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1. Geographical location

The city of Hamburg is the second largest city in Germany, the first being Berlin. Widely known as the “Gateway to the World”, it is situated by the river Elbe, at the confluence with Alster and Bille. Hamburg is situated over an area of 755 square kilometers and has a population of over 1.7 million people. Hamburg is the second largest port in Europe and a transport hub. The neighbouring island of Neuwerk, Scharhörn and Nigehörn are also a part of Hamburg.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Some Of The Major Cities Near Hamburg Are Schenefeld (12.2 Kms), Ahrensburg (21.2 Kms), Bremen (94 Kms), Hanover (132 Kms), Brunswick (147 Kms) And Kiel (132 Kms). Like Most Cities In Germany, All These Cities Offer Picturesque Views And Are Worthy Of Your Time.



3. Significance

Hamburg is one of the most important cities of Germany. Being the second largest city of the country and port of Europe, Hamburg is one the prime centers of media and various industries like steel, aluminum and copper manufacturing plants. It has enjoyed the status of a highly important financial center for centuries. The Berenberg Bank is the world's second oldest bank and is situated in Hamburg. Hamburg is also an important tourist destination. It has also been deemed as the 16th most livable place in the world in 2015.



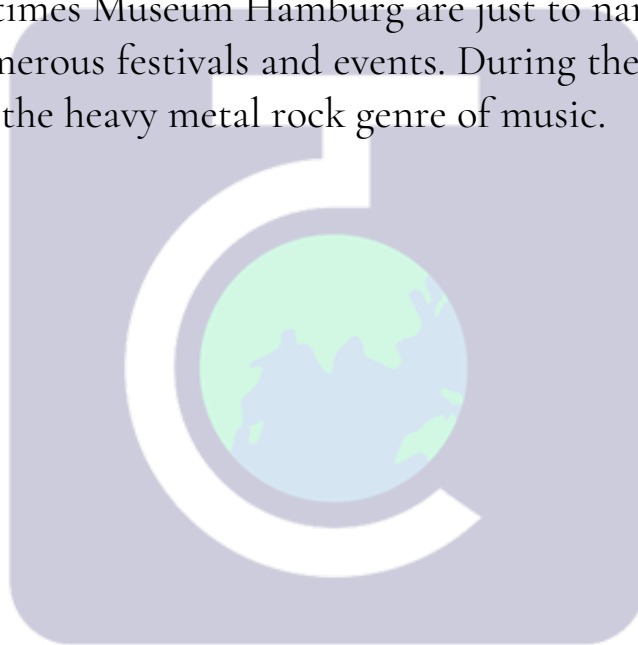
Index**4. History**

During the year 834, Hamburg held the seat of the bishop and functioned as the bishopric. Historically, Hamburg has been conquered multiple times. In 1350, the Black Death killed 60% of the population of Hamburg. Hamburg also suffered a lot during the Second World War with several air raids by the RAF. Hamburg is also historically important due to the fact that the legendary band Beatles started their career in Hamburg's music club during 1960-62.



5. Cultural identity

Hamburg is an important center for media and entertainment. The city is the house to more than 40 theatres, 60 museums, and over 100 music venues and clubs. The English Theatre of Hamburg is the oldest English theater in Germany. The city has numerous museums dedicated to classical and contemporary art. The Kunsthalle Hamburg, the Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe and the The Internationales Maritimes Museum Hamburg are just to name a few. Hamburg is also noted for its numerous festivals and events. During the 1980s, Hamburg was also a main center of the heavy metal rock genre of music.



6. Natural resources

Natural resources in Hamburg include bituminous coal, lignite (brown coal), copper, nickel, natural gas, iron ore, uranium, salt and construction materials. The country imports most of its raw materials.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Internationales Maritimes Museum Hamburg

Located in a former harbor warehouse, the International Maritime Museum exhibits extensive maritime collection in the form of stories of explorers and conquerors, paintings, weapons and uniforms from 3,000 years ago. It started as a private collection house of Peter Tamm, a nautical enthusiast but has rightfully become the biggest private collection of its kind in the world today. It is built across 10 floors with a specific theme like shipbuilding, maritime art and marine research.

Address : Koreastrasse 1, 20457 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 20457

Location : 53.543154, 9.9996293000000038

Contact : +49 40 30092300

Website : <https://www.imm-hamburg.de>

Nearest Public Transport : Messberg Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €12.50 Students, handicapped and unemployed: €9 Group of 10+ people: €9 per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. St. Michaelis Kirche

The Michel, as the locals call it, St. Michaelis Kirche is among the 5 main Lutheran churches in the city and is acknowledged as one of the finest Hanseatic Protestant baroque churches. The church is a distinctive landmark in the city and its 132 meters tall church tower seems to follow you everywhere. Lovers of architecture should definitely visit it.

Address : Englische Planke 1, 20459 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 20459

Location : 53.5484126, 9.978881099999967

Contact : +49 40 30092300

Website : <https://www.st-michaelis.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Michaeliskirche Bus Station

Entry Fee : Tower: Adults: €5 Child: €3.50 Crypt: Adults: €4 Child: €2.50 Combo Ticket: Adults: €7 Child: €4

Open & Close Timing : May to October: Daily 09:00hrs-19:30hrs November to April: Daily 10:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Miniatur Wunderland

Miniatur Wunderland (Miniature Wonderland) is the largest model railway in the world allowing you to watch realistic, computer-controlled railway operations with incredible craft and detail. The miniature replica is the brainchild of 2 brothers: Frederik and Gerrit Braun. Opened to the public in 2000, it stands among the major tourist highlights of the city.

Address : Kehrwieder 2-4/Block D, 20457 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 20457

Location : 53.5437292, 9.988515699999994

Contact : +49 40 40 300 6800

Website : <https://www.miniatur-wunderland.com>

Nearest Public Transport : Messberg Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €13 Children under 16 years: €6.50 Children smaller than 1 meter/3 feet (accompanied by a parent): Free admission Groups of 15 people: €12 per person Seniors (65 and above): €11 (on presentation of ID) Students / Handicapped / Conscripts / Alternative civil service: €9 (on presentation of ID) Wheelchair User: €5

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Mahnmal St. Nikolai

Those who wish to see the historic side of the city should plan a visit to the St. Nikolai Memorial which is built over the remains of St. Nikolai's Church. It

commemorates the victims of the war that took place between 1933- 1945 and also serves as a cultural meeting place with frequent concerts, lectures, and films highlighting burning social conflicts. This memorial museum is divided into 3 parts: a museum, a church as well as an observatory on the top of the old church.

