks ranging from the Middle Ages to the present day, making it a must-see for art history lovers.



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HISTORISCHE GARTENANLAGEN

In the 17th century, Johann Moritz von Nassau-Siegen, then governor of Kleve, set out to transform his capital city and its surroundings into an impressive series of landscaped gardens and parks. A highlight from this period is the amphitheatre with its ascending terraces, ponds and fountains. The elegant figure of Pallas Athene marks its centre. In the adjacent Forstgarten, more than 150 different species of exotic trees and shrubs were planted in the 18th century, many of which still stand today. Beginning in 1820, Maximilian Friedrich Weyhe redesigned the grounds in the English landscape garden style. This unique blend of history and nature make the gardens one of Kleve's top attractions.

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TIERGARTEN KLEVE



Kleve's Tiergarten has been around for decades and draws visitors from around the region. The Tiergarten is home to around 300 animals from over 60 different species, including adorable red pandas, lively meerkats and Bactrian camels. Don't miss these exciting animal attractions while you're in town!

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KLEVER BERG MIT AUSSICHTSTURM

At exactly 99 meters high, the Klever Berg is the highest point in the Lower Rhine region. An observation tower awaits visitors at the very top.

16 ALTER PARK

South of the city, Governor Johann Moritz von Nassau-Siegen ordered the construction of paths and artificial viewing hills, forming Alter Park. Today, the Prinz-Moritz-Weg leads from the base of Schwanenburg to the Moritz Tomb on Papenberg Hill, which boasts a magnificent view of Kleve in the distance.

17 MORITZGRAB

In 1678, a year before his death, Prince Johann Moritz of Nassau-Siegen (1604–1679) had a tomb erected in Berg und Tal. However, his final resting place is the Crypt of Nassau-Siegen in Siegen.



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GRENZLAND-DRAISINE

From April to October, don't miss the rail trolley between Kleve, Kränenburg and Groesbeek. The route crosses the German-Dutch border - thus the name Grenzland, which means "borderland" in German. Pedal these delightful trolleys, which can accommodate between two and 14 people, along a decommissioned railway line. The Grenzland Draisine makes for a quirky outing for couples, friends and family—it's one of just 30 rail trolleys in the entire country!



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