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Moving to
Düsseldorf



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Cost Of Living

Rent Per Month

Apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre	682.50€
Apartment (1 bedroom) Outside of Centre	484.38€
Apartment (3 bedrooms) in City Centre	1,450.00 €
Apartment (3 bedrooms) Outside of Centre	1,107.69 €

Buy apartment price

Price per Square Meter to Buy Apartment in City Centre	5,184.75 €
Price per Square Meter to Buy Apartment Outside of Centre	3,694.44 €

Where to live in Dusseldorf

There are lots of nice areas where you can live, here are the main ones:

- **Stadtmitte:** There is a real melting pot here, which is the charm of this area. It is also the bank district and you can find lots of shopping streets which make it a real dynamic area. However it is a pricey place.
- **Pempelfort:** Prices are much more accessible here. Moreover, it has easy access to the business district so it is a good place to live, this is why it is a popular area. You could also find lots of museums, galleries, cafes and shops there.
- **The Hafen:** Dusseldorf's boomtown, which has now lots of bars, restaurants, media companies, and clubs. Thus, this area is populated by lots of young people.
- **Bilk:** It is the most populated area of Dusseldorf with lots of foreigners and students. It is an area where there is a great underground scene but also a great nightlife and parks.



General Cost Of Living

<i>Restaurant prices</i>	€	<i>Average of prices in supermarket</i>	€	<i>Utilities monthly</i>	€
Meal (inexpensive Restaurant):	10	Milk (1 litre)	0.73	Basic (Electricity, Heating, Water, Garbage) for 85m2 Apartment	217.75
Domestic Beer (0.5 litre draught)	3.50	Bread for 2 people for 1 day	1.23	1 min. of Prepaid Mobile Tariff Local (No Discounts or Plans)	0.11
Coke/Pepsi (0.33 litre bottle)	2.04	Eggs (12)	1.60	Internet (60 Mbps, Unlimited Data, Cable/ADSL)	27.14
Water (0.33 litre bottle)	1.74	Chicken Breast (1kg)	7.02		
Cappuccino (regular)	2.68	Domestic Beer (0.5 litre bottle)	0.67		

Estate Agents

Very few estate agents' websites are in English, thus looking for serviced apartments through relocation agencies is easier if you don't speak German. They would find you what you are exactly looking for and in the best area for you, as they know very well the city.

Here are different helpful estate agents that can help you to find your new apartment:

- Immonet: <https://www.immonet.de/>
- Hermann Immobilien: <https://www.immobilien-hermann.de/>
- Bruns Immobilien: <https://www.cbruns.de/>
- Bocker Wohnimmobilien: <https://www.immobilien-boecker.de/english/>



Local Travel Cost

Tickets	Price
Single ticket anywhere in Düsseldorf	2.60 €
Day ticket for one person	9.00 €
Group (3 adults or 2 adults & 2 children up to 14 years old) ticket for the day	13 €
Monthly Pass (Regular Price)	70.00€
Taxi Start (Normal Tariff)	4.75 €
Taxi 1km (Normal Tariff)	2.20€
Taxi 1hour Waiting (Normal Tariff)	35.00 €

Düsseldorf has an extensive network of routes. You can travel with Rheinbahn in tram, bus or underground railway.

The prices of subscription are different according to your need, you can look at Rheinbahn's website the subscription's prices of Ticket2000 (

<http://www.rheinbahn.com/tickets/Seiten/Ticket2000.aspx>) or Ticket1000

(<http://www.rheinbahn.com/tickets/Seiten/Ticket1000.aspx>).

You can also find all the information you need on its Website:

<http://www.rheinbahn.de/tickets/Seiten/default.aspx>



Tax in Germany

Expatriates living in Germany can be subject to German taxes, knowing that the German tax system is similar to the structures in other western countries.

Individual Income Taxes

Single person	Married person
Less than 9,000€ = TAX FREE	Less than 18,000€ for a married couple = TAX FREE
Up to 52,881€ = from 14 to 42% of tax	Up to 105,762€ = from 14% to 42% of tax
From 52,882€ up to 250,730€ = 42% of tax	From 105,764€ to 501,460€ = 42% of tax
Over the amount above = 45% of tax	Over the amount above = 45% of tax

In addition to those individual Income Taxes, there is a solidarity surcharge of 5.5% of the tax in order to cover the costs of integrating the states of the former East Germany.

Important: Deductions

As in many other countries, Germany allows a variety of deductions that can lower taxable income. Deductions are taking into account for circumstances such as children under 18 (or under 27 if still attending school without earnings), charitable and political contributions to Germany.

Deductions from compensation are also made for four social programs:

- retirement
- unemployment
- health insurance
- long-term nursing care



Visa process

There are 2 ways to get a Visa according the country you come from:

	Who are concerned?	Do you need a Visa?
“Privileged” Nationals	Citizens of Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, and the US	They can: - enter the country without a visa - apply for a combined work and residence permit at the local Alien Department within 90 days.
Third-Country Nationals	Other non-European countries / outside the EU/EFTA	Need a D visa for employment if they have found a job

Important: non-EU nationals with vocational training and work experience in selected skilled jobs, as mechatronics, plumbing and sanitation, or healthcare have a better chance to get a work permit.

For any further information, ask the German Embassy of your country. Make sure to apply well in advance! (around 2/3 months before your departure)

What is required to obtain these visas?

Registration (*Anmeldung*)

After your arrival in Germany, you first need to register at the Düsseldorf town hall.

Everybody – including EU nationals and German residents – needs one!