Address : Willy-Brandt-Straße 60, 20457 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 20457

Location : 53.54748139999999, 9.990647200000012

Contact : +49 40 371 125

Website : <https://www.mahnmal-st-nikolai.de>

Nearest Public Transport : Rödingsmarkt Subway Station

Entry Fee : Tower: Adults: €5 Child: €3 Group of 10 persons: €4 each

Open & Close Timing : May to September: Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs October to April: Daily 10:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Townhall

Hamburg Town Hall dominates the city center with its impressive architecture and a fabulous history. Built in 1897, the Town Hall is located in the Altstadt quarter and is the seat of the Government of Hamburg. It has seen a rather chequered history as it was destroyed in a great fire of 1842 and then during the Second World War.

Address : Rathausmarkt 1, 20095 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 20095

Location : 53.55038339999999, 9.992368599999963

Contact : +49 40 428 312 064

Nearest Public Transport : Jungfernstieg Subway Station Rathausmarkt Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €14 Children (under 14 years): Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Museum für Hamburgische Geschichte

Hamburg Museum or the Museum for Hamburg History is a mirror to the rich and vibrant past of the city. Located near the Planten un Blumen Park, the museum is housed in one of the iconic buildings of Hamburg and is visited by thousands of people from far and wide.

Address : Holstenwall 24, 20355 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 20355

Location : 53.55118359999999, 9.9732042000000055

Contact : +49 40 428132100

Website : <https://www.hamburgmuseum.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Museum für Hamburgische Geschichte Bus Station

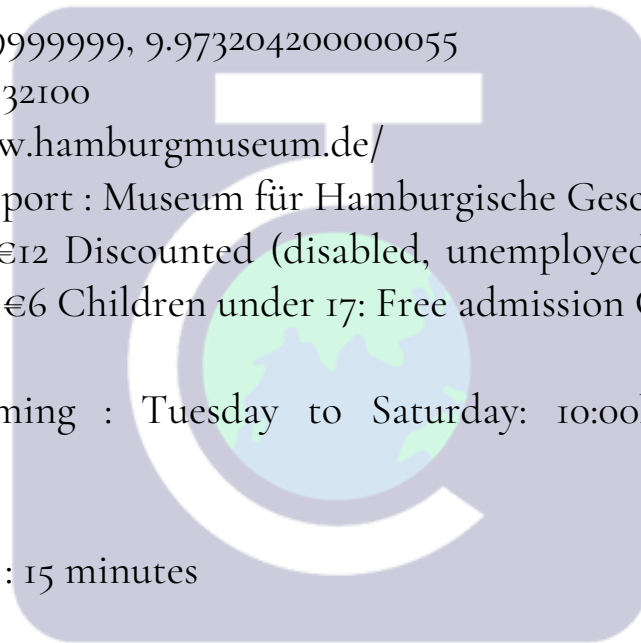
Entry Fee : Adults: €12 Discounted (disabled, unemployed, trainees, university students aged 18-27): €6 Children under 17: Free admission Groups of 10 or more: €10 per person

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



7.1.7. Tierpark Hagenbeck

Spread across an area of 19 hectares, Tierpark Hagenbeck is a popular animal park and aquarium in the city. It is an abode to approximately 1,850 animals from every continent, including one of Europe's biggest elephant herds and species from polar regions. The animal park also has an excellent play area and a fairyland miniature railway. It is a great place for a family outing, especially if you are traveling with kids.

Address : Lokstedter Grenzstraße 2, 22527 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 22527

Location : 53.5965764, 9.9383146000000012

Contact : +49 40 5300330

Website : <https://www.hagenbeck.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Deelwisch Bus Station

Entry Fee : Zoological Garden: Adults: €20 Children under 16: €15 Groups of 10 or more: €18 per person Tropical-Aquarium: Adults: €14 Children under 16: €10 Groups of 10 or more: €12 per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. Museum für Völkerkunde Hamburg

Tagged as one of the largest ethnological museums in Europe, Museum für Völkerkunde comprises of objects from North and South America to Africa, Europe, and the whole Asian continent, to Australia and the Pacific Islands. Browse through the unique documents, 300,000 images, and the wide-ranging books and periodical collections of the museum library. Founded in 1879, the museum is today visited by approximately 180,000 people every year.

Address : Rothenbaumchaussee 64, 20148 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 20148

Location : 53.5685296, 9.989205900000002

Contact : +49 40 4288790

Website : <https://www.voelkerkundemuseum.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Museum für Völkerkunde Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €8.50 Disabled, unemployed, apprentices, students 18 and older: €4 Groups of 15 or more: €6 per person Children up to 17: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Thursday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs Monday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.9. Jenisch Haus

Jenisch House (Jenisch-Haus) is a country house in Hamburg built in the 19th century and is an example of Hanseatic lifestyle and neoclassical architecture. Standing as one of the most beautiful historic buildings in the city, it is located in

a spacious landscape garden on the banks of the Elbe. The rooms on the ground floor are available for parties and weddings.

Address : Baron-Voght-Straße 50, 22609 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 22609

Location : 53.552674, 9.86578899999995

Contact : +49 40 828790

Website : <https://www.jenischhaus.org>

Nearest Public Transport : Marxsenweg Bus Station Baron-Voght-Straße (Mitte) Bus Station

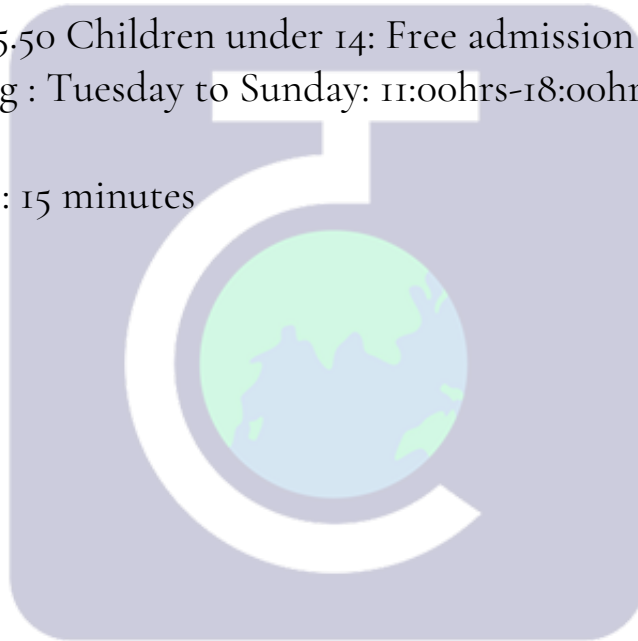
Entry Fee : Adults: €5.50 Children under 14: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Pflanzen un Blumen

Spread across an area of 47 hectares, Park Pflanzen un Blumen is a famous public park in the heart of the city. The park's gardens include the Japanese Garden, the botanical garden and an apothecary garden where you can learn about the healing powers of various plants. Park Pflanzen un Blumen is the perfect place to enjoy floral displays. A major highlight of the place is the spectacular water light and music shows by the park's lake.

