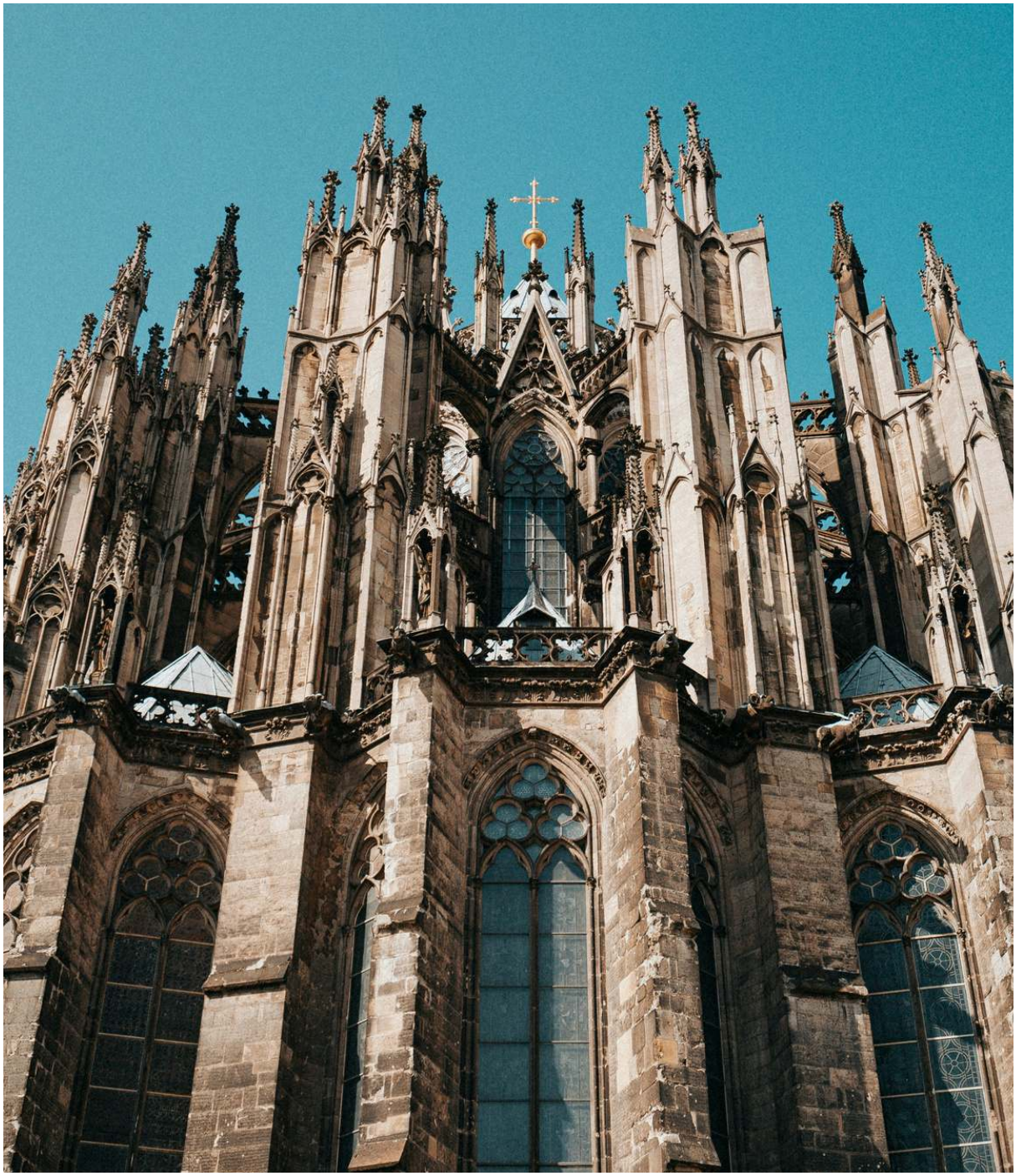
Opening days in Cologne
5 DAYS MADE TO SURPRISE YOU