Residence & Work Permit (*Aufenthaltserlaubnis & Arbeitserlaubnis*)

You have to go to the foreign office (*Ausländerbehörde*) where you will have to present yourself with the following documents in order to apply for a residence permit:

- A copy of the town hall registration form
- Your passport
- Two biometric passport pictures (according to the American standard)
- A completed and signed application form
- From your employer: work contract or letter stating your net income, job description and health insurance details
- Your CV and copy of your diploma
- Original marriage certificate (if you are married)
- A copy of the rental contract
- Birth certificates or children's passports (if you bring children along)
- Fee: €100 per adult / €50 per child (subject to change)



Health care costs

The German medical system is one of the best in the world. 90% of the German population is covered under statutory health insurance.

Specifically, all workers are covered by public health insurance (Krankenkasse) if their income does not exceed a defined upper limit (in 2017: 57,600 € per year or 4,800 € per month). The health insurance rates are 15.5% of the monthly salary. Employees can choose among 100 state insurance companies. The health insurance covers: hospital stays, basic dental care, routine doctor visits, drugs, eyeglasses, immunizations and x-rays. It also compensates people for loss of income due to illness.

Concerning EU citizens, they can obtain free medical and dental treatment in Germany with an European Health Insurance Card.

Some of the most popular German insurance companies are:

- AOK

<https://www.aok.de/bundesweit/index.php>

- Barmer GEK

<https://en.barmer-gek.de/barmer/web/Portale/English/Best-health-insurance/Startpage/StartPage.html>

- Techniker Krankenkasse

<https://www.tk.de/>

If you want more details about the German Health Insurance you can find them on this website: <https://deutsche-sozialversicherung.de/en/health/index.html>

Service	Telephone
Police (<i>Polizei</i>)	Tel: 110
Fire Service (<i>Feuerwehr</i>)	Tel: 112
Ambulance (<i>Rettungswagen</i>)	Tel: 112



Schools

We suggest you some schools for each step of your child's education in Düsseldorf:

➤ Kindergarten

Lebenshilfe Düsseldorf e.V: <https://www.lebenshilfe-duesseldorf.de/>

Landeshauptstadt Düsseldorf: <https://www.duesseldorf.de/jugendamt/ipunkt/kitas/index.shtml>

Kindergarten Everest: <https://everest-duesseldorf.de/html/index.html>

➤ Primary school (Grundschule)

Matthias Claudius schule: <https://schulen.duesseldorf.de/gs-matthiasclaudius/>

Paul-Klee Grundschule: <https://www.grundschule-paul-kee.de/>

Gutenberg Schule: <https://www.gutenbergschule-duesseldorf.de/>

➤ Secondary school (Gymnasium):

Leibniz-Montessori-gymnasium: <https://www.leibniz-gymn.de/>

Humboldt-Gymnasium: <https://www.humboldt-duesseldorf.de/>

Max Planck Gymnasium: <https://www.max-planck.com/>

➤ College

Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf: <https://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/en/home.html>

Euro-Business-College Düsseldorf: <https://www.university-directory.eu/Germany/Euro-Business-College-Duesseldorf.html#.U8j2hPldUk0#>

Language courses

Institute	Courses
Goethe Institut	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Intensive✓ German in the evening✓ German Communication Training for Doctors
Sprachcafe Languages Plus School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Intensive courses✓ Standard courses✓ Part time courses
Berlitz language center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Group courses✓ Individual courses✓ Lessons for kids and teens✓ Lessons for business
IDaF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ German intensive courses for all language levels✓ Test DaF preparatory courses✓ Continuing education courses (academic writing / conversation / presentation)



Local attractions

Düsseldorf is an amazing city to enjoy local attractions and touristic stuffs. Here you can find few things to see and do when you are in the city:

1. Altstadt (Old Town) - Old Town of Dusseldorf

The heart of Düsseldorf called Altstadt is the Old Town of the city. It is the perfect starting point to explore and to get a feeling for the city. You can see in that place the Burgplatz square with its old palace tower and the Düsseldorf's landmark which is the statue of Elector Jan Wellem in front of the beautiful City Hall.

2. Media Harbour

Düsseldorf's former industrial harbor has been turned into a playground for contemporary architects such as David Chipperfield or Claude Vasconi. Besides media companies, fashion and design studios, you'll find some hip restaurants and bars here.

3. Rhine River Promenade

Walking along the paved Rhine river promenade would be a pleasant moment for you. On weekends, the street, which was banned for cars a couple of years ago, is filled with walkers, bikers, and strollers. Along the way, you'll find the interesting art gallery Kunst im Tunnel, as well as the 565 feet high Rhine Tower, which offers wonderful views of the city and its surroundings.

4. Königsallee

Before New York's 5th avenue, there was Königsallee. From Prada and Gucci, to Tiffany's and Louis Vuitton, you can find here some of the most famous luxury brands in the world. Even if you are not that much into shopping, the "Kö", as locals call this street, is worth a visit. Parallel to the boulevard runs a canal lined with chestnut trees - perfect for a serene walk.

5. Art Museums

Düsseldorf is home to the well-known art academy Kunstakademie, which is an integral part of the city's art scene and graduated the likes of Joseph Beuys, Jörg Immendorff, and Gerhard Richter. There is a world-class galleries and museums; check out the Kunsthalle for contemporary art exhibitions, the Museum Kunstpalast for fine arts from Classical antiquity to the present, the K20 gallery, which focuses on art of the 20th century, or K21, the city's premier museum for art after 1980..



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