Address : Holstenwall, 20355 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 20355

Location : 53.5528485, 9.9744392000000006

Contact : +49 40 428544723

Website : <https://pflanzenunblumen.hamburg.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : S-Bahn Dammtor/U3 St. Pauli

Open & Close Timing : May to September: 07:00hrs-22:00hrs October to March: 07:00hrs-20:00hrs April: 07:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



7.2.2. Chilehaus

The Chilehaus or the Chile House is among the most important architectural monuments of the city with immense historical significance. The 10-storey building was constructed from 4.8 million bricks in 1924 and stands as a fine example of Brick Expressionism style of architecture dating back to the 1920s and is worthy of a visit.

Address : Fischertwiete 2, 20095 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 20095

Location : 53.54799999999999, 10.001600000000053

Contact : +49 40 349 194 247

Website : <https://www.chilehaus.de>

Nearest Public Transport : Messberg Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Friedhof Ohlsdorf

Friedhof Ohlsdorf (Ohlsdorf Cemetery) is Europe's largest cemetery and world's biggest non-military cemetery. Spread across an area of 400 hectares, it is visited by approximately 2 million people from across the world every year. It is famed for its beautiful scenery, gorgeous sculptures, and many graves of celebrities.

Address : Fuhlsbüttler Str. 756, 22337 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 22337

Location : 53.61453179999999, 10.037233900000047

Contact : +49 40 593880

Website : <https://friedhof-hamburg.de>

Nearest Public Transport : Feuerbergstraße Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : April to October: Daily 08:00hrs-21:00hrs November to March: Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Alster Lakes

The Alster Lake is a body of water made up of the Außenalster (Outer Alster) and the Binnenalster (Inner Alster). With a size of 164 hectares, Alster is one of the main attractions of Hamburg and encircled by trees, parks and magnificent buildings which lend the area a unique charm. It also has a lot of cafés and restaurants around where you can enjoy a snack or drink with a lovely view of the lake. Water sports are also a very popular on the Alster Lake. During winters, sometimes the lake freezes over to an extent that thousands of people can go for a stroll across the ice.

Address : Jungfernstieg, 20534 Hamburg

Zipcode : 20534

Location : 53.56805560000001, 10.00583329999995

Nearest Public Transport : Böttgerstraße Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Fischmarkt

If you are in Hamburg on a Saturday morning, you might want to pay a visit to the famous Fish Market (Fischmarkt). The market is the meeting point for early risers and night owls and attracts over 70,000 visitors to the Elbe every Sunday. Here you can find fresh fish, fruit baskets and tropical flowers among other things. Don't be surprised if you find yourself drinking a pint and dancing around as you discover that the market is not just about plants and vegetables.

Address : Fischmarkt 2A, 22767 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 22767

Location : 53.5454047, 9.953089999999975

Contact : +49 40 428116070

Nearest Public Transport : Fischauktionshalle Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : November to March: Monday to Saturday:
07:00hrs-09:30hrs Sunday: 05:00hrs-09:30hrs April to October: Daily
05:00hrs-09:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Hauptkirche St. Jacobi

Centrally located, St. Jacobi Church is among the 5 main churches of Hamburg. It was rebuilt in the typical North German brick stone Gothic style in 1350. The church has 3 medieval altars: Holy Trinity Altar, St. Peter Altar and St. Luke Altar. The Minister's Room, which once served as a library, is also worthy of notice.

Address : Jakobikirchhof 22, 20095 Hamburg, Germany

Zipcode : 20095

Location : 53.550456, 10.000469999999995

Contact : +49 40 3037370

Website : <https://www.jacobus.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gerhart-Hauptmann-Platz Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-19.00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

If you are into skateboarding, BMX or mountain biking, Hamburg is definitely a great location for you.

- **Skateboarding -**

Address : Hamburg-Mitte, Spaldingstraße 131, 20097 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5514713,10.0231853999999

Contact No : +49 40 234458

Website : <http://i-punktskateland.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Hamburg Berliner Tor Subway Station

Entry Fees : Below 18 years: €3 Above 18 years - €4

Open / Close Time : Monday and Thursday 15:00hrs-20:00hrs Tuesday 15:00hrs-22:00hrs Wednesday and Friday 15:00hrs-00:00hrs Saturday 13:00hrs-20:00hrs Sunday 14:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Wait Time : 20 minutes

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Hamburg is aptly known as the Germany's sport capital. The city has the largest number of international league teams and events. The Hamburg SV is the oldest club of Bundesliga - the German football league. Football is apparently the most primary sport in Hamburg and the city has its own massive stadium called the Volksparkstadion. Hamburg also has an ice hockey club known as the Hamburg Freezers. Besides ice hockey, Hamburg also has a handball team - HSV Hamburg that represents the city in the handball league. The city also has a lacrosse club known as the Hamburg Warriors. The city also has a massive Tennis Court - Am Rothenbaum. The city also hosts equestrian events at Reitstadion Klein Flottbek.

- **Volksparkstadion:**

Address : Sylvesterallee 7, 22525 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5871279,9.898600399999964

Contact No : +49 40 41551887

Website : <http://www.hsv.de/arenawelt/volksparkstadion/>

- **Am Rothenbaum:**

Address : Hallerstraße 89, 20149 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.57363609999999,9.991578900000036

Contact No : +49 40 411780

Open/Close time : Monday to Friday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Closed on Saturday and Sunday

10. Spas and relaxation

Relax and unwind as a whole host of special world class spa services are available in Hamburg.