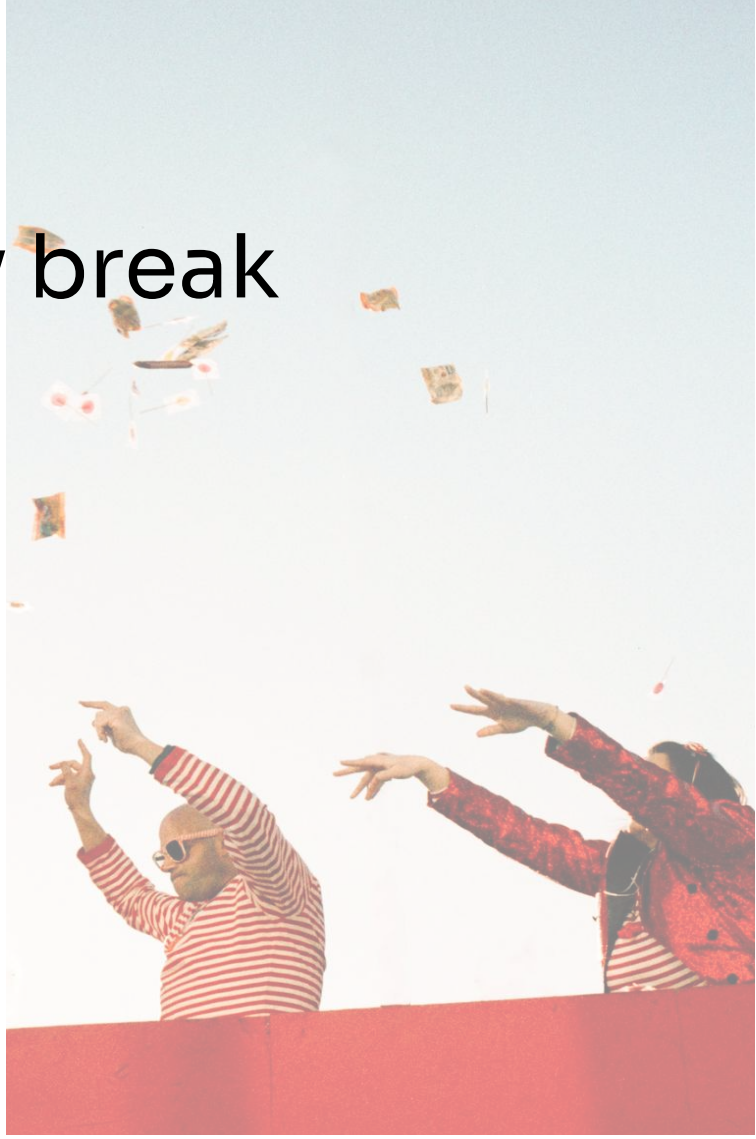


Cologne
FRANKFURT
FREIBURG

5–15 June 2025
DAYS 1–5 | 4 NIGHTS

Cologne —
More than a city break

Cologne unfolds with culture, flavors, and local energy – brought together in your curated plan.



DAY 1

- Exploring Belgian Quarter
- Walking Tour “Rude Bastards”
- Cool off at IceBar Cologne
- Enjoy Kölner Lichter (famous fireworks spectacle)

DAY 2

- Botanical Garden
- Cable Car Ride
- Relax at the Rhine Promenade
- Walk to Cologne’s Love Lock Bridge
- Rhine Sunset Cruise with Lounge Vibes

DAY 3

- Explore 4711 Fragrance House & Boutique Stroll
- Experience TimeRide
- Enjoy the Chocolate Museum
- Evening Food-Tour



DAY 4 – EXCURSION TO AHR VALLEY

- Hike the vineyard trails in Ahrweiler (approx. 10 km/6 miles, 4 hours)
- Visit historic Marienthal Monastery
- Take in panoramic views at the “Bunte Kuh” viewpoint
- Arrive in Ahrweiler for wine & local flavors

DAY 5

- Farmers Market in Nippes
- Café Wölkchen

LEAVING COLOGNE
ON TO FRANKFURT

+ Optional stop:

LIMBURG an der Lahn | 3–4 h

If you’d like to break up the journey, consider a stop in Limburg, directly on the route to Frankfurt. Its medieval old town with half-timbered houses and the striking cathedral are well worth exploring.

Day 2 | Cologne

SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR 6 JUNE 2025

From the calm of the Botanical Garden to soaring above the Rhine by cable car, this day takes you along the riverside promenade, across Cologne's Love Lock Bridge, and onto a sunset cruise with lounge music.

YOUR DAY AT A GLANCE

City Map

- Botanical Garden
- Cable Car Ride
- Relax at the Rhine Promenade
- Walk to Cologne's Love Lock Bridge
- Rhine Sunset Cruise with Lounge Vibes

Fixed Time:
5:00 – 6:30 pm Rhine Sunset Cruise | 1.5h

2-3 h

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Free entry (opening 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, everyday)

Start your day at the Botanical Garden, where greenhouses and colorful displays stretch across 11 hectares with over 12,000 plant species from around the world. Pause at Café Augusta and enjoy a relaxed moment with light treats in the garden café.

10 min walk to cable car station

Website | Google Maps



15 min

CABLE CAR

Price: €5.50

Though the ride is short, the cable car rewards you with sweeping views over the Rhine and Cologne's skyline — a highlight not to be missed.

20 min walk to Rhine Terraces

Website | Google Maps



2 h

RHINE TERRACES

Enjoy a leisurely walk along the Rhine until you reach the beautiful Rhine Terraces. Here, you can pause for a bite or a drink while taking in the stunning view of Cologne's cathedral skyline.

10 min walk to Hohenzollern bridge

Google Maps

4-5 h

Rainy Day Alternative
Spend a relaxing day at the Claudius Therme. Enjoy the green views and unwind with massages and spa treatments. A peaceful escape if the weather turns grey. Tickets are available on site, so there's no need to book in advance.

Website | Google Maps

15 min

HOHENZOLLERN BRIDGE

From the Rhine Terraces, a riverside walk leads to the Hohenzollern bridge — with its love locks and one of the best photo spots for Cologne's cathedral and old town.

20 min walk to Rhine Sunset Cruise

Google Maps

1.5 h

RHINE SUNSET CRUISE WITH LOUNGE VIBES

5:00 – 6:30 pm | €47.80 (only Wednesday + Thursday)

The sunset cruise is the perfect way to round off your day in Cologne — relaxed, atmospheric, and with the city lights as your backdrop.

Tickets | Google Maps



Day 4 | Cologne

EXCURSION DAY: AHR VALLEY
SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR 8 JUNE 2025



HIGHLIGHTS
VINEYARDS, VIEWS & WINE

Today you'll set out on an unforgettable day hike through the vineyards of the Ahr valley, enjoying breathtaking landscapes along the way.

The trail leads to Marienthal Monastery and ends in Ahrweiler's old town, where wine taverns and regional specialties await.

Day 4 | Cologne

EXCURSION DAY: AHR VALLEY
SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR 8 JUNE 2025

YOUR DAY AT A GLANCE

City Map

- Hike the vineyard trails (approx. 10 km/6 miles, 4 hours)
- Visit historic Marienthal Monastery
- Take in panoramic views at the “Bunte Kuh” viewpoint
- Arrive in Ahrweiler for wine & local flavors

Suggested Timing:
early morning (before 8:00 am)

2 h

GETTING THERE, APPROX 2 H

Take the train from Cologne Central Station to Dernau (connection).

- **Route:** Cologne Central Station → Dernau
- **Departure:** 07:56 am from Cologne Central Station (alternative, +1h)

  Arrival: arrive in Ahrweiler at 09:41 am
- **Change:** in Ahrweiler, switch to bus RB30 towards Ahrbrück (platform A)

  (The bus ride is included in your train ticket – no extra ticket is needed.)

  Arrival: Ride 5 stops and get off at Bahnhof Dernau (arrival 09:54 am)

From Dernau bus station, it’s a 10-minute walk to St. Johannes Apostel Church, where you will see the red grape waymarks of the Rotweinwanderweg.

ROTWEINWANDERWEG – START DERNAU

Begin your day on the famous Rotweinwanderweg with a day hike of about 10 km/6 miles, about 4 hours through the vineyards of the Ahr valley. Surrounded by vines on the slopes above the river, the trail soon opens up to sweeping valley views, setting the tone for this scenic hike.

40-45 min walk to Marienthal Monastery

30-45 min

MARIENTHAL MONASTERY

A historic monastery turned winery, nestled right in the vineyards. Its peaceful courtyard is perfect for a short pause before continuing your walk.

1 h walk to “Bunte Kuh Viewpoint”



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BUNTE KUH VIEWPOINT

One of the most striking viewpoints of the trail: enjoy panoramic vistas across the winding Ahr valley and the surrounding vineyards. On the way towards the Government Bunker, you’ll also pass Altenwegshof and Restaurant Hohenzollern – both offering food and drinks with a stunning view.

20-30 min walk to Government Bunker

20 min

HISTORIC NOTE: FORMER GOVERNMENT BUNKER

Price: €15 (advance booking recommended)

Hidden in the Ahrweiler forest, the site of Germany's Cold War government bunker adds a surprising touch of history to the hike. Guided tours are available. Follow the signs to the bunker for a short detour, then return to the Rotweinwanderweg and continue along the red grape waymarks towards Ahrweiler.

