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We share pictures and information with fans worldwide. Using the hashtag **#U2tourde** you can post all your photos in the context of the European leg of the e**XP**ERIENCE + i**N**NOCENCE tour and share them with others. If you're ok with us re-posting your photos on our various accounts, please also include the hashtag **#getfeatured**.

And if you speak/understand German, we would be happy to welcome you on our website [www.u2tour.de](http://www.u2tour.de) and in our forum [www.u2tour.de/forum](http://www.u2tour.de/forum)

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### Looking Back: Bono and Edge at G8 Summit

On 19 June 1999, Bono and Edge joined a protest around the G8 summit in Cologne supporting debt relief for the world's poorest nations.

Together with heavily pregnant Ali, Bob Geldof, Perry Farrell, Thom Yorke and Youssou N'Dour they joined hands with ca. 40,000 people in an impressive "human chain" in the city. On their way back to the Jubilee 2000 HQ, they are stopped at a police road block. During the discussions between protesters and police, Bono asked bewildered "Can anyone explain the stupid Irish what's going on?" Under the baffled eyes of passersby they have to return to HQ via a very busy train tunnel.

## Important Information

### By Public Transport to the Arena:

S-Bahn 1, 3, 4 and 9  
Busses 150, 153, 156, 250 or 260

The following stations are close to the arena:

Bahnhof Deutz / Messe  
Bahnhof Deutz / Lanxess Arena  
Deutz Technische Hochschule

Single Ticket (Category 1a)	EUR 2.40
Short Distance (max. four stops)	EUR 1.90
Dayticket (Category 1a)	EUR 7.10

[www.vrsinfo.de/englisch/tickets-and-tariffs/price-system-in-the-vrs.html](http://www.vrsinfo.de/englisch/tickets-and-tariffs/price-system-in-the-vrs.html)

KölnCard (incl. discounts on many tourist attractions 24h or 48h) from EUR 9.00

[www.cologne-tourism.com/book-buy/koelncard/](http://www.cologne-tourism.com/book-buy/koelncard/)

### By Car to the Arena:

Due to major construction work around the arena, accessibility by car is very limited. Thus, we strongly advise against using your car. You can find details on how to get there from the highways around Cologne under:

<https://bit.ly/2uOrgXC>

### Taxi:

Taxi Ruf Köln +49 - 221 - 2882

Taxi17 +49 - 221 - 170000

Charge from the Central Station (normal traffic) approx. EUR 13.00

### Emergency Numbers:

Police 110 / Ambulance 112

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After Show Parties at Luxor:

<http://u2tour.de/news/article5949.html>



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Cologne

Lanxess Arena  
Willy-Brandt-Platz 3  
50679 Köln

[www.lanxess-arena.de/](http://www.lanxess-arena.de/)

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All information is subject to change!  
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## Top Tourist Attractions

**KÖLNER DOM (Cologne Cathedral)**  
With its two 157m high towers considered to be Germany's most famous architectural landmark. Up to 30,000 visitors daily; maintenance is about EUR 19,000 per day, a reason why it is considered a permanent construction site.

**ALTSTADT (Historic Old Town)**  
With its narrow alleys and traditional old houses Cologne's Old Town is still reminiscent of the active life in medieval times. The area includes the The Romanesque church Great St. Martin, the Alten Markt (old market) and the Heumarkt (haymarket).

**RHEINPROMENADE**  
In particular when the weather is good, a much-loved site for strolling and rollerblading as it features a beautiful view of the skyline. The popular River Rhine boat trips also start here.

**MUSEUM LUDWIG**  
One of the most important exhibition venues for modern art in Europe.

**SCHOKOLADENMUSEUM (Chocolate museum)**  
The Sweetest Thing - located on a peninsula in the Rheinau Harbor, the museum tells visitors everything on the history of chocolate; chocolate tastings also available.

**KÖLSCH KNEIPEN (Pubs)**  
Päffges, Em Golde Kappes, Früh am Dom or the Ex Vertretung - these are names of old traditional pubs in Cologne and you should not miss out on them when visiting Cologne. Kölsch, by the way, is clear, top-fermented beer with a bright, straw-yellow hue and typical of Cologne.

All details: [www.cologne-tourism.com/](http://www.cologne-tourism.com/)

## Cologne In General

With a population of more than 1.08 million, Cologne is the largest city in the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia and the fourth largest in Germany; the densely populated Cologne/Bonn metropolitan area accommodates around 4 million inhabitants. When arriving by train at the Central Station, visitors are being welcomed by the city's most famous landmark - the Cologne Cathedral, that is listed as UNESCO World Heritage site. Founded and established by the Romans about 2,000 years ago, the city centre in particular shows many vestiges of the historic past of Cologne, which, today, is a significant media centre in Germany. Apart from being famous as carnival "heartland", Cologne is also popular for its citizens' cheerfulness as well as its breweries and pubs.

## U2 in Cologne

Before 2018, U2 played eight concerts in Cologne, four of them took place in the Lanxess Arena (formerly Kölnarena): two during the Elevation Tour and two during the INNOCENCE + eXPERIENCE Tour. All of these shows are considered real highlights regarding the vibe; the second show in 2015 with 27 songs played is even seen as the longest show U2 ever played - along with Paris 2015 und Tulsa 2018. In 2005, U2 appeared in the TV show 'TV Total' and performed City of Blinding Lights and Vertigo.

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