

# Keeping the Line Open - A Journey Through Time

July 24 to August 15, 2023  
Switzerland and Germany

*"What would Nightingale do?"  
Kaiserswerth, 2023*

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# July 29, 2023

## Crossing the Border

The journey to Kaiserswerth began by **tram** in Bern, Switzerland: [Trams in Bern - Wikipedia](#)

From Bern station, accessed the rail system via **Swiss Travel Pass**, to Zurich Main, and to Zurich Airport.

I chose to take a plane to Dusseldorf by **Eurowings** instead of **Eurail**.

Arrived in Kaiserswerth, to the north of the city of Düsseldorf and next to the river Rhine: [Kaiserswerth - Wikipedia](#)

A taxi driver was a friendly English-speaking man from Israel. I requested a 2 hour tour after check-in, and arranged another 2 hour tour prior to a 2 pm Sunday church service.



# Kaiserswerth, the City of Düsseldorf

July 29 to August 3, 2023 Stayed at the MutterHaus:

[History - Hotel MutterHaus Düsseldorf \(hotel-mutterhaus.de\)](https://hotel-mutterhaus.de)

July 30, 2023 Attended Sunday Service in Japanese:

[デュッセルドルフ日本語キリスト教会 Japanese Evangelische Gemeinde Düsseldorf e.V. \(duskyokai.wixsite.com\)](https://duskyokai.wixsite.com)

August 1, 2023 Met Dr. K. Stückrath

[Kaiserswerther Diakonie: kaiserswerther-diakonie.de | Kaiserswerther Diakonie Düsseldorf \(KWD\)](https://kaiserswerther-diakonie.de)

August 2, 2023 Met Nurse Midwife Z. Davidopoulou

[Florence-Nightingale-Krankenhaus Düsseldorf-Kaiserswerth](https://www.florence-nightingale-krankenhaus.de)





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inklusive an Bord (Bier und Softdrinks 0,5 Liter oder Rot- oder Weisswein, Rosé 0,2 Liter, Kinder inkl. 0,3 Liter Softdrink). Zusätzliche Getränke in gleicher Größe können gegen Aufpreis von 3,00 EUR an Bord erworben werden.



### ERWACHSENE

1-fache Fahrt  
Hin- und Rückfahrt

16,90 EUR  
28,90 EUR

### FAMILIENKARTE

(2 Erw. + max. 2 Kinder von 4-13 Jahre)

1-fache Fahrt  
Hin- und Rückfahrt

42,90 EUR  
54,90 EUR

### KINDER 4 - 13 JAHRE

1-fache Fahrt  
Hin- und Rückfahrt

9,50 EUR  
17,90 EUR

Kinder bis einschl. 3 Jahren in Begleitung eines Erwachsenen fahren gratis.



## ABFAHRTSZEITEN - DEPARTURE TIMES

### Kaiserswerth nach Düsseldorf

*Kaiserswerth to Düsseldorf*  
Abfahrt Kaiserswerth  
Departure Kaiserswerth  
Circa eine Stunde Fahrtdauer / Travel time one hour

	1. Fahrt <small>1st Cruise</small>	2. Fahrt <small>2nd Cruise</small>	3. Fahrt <small>3rd Cruise</small>
	13:30 <small>1.30 pm</small>	16:30 <small>4.30 pm</small>	---
	12:30 <small>12.30 pm</small>	15:30 <small>3.30 pm</small>	18:30 <small>6.30 pm</small>

Mittwoch bis Freitag

Samstags, Sonntags und Feiertage  
Weekends and public holidays

WEISSE FLOTTE  
Willkommen

# Kaiserswerth, the City of Düsseldorf

July 30, 2023

Rode a taxi to the church, back to Kaiserswerth by tram [Trams in Düsseldorf - Wikipedia](#) to navigate through the City of Düsseldorf, by **Regional Line**, obtained a 3-day pass. No easy access to reach the church located the other side of the river Rhine

August 2, 2023

Test ride on Regional Line from Kaiserswerth to Benrath-Btf, meeting place for a 4+hours ride to Stuttgart on August 3, need to arrive at 9 am.

Brief visit @Schloss Benrath [Stiftung Schloss und Park Benrath \(schloss-benrath.de\)](#) Back on time from Benrath-Btf, the appointment @ the Birthing Center of Nightingale Hospital



# August 3, 2023

## Departing from Kaiserswerth, the City of Düsseldorf

Stopped at the Hotel Mutterhaus chapel, a couple doors from my room, no chance to meet anyone using this small place for prayer.

Breakfast buffet open from 7 am, packed breakfast (+ lunch).

Walked to Kaiserswerth Tram station, took one toward Dusseldorf downtown, reached underground Main station, then transferred.



# Schonblick, The City of Stuttgart

August 3 to 6, 2023

Attended 4 days Japanese-speaking  
Christian Summer Retreat:

One of the speakers was Rev.  
Funakoshi from Odessa, Ukraine.

[Schönblick | Christliches  
Gästезentrum Württemberg -  
Schönblick \(schoenblick.de\)](https://schoenblick.de)

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\(europetsudo.net\)](https://europetsudo.net)





# The City of Stuttgart

August 6 to 8, 2023

Stayed with Alex, German friend. We took multi-media classes together @ Berkeley City College, Peralta Community College a long time ago.

Spent two nights of catching-up, including a visit to her parents' cemetery, tree burial, simple plates of their names/dates of birth and death on the chosen tree: [Waldfriedhof Stuttgart – Wikipedia](#)

No navigation/planning required for me as Alex is a longtime resident. She picked me up from the retreat center and make sure that I was inside of **Eurail**, bound for the City of Kassel (one transfer at Frankfurt): [Eurail German Rail Pass | Eurail.com](#)



# Babelplatz, The City of Kassel

August 8 to 14, 2023,

Stayed at an old apartment Airbnb, hosted by artist family. Greeted by the portrait of Joseph Beuys, [Stiftung 7000 Eichen](#) Peaceful place for a new beginning.

As a public health nurse, one of the principles I've kept is to be humble and open to new challenges:

***"If I know what I do NOT know, I am OK. If I do NOT know what I do NOT know, I am in trouble."***

The same principle would apply here, but at a much smaller scale. Learning/understanding new languages could be painful necessity.



# Friedrichsplatz The City of Kassel

If there were no COVID-19 lockdown in March of 2020, I would never have learned about Josef Beuys or the city of Kassel.

I sat on a chair, overlooking Beuys' trees and beyond, imaging how time has been passing as a gentle breeze:

[Kunst - Raum - Kirche Birthe Blauth in der Elisabethkirche Kassel 2022: Poem of Pearls \(kunstraumkirche.de\)](#)





# August 14th, 2023 Departing from the City of Kassel

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# August 15th, 2023 Departing from Frankfurt Airport

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