



# Welcome to Voerde

*...The sweet small city at the Rhine*

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Stand of the city library at the „knightfestival“



Aerial image of Voerde



Open-air bath Voerde



townhall

## The City presents itself:

On behalf of the City council and the City administration, we are pleased to welcome you in Voerde, and would like to give you in concise form important information about our city. This notes can only give a short overview of the life and endearing attributes. Therefore we invite you to get personally in touch with the City and check its wonderful possibilities by yourself.

The beginning of Voerde goes back to the Middle Age. Archaeologists and historian found out, that Voerde already started to take place at the roman and franconian age at the Furt. The old writing style for Furt was "Fuerdt". Out of it the name Voerde developed.

Voerde is located in the district of Wesel in the vicinity of the Ruhr area and cities like Duisburg and Dusseldorf, and directly at the Rhine. The town has approximately 37,000 inhabitants and gives them and the guests attractive shopping facilities and points of interest. Altogether 200 km bicycle pathes and rambling trails lead along the Rhine promenade in Götterswickerhamm, through the nature reserve Momm-Nierderung by monuments and points of interest.



The City and especially the neighborhood of Voerde is characterized by modern, accessible and spacious accommodations. Modern houses with surrounding gardens provide an attractive living environment, and this applies to the single- and multi-family buildings alike.

The entire City is characterized by a various attractive and interesting residential and recreational facilities as well as natural areas, local sports facilities with a diverse range of activities such as the possibility to get to indoor and an outdoor swimming-pools in the urban area.

In addition, a wonderful lake invites you to relax on the sunny days. Rest and relaxation can also be found in our nationally-known nature reserves and along the Rhine promenade. The local clubs and associations offer some good after-work-opportunities for relaxing with friends and family.

The neighborhood of Voerde supplies in numerous shops and offices sufficient goods services for the daily use. All the suppliers are rapidly accessible because of good traffic situation. Everything can be reached within an acceptable walking distance. Carefully organized restaurants offer various international culinary delights. The newly created shopping center of Voerde offers numerous shops that invite for a well-doing shopping spree.



Good address Voerde



Event at the moated castle



district  
Wesel



City centre by night



Aerial image of house Wohnung

Voerde is connected by its own railway station to the national highway beginning in Oberhausen and ending in Amsterdam. So that we can guarantee a wide traffic network. The neighboring town Wesel can be reached within 15 minutes by bus, train or car.

The airports of Dusseldorf and Weeze are approximately 35 km away from Voerde, and can be reached within 45 min. by train bus and car. The proximity of the motorways A3, A 57 and A 59 and their feeder roads insures a direct connection to the nationwide highway network.

The nurseries in Voerde offer distinguished services for children in pre-school ages. The care takes place all day long. Midday snacks or hot lunches can be eventually booked. There are seven primary schools for children from 6 to 10 years. These schools can also supply a full-day care of children. The children have the opportunity to eat after the school, participate in various offers and do their homework in the afternoon at school and in a friendly atmosphere.

High schools are also located in Voerde to ensure the possibility to start and enjoy the surrounding colleges and universities. Further education institutions, like a community college or public libraries are available as well.

## The City as a mentor and partner

### Twin City Alnwick

In the year 1969 an exchange of teens from Voerde and Alnwick came about for the first time. Since that time the connection got stronger and stronger and it was no more limited on teens. With increasing frequency groups of inhabitants of Voerde visit Alnwick, respectively they welcome english guests here in Voerde.

Even on the carnival parade in Voerde Alnwick is represented.

Per joint signature of the partnership on the 29. August 1979 the long friendship was as well officially sealed.



Emblem of Alnwick

### Mentor City Krickerhau

After the second world war a stream of refugees with a bigger group of the slovak municipal Krickerhau came to Voerde.

The first people from Krickerhau who settled in Voerde trailed other people behind and soon there was something like a colony from Krickerhau.

Inhabitants and new inhabitants harmonised and the cohabitation was excellent. For the people from the east Voerde became no temporary station but rather a new home-municipal and "Krickerhau" became a household word for Voerde.

Per council order from the 17.th of september 1957 Voerde took the sponsorship for the municipal Krickerhau. For this reason Voerde was the first municipal in the federal republic of germany who took a sponsorship for a former german municipal in the east.

It was lucky for both because Voerde got many hardworking and reliable people and the new inhabitants from Krickerhau were glad to be admitted in the City with their traditions and custom.



Emblem of Krickerhau

## timetable

- Voerde takes place at the roman and franconian age at the Furt
- 1344** first time documentary mentioned as a fiefdom and castle abbey Werden
- 1652** Class and jurisdiction as „Glory„ of brandenburgischen mercy
- 1804** Loss of this „Glory“ - it became part of the department Götterswickerhamm, that Napoleon renamed to a "Mairie" (mayors office)
- 1815/1816** receives for the first time in its history municipal self administrative laws as a municipality within the prussian mayors office – constitution
- 1911** successor name of Götterswickerhamm to „mayors office Voerde"
- 1922** enlargement of the municipal area because of the combination of Möllen, Spellen and Voerde as a new municipal
- 1928** exchange of the mayors office-dignity of the municipalities association into the label „department Voerde„
- 1950** because of the combination of the whole municipals of the former department Voerde develops the new „municipal Voerde„
- 1974/1975** municipal rearrangement - Voerde stays independent
- 1981** Voerde becomes a City
- 1983** entry of the new townhall
- 1997** election of the full-time mayor
- 2006** 25-year existence of the City

## points of interest

### Former Townhall

The former townhall of Voerde was built 1914 in the style of the neo-classicism. The public administration was based here until 1983. Since 1985 it is used as an old's people home.



