



Köln Bonn Airport – so simple

Top theme

Concert listening pleasure every hour

■ Concert listening pleasure every hour – the second Kölner Musiknacht (Cologne music night) on 14 October promises to be as varied as the world of music itself. You can experience the diversity of Cologne's music scene in 27 different locations: Four different concerts each will be performed in classical concert halls and other unusual locations. The music ranges from French organ music from the 17th to the 20th century in the splendid Romanesque church of St. Kunibert to Robert Schumann's famous sonata in A minor in the Kammermusiksaal (chamber music hall) of the musical academy and extends to the performances of sound and movement of the artist Bettina Wenzel in the Galerie Rachel Haferkamp. You can hear Japanese sounds from contemporary piano compositions in the rooms of the Japanese Culture Institute, while the alphorn trio "Alp-cologne" with singer Victoria Riccio establishes a link between traditional and modern music in the Oberlandesgericht (Higher Regional Court). Things get a bit hot with the Yatra group in the Christuskirche (Christ church), while funky jazz with soul elements is played by "Felix Heydemann Groove". The events in the Klaus-von-Bismarck-Saal (Klaus-von-Bismarck Hall) will be broadcast live on WDR 3.

As during the premiere last year the event organisers KölnTourismus, the Initiativkreis Freie Musik (Initiative for the promotion of free music) with its partners as well as the Westdeutsche Rundfunk (West German Broadcasting) has structured the programme of music in such a way that visitors can compile their very own personal programme for each hour and the event locations can be reached without difficulty – with a unique starter ticket, which applies for all the events. You can purchase tickets for € 15.00 at KölnTourismus, Unter Fettenhennen 19.

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Reports

Mussel festival in the Rheinau harbour

■ Mussels "a la Rhine" in a root vegetable stock and served with Schwarzbrot (brown rye bread) represent one of Cologne's traditional dishes. However, many more culinary specialities can be rustled up from mussels as the 2nd Cologne Mussel Festival will now prove to you from 22 until 24 September in the Rheinauhafen, following its successful premiere in 2005. The high class gastronomy of Cologne, which also has a lot of delicious dishes on offer for dedicated landlubbers, ensures this is the case. The stands will be open from 3.00 pm onwards, the Lord Mayor of Cologne, Fritz Schramma, will open the festival at 5.45 pm. Once things get going the solo trumpet artist Lutz Kniep, "Dä Jong met dr Tröt" (Cologne dialect for "the boy with the trumpet"), with his mix of comedy pieces and current hits, and the "High Energy Duo" will make sure that this is a very cheerful evening. It kicks off with the hot jazz clarinetist Engelbert Wrobel, nicknamed "Dä Engelbää" in the local dialect on Saturday at 1.00 pm. Things will reach a climax from 3.00 pm into the evening hours when shanty choirs compete in a song contest. On Sunday, too, there will be a wide range of music showing from 11.00 am to 8.00 pm including swing from Cologne, shanty music and the High Energy group. Visitors will be able to find a wide variety of offers at the sales stands including all sorts of different mussel products.



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"Lively and forceful and with a better focus"

■ The city of Cologne has already proved itself to be an exceptional host during the World Youth Day and also during the 2006 FIFA World Cup. It is also in a very good position to organise the 31st Evangelischer Kirchentag (Protestant Church Day) from 6 until 10 June 2007. Those people who want to solely concentrate upon the events and want to keep a clear head for the discussions held under the motto of the church day "Lively and forceful and with a better focus" can now already ensure they have a trouble free stay by making use of the accommodation and service packages provided by KölnTourismus. Short-time visitors can book an overnight stay including breakfast, the day ticket for the church day including free public transport and a map of the city and information brochure for as little as € 75.00 per person in a double room. A panoramic trip on the Rhine is also included in the price. For the longer stay, experts have put together a four day package with a week ticket for the church day and public transport, which also includes four overnight stays, an information brochure, a map of the city, a panoramic trip of the Rhine as well as a conference folder with a programme and a song book. The prices for this offer start at € 249.00 per person. If you want to stay in a first class hotel the packages are available from prices of € 90/€299 respectively. You can of course also book single, or shared rooms, children's beds, city sightseeing or guided tours.

