

GERMANY



Viersen, Germany



- A peaceful town full of culture, green spaces, and tradition — right near the Dutch border.
- First mentioned in the **12th century**.
- **Population:** Around 75,000 people
- In the Middle Ages, the town was divided into **three parts**:
 1. **Viersen**
 2. **Dülken**
 3. **Süchteln**
 - These were **independent communities** until they were merged into the modern town of Viersen.



Culture & Traditions in Viersen

- Viersen is known for its **open-air sculpture collection** — modern artworks placed throughout the city. It makes the town feel like a public museum without walls.
- In December, the town squares turn into festive markets with:
 1. Handmade gifts
 2. Mulled wine (Glühwein)
 3. Holiday treats



Viersener Note



The poster for 'Viersener Note' is a collage of images and text. It includes a 'Herzlich Willkommen' sign, a musician playing guitar, a date box for '28. 09.' from 11 to 18 Uhr, a person browsing books, and a large floral graphic with the text 'La VIE en rose'. It also lists three stages: NEW-Bühne Remigiusplatz, Fußgängerzone, and Citymanagement-Bühne. At the bottom, it says 'Verkaufsoffener Sonntag 13-18 Uhr' and lists sponsors: Stadt. Land. Viersen., Sparkasse Krefeld, and NEW.

Herzlich Willkommen

28. 09. 11 bis 18 Uhr

Stadt Viersen

La VIE en rose

Verkaufsoffener Sonntag 13-18 Uhr

Sponsoring

Stadt. Land. Viersen. Sparkasse Krefeld NEW

NEW-Bühne Remigiusplatz
Livemusik, DJ, Gastronomische Angebote, Hüpfburg

Fußgängerzone
Markt- und Imbissstände, Kinderaktionen, Kinderkarussell, Freiluft-Schach

Citymanagement-Bühne
Sparkassenvorplatz
Beiträge zur Interkulturellen Woche, Auftritte von Tanzgruppen und Vereinen, Livemusik

Festivals in Viersen

1. Viersener Note

- The main city celebration.
- Family-friendly event with **live music**, food stands, and shops open on Sundays (“verkaufsoffener Sonntag”).
- Usually held in the town center.

2. Viersen International Jazz Festival

- One of the most **important jazz festivals in Germany**.
- First held in 1969.
- Usually held in **September** at the Festhalle Viersen



Traditional Foods of Viersen, Germany

1. Asparagus Dishes (Spargelzeit)

During spring, white asparagus (Spargel) is a local delicacy served with potatoes, ham, and hollandaise sauce. This is very popular in the Viersen area during asparagus season.



2. Sauerbraten

This is a traditional German pot roast, typically made from marinated beef (sometimes horse meat). The meat is marinated in vinegar, wine, and spices for several days before being slow-cooked. It's often served with red cabbage and potato dumplings.



Gimnazio Erasmus-von-Rotterdam (Viersen)

1. Full-day care + modern facilities.

The school lets students stay longer in the afternoon (until 4 PM). They can eat in the cafeteria, do activities, or homework. This is helpful for parents who work and for younger students who need support.

2. Commitment to tolerance and diversity.

Certified as a "School without Racism – School with Courage", promoting a culture of inclusion, respect, and engagement.

3. Early dual-language instruction.

Unique opportunity to learn **English and Latin side-by-side** from **grade 5**, with options for French and Spanish later.

4. International exchanges.

Participation in **Erasmus+ projects** and student exchanges with **Italy, Spain, Latvia, and more**.



Fun & Quirky Facts About Germany

1. **Beer is Cheaper Than Water**
2. **No Speed Limits on the Highway**
 - About **70%** of the Highway has no speed limit, though there are recommended speeds.
3. **Home of the Longest Word (Sort Of)**
 - Germany creates mega-compound words. One famous example was:
Rindfleischetikettierungsüberwachungsaufgabenübertragungsgesetz
4. **Oktoberfest Isn't in October**
 - Most of Oktoberfest takes place in **September**!
5. **They Invented the Gummy Bear**
 - "Haribo" = Hans Riegel Bonn.



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