- **DAY SPA - Gastwerk Hotel Hamburg:**

Address : Beim Alten Gaswerk 3, 22761 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5627058,9.9189215999999976

Contact No : +49 40 89062572

Website : <https://www.gastwerk.com/hotels-hamburg/>

- **Vier Jahreszeiten Spa & Fitness:**

Address : Neuer Jungfernstieg 9, 20354 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5557061,9.991648499999997

Contact No : +49 40 34940

Website : <http://www.hvj.de/en/spafitnessclub.php>

- **Emotion Spa:**

Address : An der Alster 52, 20099 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5583323,10.007461400000011

Contact No : +49 40 21001040

Website : <http://www.lemeridienhamburg.com/de/fitness-spa>

- **Club Olympus Spa & Fitness:**

Address : Bugenhagenstraße 8, 20095 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5510404,10.002993000000006

Contact No : +49 40 33321736

Website : <http://hamburg.park.hyatt.com/hyatt/pure/spas/>

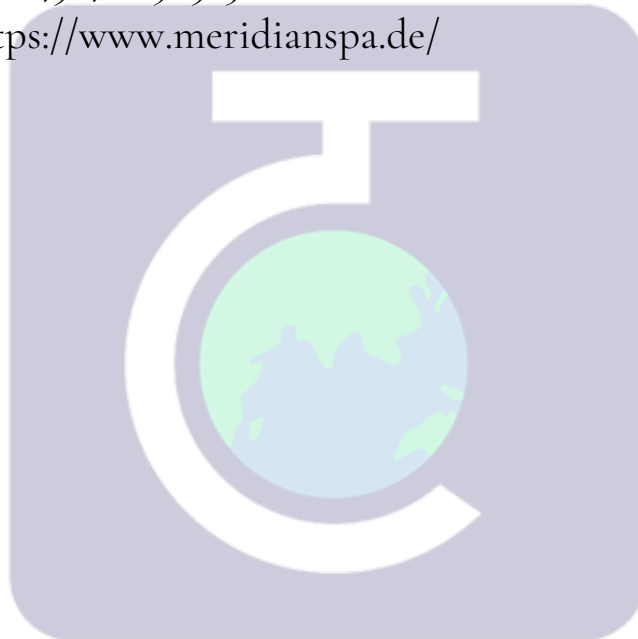
- **MeridianSpa Alstertal:**

Address : Hamburg, Heegbarg 6, 22391 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.6527977,10.092886399999998

Contact No : +49 40 658913000

Website : <https://www.meridianspa.de/>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Hamburger Dom (Frühlingsdom)

This is the biggest folk festival in Hamburg. It happens thrice a year. The Spring DOM presents lots of fun games and thrilling adventures among other things.

The fair is held at Heiligengeistfeld fair ground and attracts millions of people.

Elbjazz Festival


On the last weekend of May, jazz fans come together at the Port of Hamburg to celebrate the spirit of jazz. It attracts national and international artists from far and wide who play various styles of jazz.

Hafengeburtstag Hamburg (Port anniversary)

An annual public festival to celebrate the anniversary of the port of Hamburg. This maritime feast dates back to 1189 and is recognized as the world's greatest port festival.

Alstervergnügen

**It is the city's largest summer festival going strong since the last 30+ years. It lasts for 4 days in late August and offers various cultural events, live performances, delicious food, sport activities and fireworks.
Hamburger Dom (Frühlingsdom)**



**This is the biggest folk festival in Hamburg. It happens thrice a year. The Summer DOM presents lots of fun games and thrilling adventures among other things. The fair is held at Heiligengeistfeld fair ground and attracts millions of people.
The Reeperbahn Festival**

**The largest club festival in the country, The Reeperbahn Festival presents more than 400 music concerts (performing folk, jazz, pop, rock and contemporary) and over 70 media-related events. The festival is also an important business platform for international music and media companies.
Hamburger Dom (Frühlingsdom)**

This is the biggest folk festival in Hamburg. It happens thrice a

year. The Winter DOM presents lots of fun games and thrilling adventures among other things. The fair is held at Heiligengeistfeld fair ground and attracts millions of people. Weihnachtsmärkte (Christmas Market)

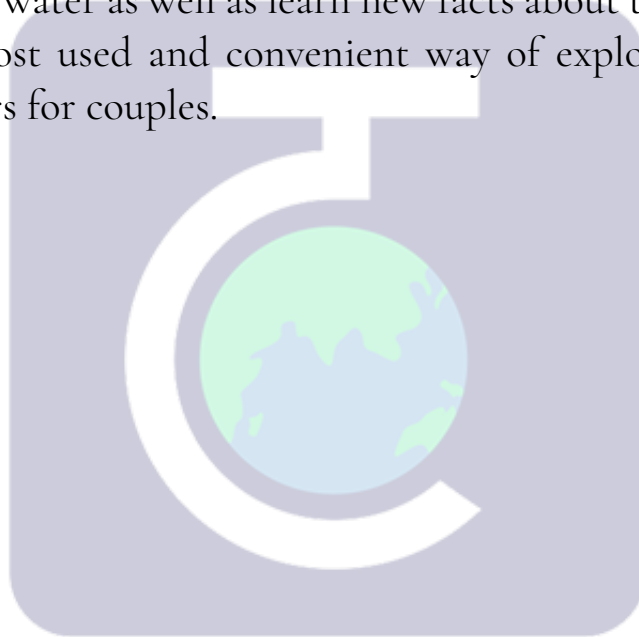


Germany is home to colorful Christmas traditions and Hamburg is no different. The celebrations are annually held during Advent and continue until Christmas. Apart from the fancy stalls selling artifacts and souvenirs, visitors get to enjoy hote wine, baked apples and the delicious ginger cake.

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12. Key local guides and tours

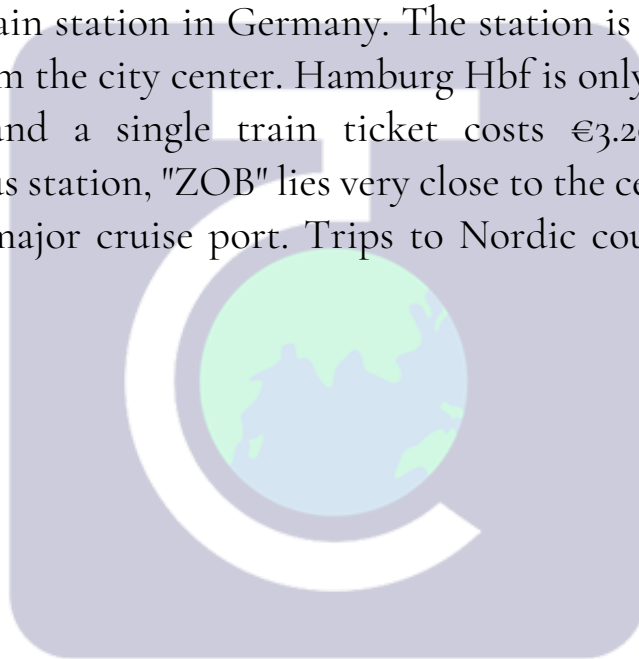
To make the most of your trip to Hamburg, you may enlist the help of a local guide which can help you understand about the history, art and culture of the city better. The tours are custom priced to your specific reservation. Two best tour guides in the city are Jutta Hulsmann and Denise Faessel. Hamburg has a variety of tours to suit your needs and explore the city. The Harbor cruise allows you to explore the city from water as well as learn new facts about the city. Hop On Hop Off tours are the most used and convenient way of exploring the city. It also special romantic tours for couples.



