

4th International Servas Meeting in the Ruhr Area



Welcome to the Ruhr Metropolis from 6 to 8 September 2024

Servas Germany would like to invite you to a region which is still regarded as a secret tip. The Ruhr region located in North Rhine-Westphalia in the west of Germany, is about 60 km north-east of Cologne. (<https://www.germany.travel/de/staedte-kultur/ruhrgebiet.html>).

This used to be a steel and coal mining area but today you'll find inviting parks, gardens and recreational areas where people love to go for walks or cycling. Former industrial sites are now venues for art and culture, sport and entertainment.

This will be the 4th International Servas Meeting in the Ruhr Area and this time we're going to visit the Mining Museum in Bochum. We also want to show you that this region is not just about coal and steel as you'll see on Saturday afternoon when we go on a boat trip around a Ruhr reservoir and on Sunday when we explore the picturesque old town of Hattingen.

Programme:

* Friday, 06.09.

Arrive at hosts' homes

* Saturday, 07.09.:

10.30: Welcome at the Kumpelstreff at the Mining Museum in Bochum

12.30: Guided tour "Development of Coal Mining" (approx. 40 minutes)

After visiting the mining museum, you'll have time to discover Bochum together with your hosts

15.30: Boat trip on Lake Kemnade Ruhr reservoir (approx. 1 hour)

followed by a get-together and meal at Haus Oveney by the lake.

* Sunday, 08.09.:

11.15 – 12.15: Guided tour of the old town of Hattingen

We'll then go to the Church of Saint George where Servas member Maria Christina will give us a short explanation of the organ. This will be followed by a farewell lunch with music at the "Zur Glocke" restaurant in the old town of Hattingen.

Your hosts will be Servas members. If you would like to arrive earlier or stay on after the weekend, we'll be happy to help.

Registration: The number of participants is limited to 20.

Register by emailing the registration form by Sunday, 2 June 2024 at the latest to: westfalen@servas.de

Charges: 20 Euro per person (for guided tours and boat trip)

All participants will pay for their own food, drink and admission charge at the museum

As we want to welcome guests from as many countries as possible, the first registrations from every country (from individuals or couples) will be given priority. After your participation has been confirmed, you will receive more information and details on transferring the charge.