



European
Joint
Support Unit

Welcome to

Goch





WELCOME TO GOCH

This handbook is designed to give you as much advice, help and information as possible about the local area. Though by no means exhaustive, its intent is to help you prior to your arrival and during your time here in Goch.

Your tour here in Germany will offer you lots of great opportunities with regards to travel, recreation and a whole lot more. The customs, culture and way of life here are significantly different from what you may be accustomed to and shopping, driving and dining are all a different experience. Some people may find this a little daunting at first but embracing the culture, food and people you meet will help ease the transition.

We understand that moving yourself and your family to a new country can be extremely stressful so our EJSU staff are here to help you adjust and get settled. You will also be allocated a sponsor before your arrival who is there to aid your arrival and help orientation to the local areas and the CAOC.

Goch Town

Goch is a town in the district of Kleve, in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. It is situated close to the border with the Siebengewald in Netherlands, approx. 12 km (7 mi) south of Kleve, and 27 km (17 mi) southeast of Nijmegen. Goch is at least 750 years old: the earliest mention of Goch is in a document dated 1259. It was a part of the Duchy of Cleves. During World War II, the city was completely destroyed by Allied bombers during Operation Veritable. Since reconstruction after the war, Goch has developed into a pretty market town on the river Niers with between 30 and 35 thousand residents offering a wealth of history, culture and recreational activities.

In and around Goch you will hear the phrase Tschüss (bye) this is a local phrase from the surrounding area. A simple Guten Tag (good day) or Morgen (morning) will go a long way. It can be considered impolite not to say 'good day' or 'goodbye' when entering or leaving shops or establishments. Shaking hands is also seen as an expression of politeness.

Combined Air Operations Centre (CAOC)

The Combined Air Operations Centre Uedem was activated in 1993 as part of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation). It is subordinated to Headquarters Allied Air Command Ramstein. CAOC Uedem is headquartered on the Paulsberg-Kaserne which is located 1 km from the town of Uedem and approximately 12km from Goch. The CAOC's main role is Air Policing of NATO's Northern Air Policing Area.

Sponsorship

Your line manager will allocate a sponsor to assist with your arrival. Your line-manager will try to allocate someone who lives nearby, whether married or single, and they will be able to show you the local amenities to help you settle in more quickly.

Host Nation Liaison Officer

We are lucky enough to have a Host Nation Liaison Officer (HNLO) who is available to do translations of documents you receive in German and will also translate English into German where necessary.

LOCAL AREA MAP