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13. Transportation hubs

Airport Hamburg airport, HAM is the 5th largest in Germany. The airport is well connected to the city by S-Bahn S1 which runs every 10-20 minutes. Single fare is €3.20. Children from 6 - 14 years can buy a ticket for €1.20. A taxi to city center takes less than half an hour and costs €30 approximately. Railway Station The main railway station in Hamburg is Hamburg Hbf, The Hauptbahnhof. It is among the busiest train station in Germany. The station is centrally located and is just 10 minutes from the city center. Hamburg Hbf is only 25 minutes from the Hamburg Airport and a single train ticket costs €3.20 only. Bus Station Hamburg's central bus station, "ZOB" lies very close to the central railway station. Port Hamburg is a major cruise port. Trips to Nordic countries are offered in summer months.



14. Transportation cost

Public Transit in Hamburg is operated by Hamburg Public Transport Network (HVV) i) Buses HVV offers a wide-ranging bus network in Hamburg. A single ticket in Greater Hamburg Area costs €3.20 (adult) and €1.20 (children). A day ticket (for 1 adult and 3 children aged 6–14) costs €6.20 while a group ticket (For up to five persons of any age). If you plan to live in Hamburg for more than 5 days, you might also like a week ticket which costs €27.30 for one person. ii) S-Bahn and U-Bahn Trains Hamburg has 6 S-Bahn suburban lines, 4 U-Bahn underground lines, and 9 regional rail services. A single ticket in Greater Hamburg Area costs €3.20 (adult) and €1.20 (children). iii) Harbour Ferries Harbor ferries are operated by HADAG in cooperation with HVV. You can use a standard HVV ticket or the Hamburg Card on these ferry routes. iv) Bikes The biking culture in Hamburg is quite prominent. There are close to 100 bike stations in the city from where you can borrow a bike easily. Bikes can be rented for €12 a day. Hamburg Card If you are in Hamburg for sufficient time and plan to do a lot of sightseeing, Hamburg Card should come very handy and useful. It not only offers 50% off on public transport but discounted entry in museums, restaurants, theatres and many such attractions in the city. Single ticket prices in the Greater Hamburg Area are listed below: ● 1 day: €9.90 ● 2 days: €18.90 ● 3 days: €25.50 ● 4 days: €33.90 ● 5 days: €40.90

15. Baggage allowance

Free baggage limit for most buses/ trains in Hamburg is one item of hand luggage and two items of baggage (30 kgs combined weight approximately). Backpacks, however, are easy and most comfortable to carry around the city.



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Due to the city's proximity to the sea, it is among the best places to get fresh seafood in Germany. Almost every eating joint in Hamburg has fish and seafood options, and you can get a fish sandwich at any market in the city. It is also easy to find various types of crab, herring, lobster, and eel here. Among other local cuisines of Hamburg are Rote Grütze (a type of summer pudding), Bratkartoffeln (pan-fried potato slices), Frikadelle (pan-fried patty), Labskaus (a mixture of corned beef, mashed potatoes and beetroot) and Franzbrötchen (regional dessert pastry).



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

Don't leave hamburg without trying all their specialities and visiting their amazing restaurants. Hamburg's streets offers places where you can find amazing flavors and dishes from all over the world as well as the best of German cuisine!

Food -

Don't leave hamburg without trying all their specialities and visiting their amazing restaurants. Hamburg's streets offers places where you can find amazing flavors and dishes from all over the world as well as the best of German cuisine!

- **Restaurant Fischerhaus Hamburg:**

Address : St. Pauli Fischmarkt 14, 20359 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5458713999999,9.95572289999995

Contact No : +49 40 314053

Website : <http://www.restaurant-fischerhaus.de/index.php>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11.30hrs-23.30hrs

- **Casa Franco:**

Address : Neustadt. Rambachstr. 7, 20459 Hamburg

Location : 53.5451546,9.97599119999995

Contact No : +49 176 61332226

Website : <http://casafranco.de/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 05:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Estancia Steaks:**

Address : Altstadt. Große Reichenstr. 27, 20457 Hamburg

Location : 53.54824029999999,9.995554699999957

Contact No : +49 40 30384280

Website : <https://www.estancia-steaks.com>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs–15:00hrs and 17:30hrs–22:00hrs

- **east Restaurant:**

Address : Simon-von-Utrecht-Straße 31, 20359 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5512035,9.965521599999998

Contact No : +49 40 309933

Website : <http://www.east-hamburg.de/en/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday 06.30hrs-11:00hrs and 18:00hrs-23:00hrs Friday 06.30hrs-11:00hrs and 18:00hrs-00:00hrs Saturday 18:00hrs-00:00hrs Sunday 17:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Restaurant Nil:**

Address : Neuer Pferdemarkt 5, 20359 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5563149,9.963383399999999

Contact No : +49 40 4397823

Website : <http://www.restaurant-nil.de/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday 06.00hrs-10:30hrs and 18:00hrs-22.30hrs Friday, Saturday and Sunday 06.00hrs-10:30hrs and 17:30hrs-22:30hrs

- **Restaurant Haerlin im Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten:**

Address : Neuer Jungfernstieg 9-14, 20354 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5556601,9.991437600000004

Contact No : +49 40 34943310

Website : <http://www.restaurant-haerlin.de/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday 06.30hrs-21:30hrs

- **VLET in der Speicherstadt:**

Address : Am Sandtorkai 23, 20457 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5435318,9.99300249999998

Contact No : +49 40 334753750

Website : <http://en.vlet.de/en/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 18.00hrs-00:00hrs Sunday closed

- **Matsumi:**

Address : Colonnaden 96, 20354 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5574577999999,9.99012800000002

Contact No : +49 40 343125

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday 12.00hrs-14:30hrs and 18:30hrs-23:00hrs Sunday and Monday closed

- **Golden Pudel Club:**

Address : Altona, St. Pauli Fischmarkt 27, 22767 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.546147,9.95777299999997

Contact No : +49 40 31979930

Website : <http://www.pudel.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 23:00hrs-06:00hrs

- **Baalsaal:**

Address : Hamburg-Mitte, Reeperbahn 25, 20359 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.55004049999999,9.966124199999967

Contact No : +49 176 70486814

Open / Close Time : Friday and Saturday 22:00hrs-05:30hrs

- **Café & Bar Amphore:**

Address : St. Pauli Hafenstraße 140, 20359 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5465576,9.958443900000002