1 h - 1.5 h walk to Ahrweiler

Website | Google Maps

flexible

ARRIVAL IN AHRWEILER

End your walk in the charming old town of Ahrweiler, where wine taverns and regional restaurants invite you to relax and enjoy the flavors of the valley.

Start with a wine tasting at Weinstube & Vinothek Winzerhof Körtgen on the market square, then round off your day with dinner at Niederhutklause.



RETURN | APPROX. 1,5 H

After enjoying wine and regional cuisine in Ahrweiler's old town, take the train back to Cologne Central Station. Find connections and choose a departure time that suits your evening plans.

PREVIEW THE TRAIL

For a sneak peek of what's ahead, discover the Rotweinwanderweg from above and explore the full route online:

- Watch flyover video for a bird's-eye view of vineyards and valleys you'll hike today
- View Outdooractive map for detailed route and elevation profile



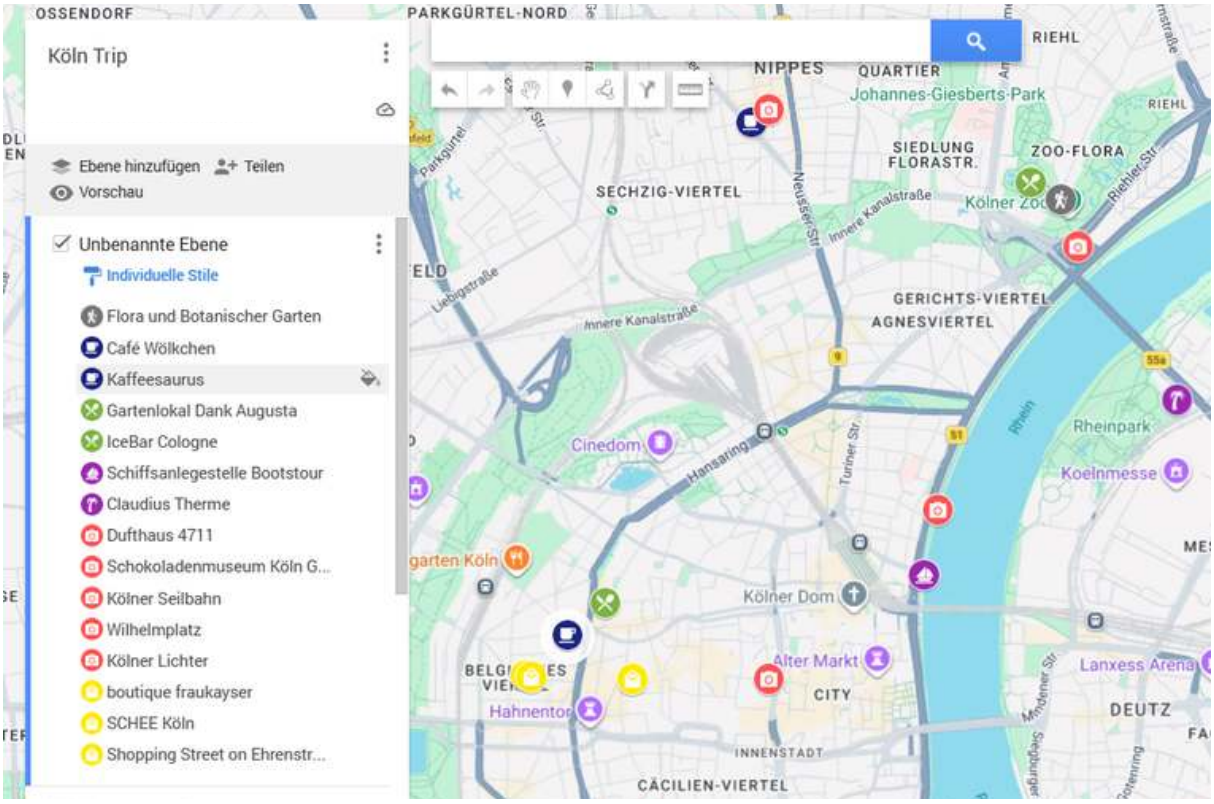


Trail View | Orientation map (Rotweinwander weg Dernau–Ahrweiler)

PREVIEW: CITY MAP

In your final travel guide, you'll find a link to a city map.
It shows all selected stops during your stay.

The locations are carefully chosen to be close to each other, helping you explore the city easily and make the most of your time.



Example: selected stops in central Cologne.