

ALTER MARKT OLD MARKET SQUARE

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With its impressive historic facades in the heart of the Old Town, the Old Market Square is a popular meeting place for key events.

The old patricians' houses are highly recommended, especially the Crüwell House, dating to 1530, one of Westphalia's loveliest burghers' houses. The magnificent late Gothic stepped gable remained intact when the building burnt to the ground in 1944. 7,000 Delft tiles from the 16th to 18th centuries can be seen in the staircase. The Theater am Alten Markt (TAM) is found in the building which once housed the city hall (until 1904), ruined in 1944. All that survived was the Gothic cellar vaults, which today hold an inviting restaurant. Since its reconstruction in 1949, the building has been used as a theatre.

Calendar, tours, tips:

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KUNSTHALLE AND SCULPTURE PARK

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The Kunsthalle Bielefeld exhibition hall has an excellent reputation nationwide. The programme in the architectural monument revolves around German and international art of the 20th and 21st centuries.

The museum and exhibition building was built by the New York architect Philip Johnson in 1968. The collection focuses on German Expressionism, international sculptures and international contemporary art. The sculpture park with outstanding works by important 20th-century artists was refurbished in 2008 based on the original plans by Philip Johnson. The café with its lovely garden terrace provides visitors with refreshments.

Opening hours

During the special exhibitions:

Tues - Fri 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Weds 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.,
Sat, Sun & public holidays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
closed for refitting between special exhibitions!

► www.kunsthalle-bielefeld.de



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20 highlights
City walk
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Discover Bielefeld

From classic bus tours to culinary walks, more than 30 different city tours, deals of the day and supporting programs await visitors to Bielefeld.

Tourist information at Wissenswerkstadt Bielefeld
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Opening hours

Mon - Sat 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



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Discover Bielefeld on foot

Urban, but green; a city, but not so big you'll get lost in it. It's that mixture that makes Bielefeld so attractive. Set off on a journey of discovery through the Old Town. The city walk takes you to 20 highly rated highlights. The map in this flyer describes the best route to take, with information on each of the sights. Or simply follow the black "Stadtrundgang" signs along the route!

2 hours
20 highlights
1 sign



TEUTO_Navigator

The entire city walk is also available online in the Teuto_Navigator with details on the route, elevation and other details:

► www.teutonavigator.com



LEINWEBER-DENKMAL LINEN-WEAVER MONUMENT

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The bronze linen weaver on the church square in the Old Town offers the perfect backdrop to Bielefeld's top events:

► **Linen-weavers' market**

one of the region's loveliest city festivals, at the end of May

► **Wine market**

At the beginning of September, the Old Town turns into a cosy wine village

► **Christmas market**

The whole city is magically lit up from the end of November

The linen-weaver monument, erected in 1909, represents Bielefeld's history as a city of linen, where everything once revolved around spinning and weaving, bleaching and sewing. Bielefeld's top-rate linen had its own seal of quality. The Tyrolean sculptor Hans Perathoner created the three-metre-high bronze statue, depicting Heinrich Heienbrok, once a linen weaver in Jöllenbeck. With his pipe, gnarled walking stick and shoulder pack, the linen weaver is a symbol of hard-working Ravensberg tradespeople.

SPARRENBURG

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Bielefeld's iconic castle is on one of Germany's loveliest hilltop hiking paths, the Hermannsweg.

Visitors enjoy not only the panoramic view from the 31.5-metre-high castle tower but also guided tours of the underground tunnel system (from April to October). Built in the first half of the 13th century by the Count of Ravensberg, Sparrenburg Castle was used by the region's rulers as an administrative centre and residence, and secured the town and the trade route through the Bielefeld Pass. Today the castle is a popular destination for day trips. If you have any questions, the first place to turn is the visitor information centre, opened in 2014 at the entrance to the castle courtyard.

Opening hours

Tower and visitor information centre:

Apr - Oct: daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Nov - March: Sat, Sun & public holidays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (except 24.12. - 1.1)

Public tours of the casemates:

Apr - Oct: daily 12 noon & 2.30 p.m., Sun & public holidays also 4 p.m.

