

Germany - Kaiserslautern

Völklingen Ironworks (UNESCO World Heritage)

The most popular industrial monument in Germany for international visitors is the World Cultural Heritage Site at the Völklingen Ironworks. The Völklingen Ironworks represents a century of steel and labour. The Cologne engineer Julius Buch founded it in 1873. Under the management of Karl Röchling it became Germany's largest producer of steel girders. In its heyday, 20,000 workers transformed ore from Lorraine and Sweden into iron using coal from the Saarland. The works was one of the most modern industrial plants in Europe. It was inscribed in the World Heritage List in 1994 as the first industrial monument.

See also the image [Völklinger_Hütte,_Einzelbilder_reworked](#)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Völklingen_Ironworks

(also in other languages)

<http://www.voelklinger-huette.org/en/welcome/>

<http://www.initiative-voelklinger-huette.de/cms/>

(in German, but many images)

<http://www.hfinster.de/StahlArt2/archive-VoelklingerHuette-de.html>

(images in black/white)

<http://www.die-voelklinger-huette.de>

(many images)

<http://www.erih.net/index.php>

(European Route of Industrial Heritage – very interesting! With many sites also in your country!)