Contact No : +49 40 31793880

Website : <http://www.cafe-amphore.de/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-late Monday closed

- **Angie's Nightclub:**

Address : Spielbodenalp. 27, 20359 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.549157,9.963373999999993

Contact No : +49 40 31778811

Open / Close Time : Friday and Saturday 22:00hrs-04:00hrs

- **Cotton Club:**

Address : Alter Steinweg 10, 20459 Hamburg, Germany

Location : 53.5504905,9.982007599999997

Contact No : +49 40 343878

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday 20:00hrs-00:00hrs Friday and Saturday 20:00hrs-00.30hrs Sunday 11:00hrs-02:30hrs

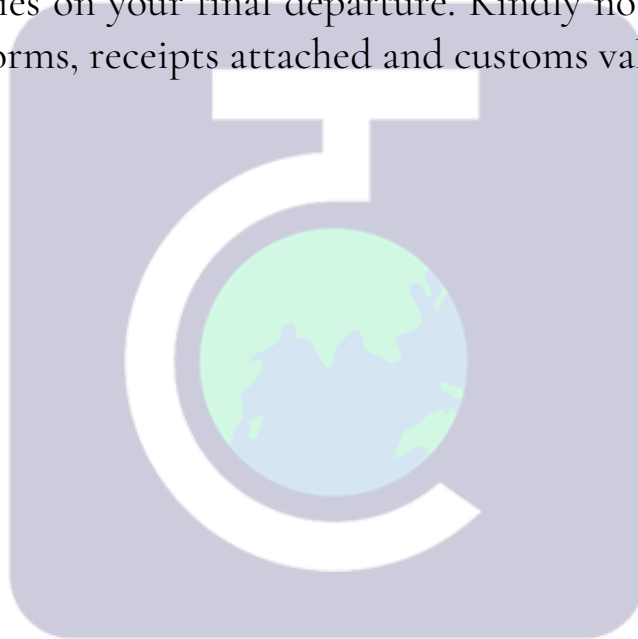
18. Average meal cost

● 3-course meal at an inexpensive Restaurant: €9 ● 3-course meal at a mid-range restaurant: €50 ● Combo meal at McDonalds or equivalent: €7 ● 0.5 liter draught beer: €4



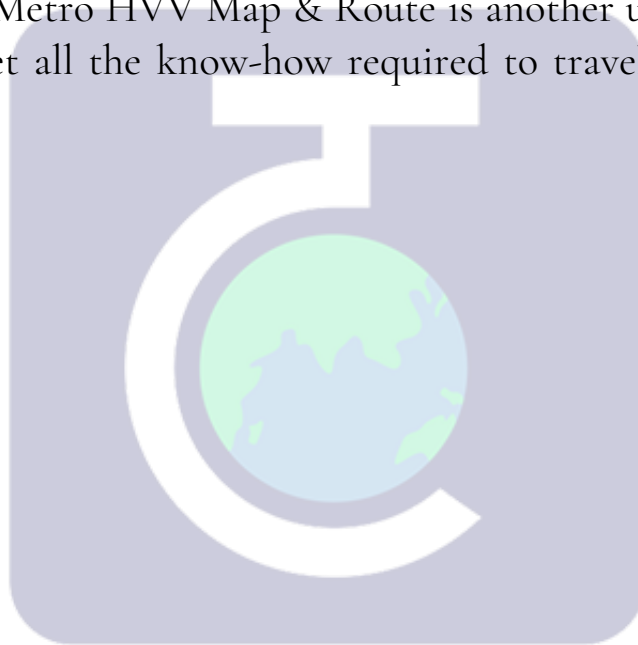
19. Tourist benefits

In Germany, the VAT rate is 19%. If you are a non EU citizen, you are eligible for a VAT refund provided you spend a minimum of € 25 on goods that you export within 90 days of your purchase. To avail this benefit, all you are required to do is look for stores with tax free shopping signboard, get the VAT refund form from the store at the time of your purchase, fill it out carefully and get it stamped from the customs authorities on your final departure. Kindly note, there is no refund without completed forms, receipts attached and customs validation.



20. Essential local apps

The Hamburg app on android is the official travel app for Hamburg. The app is also available on iTune store and provides offline maps, audio tips, boat finder with over 1500 tips on local tourist attractions carefully selected by the Hamburg Tourism department. StratRad Hamburg is another useful app that lets you hire a bicycle. Cycling is the preferred way of commute in Hamburg for shorter distances. Hamburg Metro HVV Map & Route is another useful app on android that will help you get all the know-how required to travel using the Hamburg Metro.



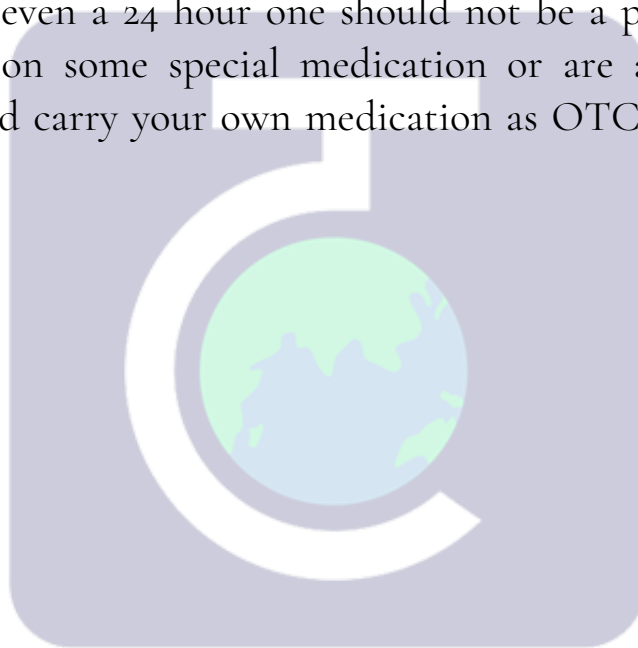
21. Driving

The legal driving age in Hamburg is 18. However, drivers must usually be over 21 (sometimes even older) to rent a car in the city. Before driving in Europe, you will need an International Driving Permit (IDP) in addition to your driving license. While driving in the city, make sure you do not cross the cobblestone bike path. The locals take biking very seriously and it may cause a quarrel on the street.