► www.sparrenburg.info



NEUSTÄDTER MARIENKIRCHE

The two towers of Neustädter Marienkirche (St Mary's Church) make it one of the region's most striking and significant buildings. The cruciform hall church was built by Count Otto III of Ravensburg as a collegiate church. Today, Neustädter Marienkirche is a Protestant parish church and a venue for church music. The important sacral building from the late 13th century contains a precious work of art dating back seven centuries: the 1400 Bielefeld Altar of Our Lady.



MÜLLER HOUSE

The core structure of the Müller House, at Obernstrasse 51, goes back to the year 1485. It is the oldest preserved mediaeval townhouse. Its design indicates its use as a merchant's house. At the end of the 19th century, it held the bakery in which the pharmacist Dr August Oetker carried out his practical experiments on the use of baking powder with the help of Baker Müller.



ST. JODOKUS-KIRCHE

This former church of the Franciscan Order was consecrated in 1511. Inside the church, some precious objects are well worth a visit: the 1220 "Black Madonna", the wooden sculpture of St. Judoc from c. 1480 and the icon wall designed by Savelyev in 1962.



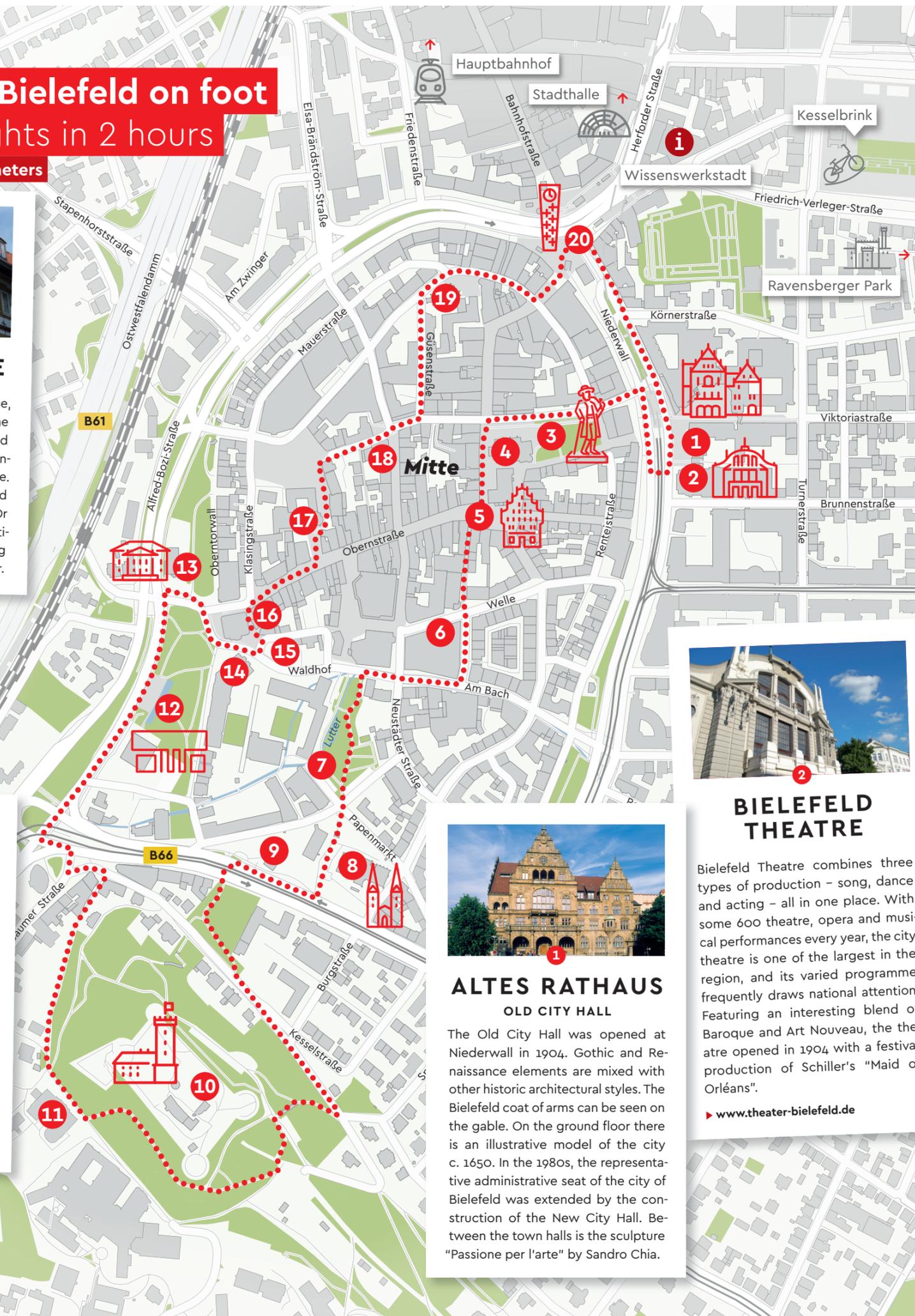
ALTSTÄDTER NICOLAIKIRCHE

Right by the Old Market Square is Bielefeld's oldest city church, which was raised to the status of an independent parish church in 1236. Inside the Gothic hall church (1340) is a precious carved altar (1524) from the workshop of the Guild of Saint Luke in Antwerp. Altogether, the carving depicts 250 figures in scenes from Biblical history.

Discover Bielefeld on foot

20 highlights in 2 hours

Distance: 3.8 kilometers



All the highlights at a glance

- i** Tourist information at Wissenwerkstadt Bielefeld
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- 3** Leineweber-Denkmal *Linen-weaver monument*
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- 5** Alter Markt mit Theater am Alten Markt *Old Market Square with Theatre*
- 6** ArchäoWelle *excavations*
- 7** Human Rights Park
- 8** Neustädter Marienkirche
- 9** Naturkundemuseum im Spiegelshof
