



European
Joint
Support Unit

Activities

Goch





LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

Leaflets & Guides

The CLO holds lots of leaflets as well as multiple guides (including City Guides) containing useful information on things to do in the local area. There are also maps as well as walking and cycling routes. For more information on the local area, please call into the NSE.

Eating Out

For a small town, Goch has an abundance of restaurants and catering for a plethora of tastes, all of which are at a reasonable price.

Cinema

<https://www.pathe.nl/bioscoop/nijmegen> A cinema in the Netherlands. Unless otherwise stated (please check website) all movies are shown in their original version with subtitles.

<https://www.kleverkinos.de/> Tichelpark Cinemas show a movie in its original version (OV) every Thursday evening at 8pm. Please check website.

Swimming and Sauna

<https://www.gochness.de/> Gochness offers facilities for swim training and has children's play pools and slides. There is an adjoining sauna complex. More information and prices can be found on their website.

https://www.centerparcs.eu/in-en/netherlands/fp_HB_holiday-park-het-heijderbos A Centre Parcs resort 20 minutes' drive from Goch.

Supermarkets

There are currently 13 supermarkets in Goch ranging in price as in the UK. Lidl and Aldi are the ones you may recognize. There's also Edeka, Netto, Kaufland and Lindchen to name a few. A full list is available from the CLO.

Theme parks and Tier Parks

In the NRW region we are very lucky to have a wide range of parks and zoos to explore. Tourist information leaflets are available from the NSE.



Quiet days

Germans take their days off quite seriously and one example of this is the law that assures no unnecessary noise is made on Sundays and public holidays. It is recommended that you don't wash your car, cut the grass, make repairs or even hang up laundry. Most Germans still regard Sunday as a day of rest and with that all shops are closed except perhaps a bakery or two for Sunday Frühstück (breakfast). Quiet hours are stipulated as between 2200-0700 every day and all day on a Sunday.

Public Holidays

As a predominantly Catholic country Germany observes various holidays throughout the year. In NRW there are 11 days set aside as public holidays, 2 of which always fall on a Thursday. This then enables a 4-day weekend with the Friday known as Bridging Day (Brückentag) It is worth noting that different regions in Germany may have different public holidays.

Recycling

Schönmackers are the dedicated refuse disposal organization for our area. All glass bottles, recyclable items and paper waste are to be separated, dustbins and crates are provided for refuse disposal as follows:

Brown bin: Garden waste and vegetable peelings

Blue bin: Paper and cardboard

Yellow bin: plastic and tins – washed out

Black bin: all other waste

Crates: glass bottles and jars must be separated by colour. Broke glass must not be placed in the crates and corks must be removed from glass bottles.

'Schadstoffe' e.g old batteries, electrical items, medication, oil and other chemicals are not to be disposed with your normal waste. There are certain days throughout the year where you can take your 'Schadstoffe' direct to Schönmackers between set times.

Schönmackers 2020 calendar is available online at: www.schoenmackers.de

Pfand system

The Pfand system in Germany means that consumers pay a deposit on glass and plastic bottles Don't throw away your empty bottles if they have the signal of "Pfandflasche" which means bottle deposit. This sign means that you paid an amount in advance, which is usually 25 cents per drink, which you can get back in every supermarket through a machine.



TAX FREE INFORMATION

Tax Free Shopping

There are two options for tax free shopping.

Through NATO, your sponsor will take you through this process.

UK via the NSE, upon arrival, the HNLO will discuss this process with you.

The full document on how to claim tax free goods is available from the NSE.

Tax Free Vehicles

Each entitled person is permitted to register only one new tax-free vehicle within any one-year period. In addition to one tax-free vehicle, one tax-free motorcycle/quad bike, moped or bicycle with auxiliary motor, may be registered within any one-year period. However, only one vehicle per 'Entitled person' per year can be exported to the UK free of tax.

Companies who offer tax free car sales:

www.forcescarsdirect.com

www.emctaxfree.com

www.griffintaxfree.com

Postal Services

Mail from the UK is received through the British Forces Post Office (BFPO) which is delivered and sorted through the NSE Goch. The BFPO system can be very slow.

Standard address format:

Service number, Rank, Name

Unit and Subunit

Goch/Wesel

BFPO 46

If you need a UK postcode for BFPO as some companies do not recognize BFPO addresses the format is:

Name

Unit

BFPO 46

Goch

BF1 0AT.

www.deutschepost.de

Goch has a number of post offices.

The main one being

Klever Str. 371, 47574 Goch

They offer a counter service as well as a self-serve postage stamp machine located outside the office. An efficient way of sending mail.