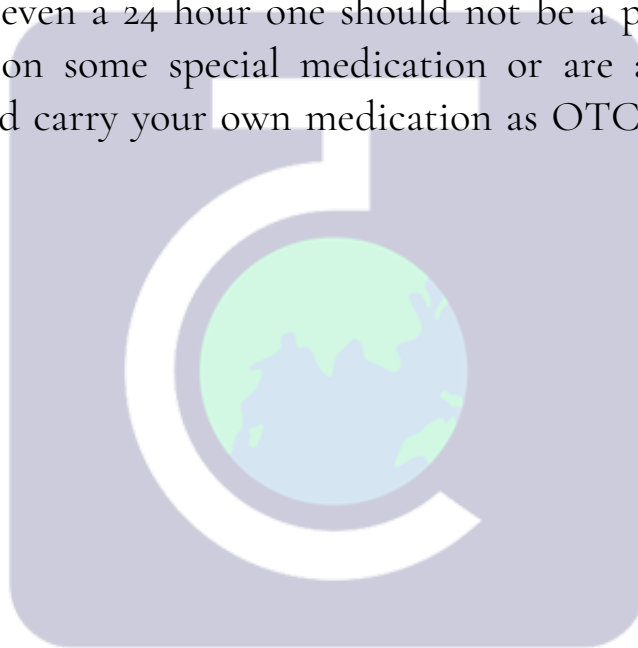
22. Travel essentials

Like most of continental Europe, Germany is on the 220-240 Volts. Electrical sockets (outlets) in the country are of "Type E" French style CEE 7/5 Schuko. If the plug of your appliances does not match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter during your stay in Hamburg. Most battery chargers have a built-in voltage converter, but you will need a socket adapter anyway. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Hamburg, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.



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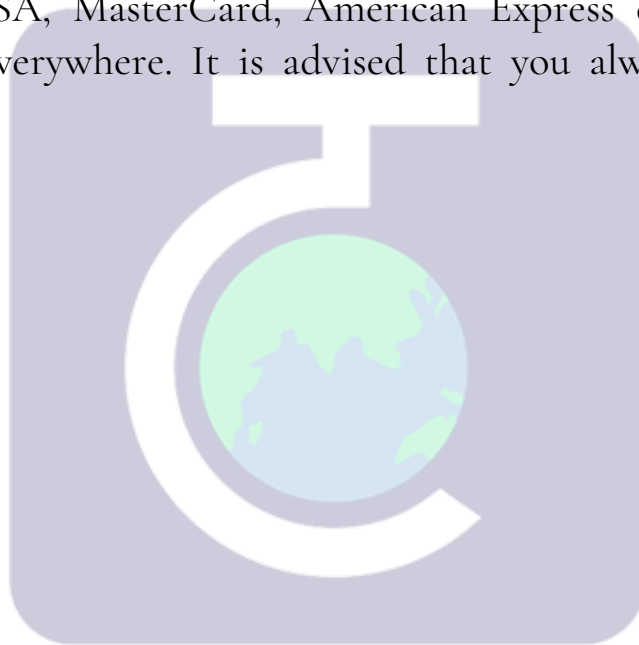
24. Local currency

The official currency of Germany is Euro (€). 1 USD = €0.90.



25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

For international money transfers and currency exchange, you must check out exchange bureaux located in the various banks. ATM machines are scattered all around the city and it is not difficult to find one for cash withdrawals. Credit card charges and ATM withdrawals will most likely incur a 1.55.0% conversion factor plus a small percentage as ATM withdrawal fees. Almost all major credit cards (including VISA, MasterCard, American Express etc) are accepted in Hamburg but not everywhere. It is advised that you always carry some cash handy.



26. Staying connected

There are several Wi-Fi spots in the city and also you can get free Wi-Fi in most hotels and hostels. There are 4 major mobile network providers in Hamburg: ● Telekom ● Vodafone ● E-Plus ● O2 There is a standard mobile network (GSM/GPRS/3G) in the country and you should check beforehand if your phone is compatible, especially if you're coming from the US. If you plan to stay in Hamburg for a longer period of time, you might as well consider buying a German SIM card.



27. Time Zone

Hamburg follows CET (UTC/ GMT +1 hour). Daylight Saving Time is in effect from March till October.



28. Languages

German, the official language of Hamburg, Germany is the most commonly spoken language in the city. However, since the city attracts many international tourists, English is also widely spoken and understood. Except for some of the city's administration offices, you should be fine with English at almost every restaurant, shop, hotel and tourist attraction.



29. Political Scenario

Due to the fact that Hamburg is a city, state and a municipality, the Government of Hamburg deals in all kinds of state and community politics. The system is divided into executive, judicial and legislative branches. The First mayor and President of the Senate is the official head of the governing system. Hamburg follows the Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany. A senator of Hamburg is the presiding minister of a Behörde which basically means a ministry. The current First Mayor of Hamburg is Olaf Scholz.



30. Economic Scenario

Financially, Hamburg has always been an important center. The place has shown good economic stability with a GDP of €85.9 billion in 2007. It has a high employment rate of around 88% with the average income being over €30,000. Being the commercial center of Germany, Hamburg has always been a prime banking center. The city also has the second largest port on the planet - the port of Hamburg. It ships cargo and goods above 100 million tons every year. The city also thrives on its tourism industry which brings in revenue worth €9 billion per year from over 4 million visitors.



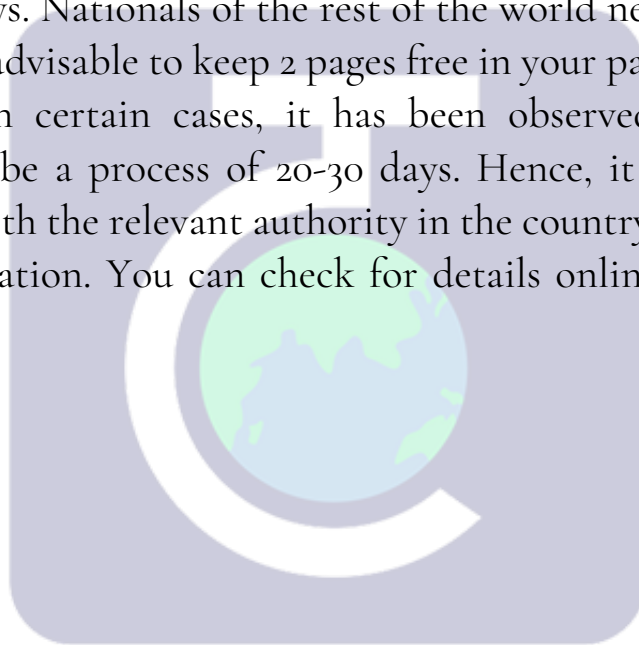
Index**31. Religious belief**

Hamburg reported around 30% of its population following the North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church and another 10% following the Roman Catholic Church. The city also has a high concentration of muslims with over 200,000 following the religion, out of which 50,000 are reported as Alevis.



