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The Ruhr Museum

The former coal washing plant at the UNESCO Zollverein World Heritage Site is home to the Ruhr Museum, the regional museum of the Ruhr Area. In this spectacular industrial setting, visitors discover everything about the nature, culture and history of the region. After ascending the impressive escalator, they follow the former path of coal and descend ever deeper from the present day into the history of the Ruhr Area. The path leads through a brightly lit orange staircase and windowless bunkers, past huge industrial machinery, raw concrete walls and conveyor belts. In between, 6,000 exhibits, in often fascinating detail, show how the once-agricultural region morphed into the largest coal and steel production area in Europe and then became the Ruhr Metropolis. Access to the Panorama roof with views across the UNESCO-listed site and the local region as well as a visit to the Portal of Industrial Heritage are included in the admission fee to the permanent exhibition.

The special exhibitions

On 8 April 2019, the special exhibition "**Beginnings in the West. The Artists' Settlement Margarethenhöhe**" opens and presents with over 700 exhibits the daily life, existence and work of the circle of artists at the Margarethenhöhe till the 5 January 2020. In the 1920s and 1930s it was one of the most important settlements in Germany and determined the cultural awakening in the industrial heartland.

From **15 July 2019** on the collection exhibition "**Humans and Animals in the Ruhr Area**" is going to examine the ever changing relation between humans and animals from the Stone Age till today. Followed by the exhibition "**100 Years of Ruhr Area. The other Metropolis**" in March 2020, that presents the Ruhr Area and its history as one of the biggest metropolis in Europe with over 5 million inhabitants. It shows how the coal and steel producing region was given a new, modern structure in the 1920s that still characterise the Ruhr Metropolis to this day.

The offers

In addition to the exhibitions, the museum offers a comprehensive education program for children, families, adults, with or without disabilities, students, parents, teachers and seniors. It consists of guided tours, audio guides, lectures, film series, field trips, event, concert and theater events, a museum bag for families as well as holiday programs at the Museum, its branches and on the Zollverein Site.

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