The natural history museum in Spiegelshof, one of the few remaining baronial manors (1540), celebrates nature, humankind and the environment. Learn about topics such as biodiversity and climate change, presented in a fascinating manner.
- 10** Sparrenburg
- 11** School of music and art
- 12** Kunsthalle and Sculpture Park
- 13** Ortwin Goldbeck Forum
- 14** Ratsgymnasium
- 15** Kunstverein Bielefeld
Bielefeld Art Association is housed in one of the oldest buildings in the city, a 16th-century manor built in the style of the Weser Renaissance.
- 16** Müller House
- 17** St. Jodokus-Kirche
- 18** Meissener Kachelhaus
Built in 1928 by the architects Paul Löwenthal and Wilhelm Harms, and covered with green ceramic tiles from Meissen, the Kachelhaus today houses a restaurant.
- 19** Süsterkirche
This church was founded by Augustinian nuns in 1491 and in 1683 passed to the Reformed Church by Frederick William, Elector of Brandenburg. The tower and the structural extensions to the church date from 1860-61.
- 20** Jahnplatz
The official city centre since 1932. The square gets its name from the Jahneiche, an oak tree planted in 1861 by the BTG sports association. The bronze clock was gifted to the city by Alcina Cosmetic in 1996.



BIELEFELD THEATRE

Bielefeld Theatre combines three types of production – song, dance and acting – all in one place. With some 600 theatre, opera and musical performances every year, the city theatre is one of the largest in the region, and its varied programme frequently draws national attention. Featuring an interesting blend of Baroque and Art Nouveau, the theatre opened in 1904 with a festival production of Schiller's "Maid of Orléans".

www.theater-bielefeld.de



ALTES RATHAUS OLD CITY HALL

The Old City Hall was opened at Niederwall in 1904. Gothic and Renaissance elements are mixed with other historic architectural styles. The Bielefeld coat of arms can be seen on the gable. On the ground floor there is an illustrative model of the city c. 1650. In the 1980s, the representative administrative seat of the city of Bielefeld was extended by the construction of the New City Hall. Between the town halls is the sculpture "Passione per l'arte" by Sandro Chia.

Tip! Public toilets:

