Interesting facts about Hagen

Hagen is a large city in North Rhine-Westphalia, located between the Ruhr area and the Sauerland region. The city celebrated its 275th anniversary in 2021. Hagen is a colourful city where people from 146 different countries live.

The city has 196,944 inhabitants (as of 30 April 2025) and consists of five districts: Hagen-Mitte, Hagen-Nord, Hohenlimburg, Eilpe/Dahl and Haspe. Each district offers different leisure and cultural activities.

Hagen is known for its FernUniversität, the largest university in Germany, with 72,780 students (summer semester 2025). There are also two universities of applied sciences in the city. If you live in Hagen, you have access to many good educational opportunities.

Hagen's location is very convenient for travellers. The main railway station is easily accessible by long-distance trains, and the city is located on major motorways that run from north to south and east to west.

The city is also the most densely wooded city in North Rhine-Westphalia with 42 per cent woodland and 63 per cent green space. By comparison, Dortmund has only 10 per cent woodland and Bochum only 5 per cent. Hagen also has four rivers: Ruhr, Volme, Lenne and Ennepe. The rivers and lakes, such as the Harkortsee and Hengsteysee, offer many opportunities for leisure activities such as fishing, boating and stand-up paddling.

Culturally, Hagen has a lot to offer. Hagen Theatre is very well known and attracts around 188,000 visitors every year. There are also many museums, such as the Emil Schumacher Museum, the Open Air Museum, the Museum of Prehistory and Early History and the Osthaus Museum.

For recreation, there are many parks in Hagen, such as the Volkspark, Stadtgarten, Volmepark and Hameckepark. These places offer plenty of space for relaxation and sporting activities. The Drei-Türme-Weg (Three Towers Trail) is a popular hiking trail that leads past beautiful viewing towers.

Hagen is also a city of sport. There are over 200 sports clubs and many people are active here. The city also has modern swimming pools with saunas, water slides and other leisure facilities.

Hagen is also a good place for shopping. The city has around 1,300 shops selling all kinds of products. The pedestrian zone and the Volme-Galerie are particularly popular with shoppers. After shopping, you can eat in many restaurants and cafés.

Hagen is a diverse and colourful city with something for everyone. You can find more information about what Hagen has to offer on the city's official website.