32. Visa requirements

If you have a Schengen visa, you can stay (but not work) in Hamburg for three months. EU nationals with residence permit may stay for as long as they like and can enter with a valid EU identity card too. However, registration at Bürgeramt office is mandatory for stays exceeding a few months. Nationals of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA and a few others can visit Hamburg with a valid passport for a period of 90 days. Nationals of the rest of the world need to apply for a visa to visit the city. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. You can check for details online at: <http://www.vfs-germany.co.in/>



33. Essential vaccination

Before your visit to Hamburg, make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines like measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox, polio and seasonal flu. Depending on the duration of your stay and the country you are traveling from, you might need vaccines for Hepatitis A and B.



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

Germany is a relatively safe country and the crime rate is not alarming at all. However, when dealing with strangers, it makes sense to keep your wits about you. The city is never really abandoned but petty crimes such as pickpocketing and snatching are often heard of. If you keep tabs on your possessions and apply common sense you should not face any problems. If you are travelling alone, avoid secluded places at night. It is also advised you do not keep too much cash with you.



35. Embassy/Consulate

For any emergencies, foreign tourists can get assistance at their home embassy in Hamburg. You can find the complete list of foreign representations in Hamburg at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/germany>



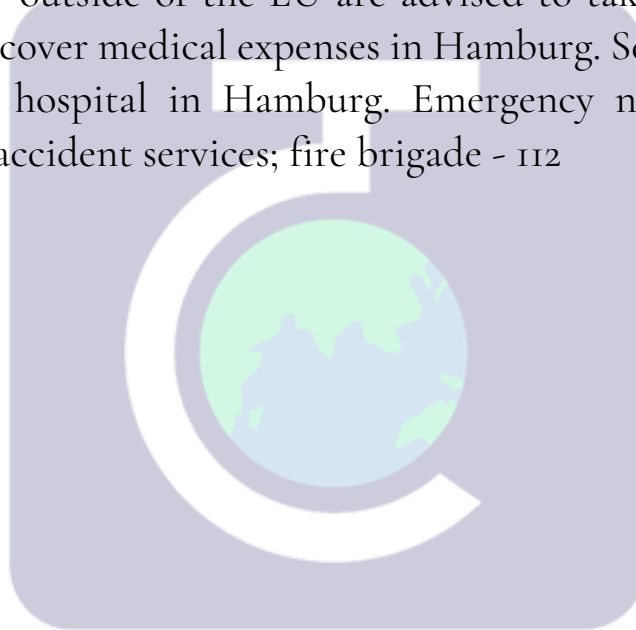
36. Accessibility

Most railway stations in Hamburg, be it local or inter-city have accessibility for disabled people. Some regional companies even provide their services at reduced cost for the disabled and the majority of trains, trams and other forms of public transport are designed to be wheelchair friendly for the disabled. Buses in Hamburg carry extra ramps with special seating areas dedicated to wheelchair users. Museums and other tourist attraction in Hamburg also try to provide complete accessibility to the disabled by offering various special facilities.



37. Emergencies

Having a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will provide you access to the city's public healthcare system at greatly reduced cost. Since the EHIC won't cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, it is advised that you have adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. Visitors who come from a country outside of the EU are advised to take out a valid, private medical insurance to cover medical expenses in Hamburg. Sean Hamburg Aellbec Hospital is a major hospital in Hamburg. Emergency numbers: Police - 110 Medical emergency/ accident services; fire brigade - 112



Index**38. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's ● Do carry your passport and ID card at all times. ● Do lock your bike properly. ● Do carry cash along. A lot of restaurants and shops do not accept credit cards. ● It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. ● It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Don'ts. ● Do not leave your valuables unattended. ● Do not walk in bicycle lane. You may get hit. ● Do not spit on the road.



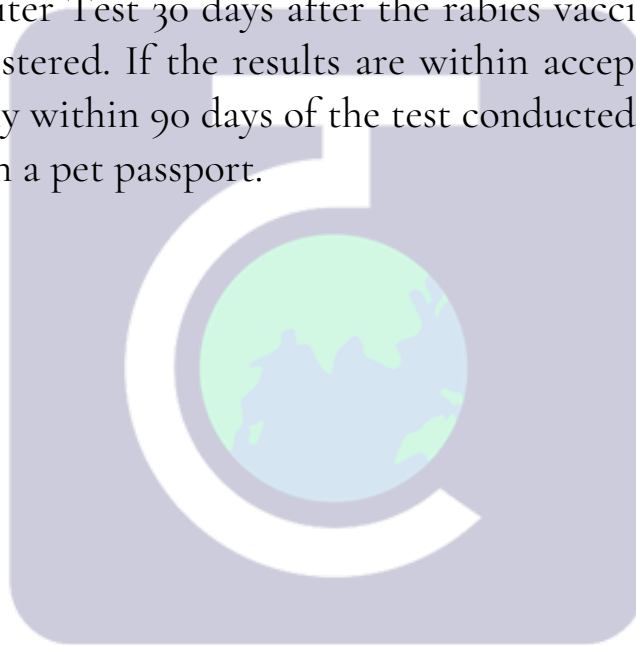
39. Tipping basics

VAT and service tax are generally included in restaurant bills all across the country. Still, it is typical to add 5-10% to the total or round it up. It is common to tip taxi drivers 10% over the fare.



40. Pet info

Germany is a pet-friendly country. There are, however, certain rules and regulations that you must adhere to before bringing pets into the country. i) Pet Microchip Your pet should be microchipped with an ISO 11784 pet microchip ii) Proper Vaccination After the microchip, your pet will need a rabies vaccination, especially if you're traveling with them from a rabies-free or rabies-controlled country. iii) Blood Titer Test 30 days after the rabies vaccination, a Blood Titer Test must be administered. If the results are within acceptable limits, your pet can travel to Germany within 90 days of the test conducted. Pet owners from EU are required to obtain a pet passport.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Set on the Elbe River, Hansestadt Hamburg provides for a unique German experience. Whether you are a history buff, an epicure, a culture enthusiast, or a shopaholic, Hamburg has something for everyone. Being a port city, Hamburg is all about water. Sitting beautifully on the banks of the Elbe River, the city offers various opportunities for boat tours in the harbour. Not to forget, port towns are almost always synonymous with a happening nightlife. If you are enthusing about clubbing, the city won't disappoint. All in all, a beautiful and culturally rich city that is sure to woo you with its flair and maritime charm!



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