## Former mayorhouse

Alike the former townhall this building was built in 1914. In contrast to the building of the public administration the freestanding mayor mansion was built in a country style.

Until 1944 the house was used as a mayor flat. Afterwards the public administration was based here aswell. Today it is located to the old's people home.



Former mayorhouse

## Moated castle „house Voerde“

It is sure that the moated castle was built before the year 1200. It was a fiefdom of the abbey Werden. 1668 the tower was built. You can read the date in big numbers at the masonry. The castle was in possession of the city Dinslaken but when the the former department Voerde developed to the new „municipal Voerde,, in 1950 house Voerde was a present from Dinslaken to Voerde.

Nobody can escape from the attraction of the moated castle and the appeal grows constantly for guests and as well for the inhabitants. Going a long way towards to it, is the groomed parc and the idyllic picture of the pool with its swans and ducks around the castle.



moated castle „house Voerde“

House Voerde as a historical beauty spot and cultural heart is certainly an exhibit of this sweet small city.

In its hall are a lot of events like theater plays, poetry readings, art exhibitions, family celebration and lots of other events.

A restraurant is located in the basement of the castle. The good cooking of it is popular. On the first floor you can find the register office where young pairs can experience unforgettable moments. *(have aswell a look at page 8 „Getting married in voerde “)*

## tower „house Storchennest“

A lot of trippers know the old milltower with the octagonal far overcoming belvedere at the exit of Götterswickerhamm called „Storchennest“. The today's architecture reflects the changeful history and building forms which are typical of the time.

The last owner of the mill was Wilhelm Schiefelberg. At 1900 lack customers and competition of motor-driven mills caused Schiefelberg, to shut down the mill. The building was not useful for other purposes and so it was abandoned to deterioration. Grinder, the millhood and the mill sail disappeared but the tower was still standing. 1924/1930 the stub was rebuilt to a belvedere like you can see it today. Until 1967 a well known restaurant catering for day-trippers was located here. Today „house Storchennest“ is in the ownership of a private person.



house Storchennest



house Wohnung

## „House Wohnung“

In front of the huge cooling-tower of the hard coal-fired power station contrasts the monument „House Wohnung“ with its baroque onion dome on the accompanying tower. Plenty wondered about the name but here is the explanation: according to a document from 1327 the first owner of this medieval place of residence for knights was called „Arnd van der Wonyngen“. This „Hus Wonyngen“ became end of the 16th century „House Wohnung“ (the word „Wohnung“ means flat in english). But at that time it simply ment „the big house“. The mansion consists of a mighty central part of the building out of bricks. „House Wohnung“ is surrounded of the Rotbach-streem, remains of the revolving ditch and the bailey out of the medieval.

Since 1994 the mill from „House Wohnung“ is regularly active. Even the landscape garden including the gardens and bridges are cognisable preserved. The site is in the ownership of a private person.

## churches

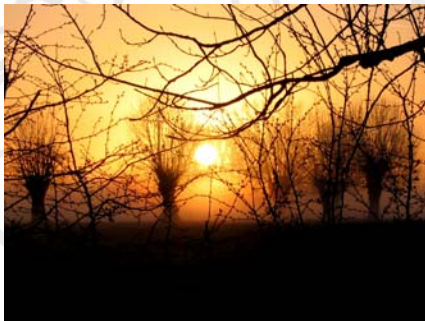
The history of a City is aswell the history of its churches. Lots of essays were written about the church-history of Voerde. Resulting from the big space you can find in Voerde lots of churches partly old or partly more recent. Almost every district has churches for the catholic and evangelic confession or at least parishioners which assimilate harmonical in the cityscape.



Chuch in Götterswickerhamm

## Nature reserve „Momm-Niederung“

The Momm-Niederung is extended in the western of Voerde. About 600 ha permanent-grassland-area are located near to the rhine-villages Götterswickerhamm, Mehrum and Löhnen. In the marginal area you can find grass-land with old fruit trees. The more remote places are characterized by many hedges and trees which have a charactical cut called „headcut“ (see pictures below).



Beach Soccer in the openair bath



Carnaval parade in Voerde



Diving course



Bicycle path at the Rhine

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*A wonderful day you  
will never forget*



*Wasserschloss  
Haus Voerde*

## Getting married in Voerde

The register office of Voerde is situated in the romantic moated castle „House Voerde“. Bridal couples can enjoy the dreamlike view on the groomed parc inclusive pool. A restaurant is located in the basement of the castle where you can celebrate your wedding party. The good cooking of it is popular and there is enough space for almost 200 persons. Marriage ceremonies in this historical monument are favoured as well outside the envelope.

Newlyweds can consolidate their marriage by planting a tree near to the castle. But the treeplanting is not limited only for Newlyweds. Beside bridal couples from Voerde other citizens who have a special day in their life (like a silver or gold wedding, a child or any other occasion) are called up to celebrate the special occasion by planting a tree. So the day can be kept in a special memory.



ballroom

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