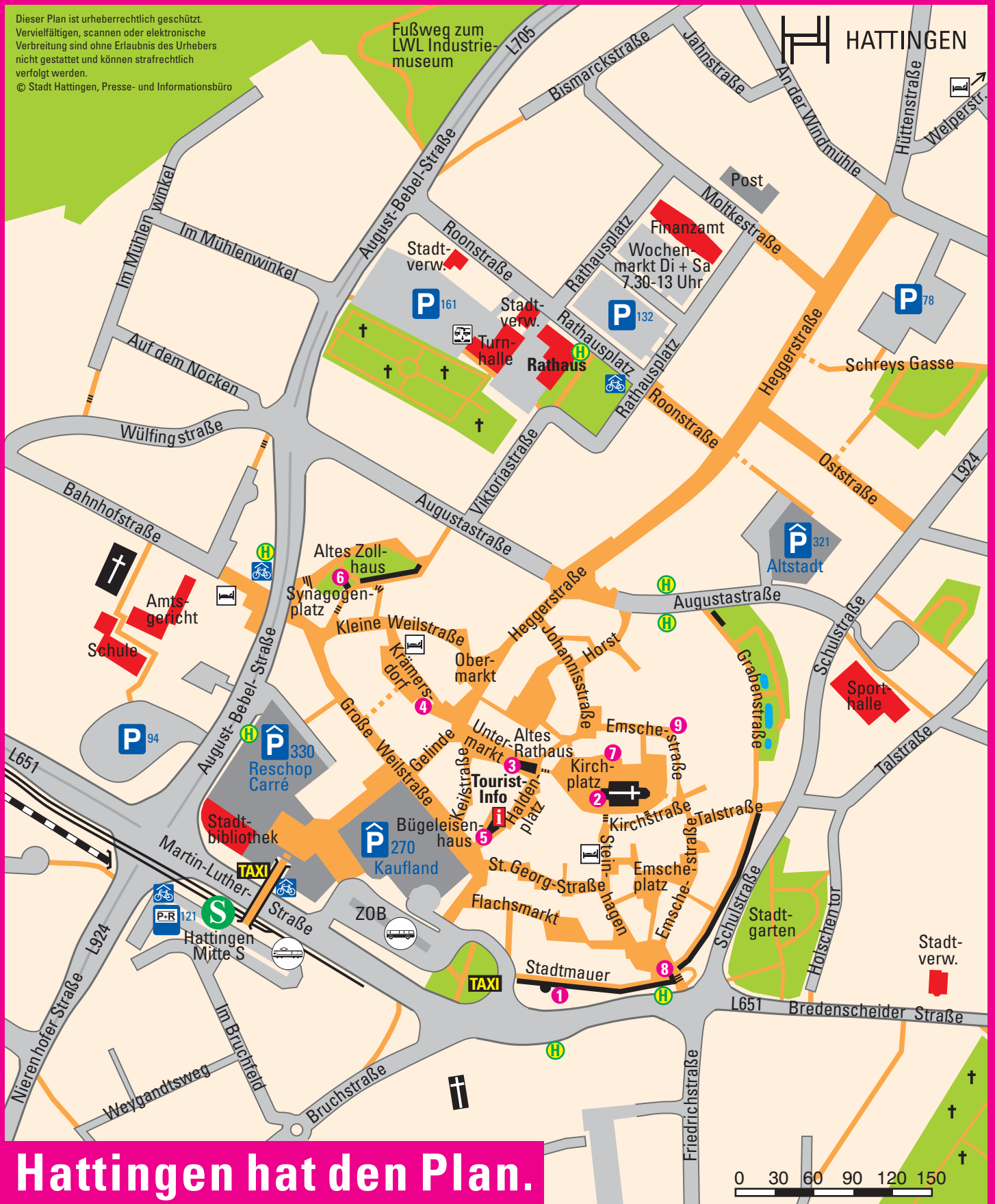


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# Get In Touch With Six Centuries of History

Go for a stroll along the alleys of our former Hanseatic town and discover its medieval centre, which is one of the most picturesque to be found in Germany!

The 143 restored half-timbered houses and historical monuments, with the church square preserved as a unit, have a unique flair. Furthermore, Hattingen's beautiful surrounding countryside invites you to come and explore.

If you're interested in an informative and entertaining tour through the historic town, simply meet our guide in front of the old town hall on Saturdays at 3 pm.

Guided tours for groups may be booked at any time. Please state the expected number of participants and the desired date. Tours normally take 90 minutes, but as it is our policy to put our guests first, we are always prepared to adapt to your specific interests and needs.

We are looking forward to meeting you!

## ① The Town Wall

In 1586 the original palisade, which had been in existence since 1396, was replaced by a town wall with 5 gates and 7 defence towers. Around 1820 the town defence had to be demolished, so that Hattingen could outgrow its narrow medieval confines. Close to the town wall the 3 „iron men“ by the Polish artist Zbigniew Frackiewicz symbolize the fight for Hattingen's steel industry.

## ② St. George's Church

Originally built as a large romanesque church around the year 1200, it was burned down during the capture of Hattingen in 1424 and later rebuilt as a gothic church. About 1810 it was converted into a neo-classical one-nave church.

## ③ Old Town Hall

Built in 1576 on the foundations of a former covered meat market, it served as a local history museum from 1932 onwards. Since 1993, following extensive renovations, it has been used as a cultural centre by the town council.

## ④ The Reformed Johannis Church

Formerly the town wine house, this historic building was acquired by the reformed congregation and converted into a church building by the addition of a bell tower which was completed in 1737. The nave of the church was destroyed during heavy bombardment in March 1945; only the bell tower could be preserved.

## ⑤ The "Bügeleisenhaus" (iron-shaped house)

Built in 1611, this half-timbered house is regarded as the most remarkable building of its kind in Hattingen and was once the home of our local poet Otto Wohlgenuth. Today it serves as a local history museum and shows exhibits from the excavations at the Isenburg (medieval castle).

## ⑥ The Toll House

Hattingen's smallest half-timbered house was erected on the foundations of an old defence tower in 1820 and was originally used by a blacksmith. Its name derives from a mistake regarding its original purpose.

## ⑦ The Latin School

Documents show that Hattingen had a Latin school as early as 1400 which was converted into a Lutheran Protestant town school in 1584. The existing house was built in 1721 on the property of a former mint, which had already been used as a school since 1627. It served as a Protestant Latin school until 1801.

## ⑧ "The Steinhagantor"

Hattingen received a new town gate in the year 2003. This new entrance to the Steinhagen and to the old town was created by Voré, an artist from Ettlingen, as a symbol for Hattingen's iron and steel heritage.

## ⑨ The Almshouse

This site has been a settlement for nearly 600 years. The current building was erected in 1781. It was initially used as a hospital and then served as an almshouse until 1919.