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Marathon trade fair

The marathon trade fair taking place from 5 to 7 October in the Rheinparkhallen of the Kölnmesse (Cologne trade fair) is a permanent fixture leading up to the Ford Cologne Marathon. With the fair virtually offering a complete range of products and information, sports enthusiasts can buy all the running, inline skating, (Nordic) walking, hand bike, health and wellness equipment they need. The trade fair is open from 12.00 pm till 8.00 pm and entrance is free of charge.

www.koelnmesse.de



“Cologne’s Mona Lisa”

For the first time, the Wallraf-Richartz-Museum will be displaying Stefan Lochner’s painting “Muttergottes in der Rosenlaube” (Mother of God in the Rose Arbor) in a freestanding cabinet. According to the collection’s director, Roland Krischel, who carried out the latest research work, the painting on the back of the picture indicates that it was originally the left wing of a diptych. “Cologne’s Mona Lisa” now forms the focal point of a newly created hall, which is devoted to the most famous icon painter to hail from Cologne.

www.museenkoeln.de



Photo: Wallraf-Richartz-Museum

Art Cologne for the last time in the autumn

The international art market Art Cologne will be taking place in the autumn for the 40th and last time from 1 until 5 November. Visitors will already see a few novel features this year: The number of participants has been reduced to 180 galleries to further increase the quality of this art market now mainly focusing upon renowned international galleries. They all provide a comprehensive overview of the artwork of the 20th and 21st century.



www.artcologne.de

On tour with KölnTourismus

The people of Cologne and guests of the city can experience the typical and loveable sides of the Rhine metropolis during a 90 minute guided tour by the name of “Köln ist ein Gefühl” (“Cologne is a feeling”). Knowledgeable city guides provide tips for people going shopping and out at night during the two hour tour “Ab ins Kölner Wochenende” (“Heading into the weekend in Cologne”). KölnTourismus offers the right guided tour for (almost) all tastes and situations in life, e.g. the “Früh-schoppen-Kölschtour” (“early drinks Kölsch tour”), “Top of Cologne”, a guided tour of the highest lookout towers, or “Köln in Kürze” (Cologne whistle stop tour) for people in a hurry.

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From the Rhine to the Rio de la Plata

The Cologne-Bonn area is regarded as a trendsetting region and provides an ideal setting where top managers, opinion leaders and press spokesmen can meet up. The importance of the Internationaler Wirtschafts- und Presseball Köln/Bonn (International industry and press ball Cologne/Bonn), which will now be taking place for the 8th time, also underlines this. Cologne’s Lord Mayor Fritz Schramma has become the ball’s patron. The Presseball GmbH invites people to come to “Bonnos Aires” in the Maritim Hotel in Bonn on 9 December under the motto “From the Rhine to the Rio de la Plata – tango, tempo, temperaments”.

www.presseball.com

Number of the month: 21.6

The number of overnight stays booked in Cologne in June 2006 increased by 21.6 per cent compared to the previous year. The number of foreign guests in particular increased significantly, which was principally thanks to the football teams who played in Cologne’s football stadium during the World Cup, such as Sweden or the Czech Republic. However, the biggest increase was seen on the part of the Brazilian guests (+ 1,528 per cent). The direct flights offered from Cologne to New York were also successful. The number of visitors from the United States increased by 85 per cent.

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5 questions to:

Konrad Adenauer, the chairman of the Kölnische Geschichtsverein (Cologne’s historical society) and grandson of the first German Federal Chancellor

What do you show your Cologne visitors first?

The Cologne cathedral at any rate as the most well known and striking building in Cologne – it is a real landmark.

Where did you last eat out with your friends?

At “Fischers Weingenuß und Tafelfreuden”. You can savour excellent cuisine here and are provided with expert advice when choosing between the excellent selection of wines.

Your personal event highlight in 2006?

The Konrad-Adenauer-Prize award ceremony, which will take place in a few days - on 21 September - in the Cologne Rathaus (city hall). This year the prize will be awarded to Rumania’s state president and the former mayor of Bucharest, Traian Basescu.

The most romantic place in Cologne is ...?

It has got to be the Stadtwald (city forest) for me at any rate. I have pleasant memories of the circular path’s bridge above the connection point of the two city forest ponds. I used to play there during my childhood.

Why is Cologne worth a visit in your opinion?

2000 years of diverse cultural history can be experienced here. And the hospitality of the people of Cologne rounds off everyone’s visit to the city.

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