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Sights

Alster Lake (Binnenalster)

This huge lake is a fundamental part of Hamburg’s cityscape and gives the city its unique ambience. It was developed in the 13th century by blocking a tributary of the Elbe River. Covering an area of around 400 acres / 160 hectares, the Aussenalster (Outer Alster) is nearly completely encircled by lovely green areas and other similar attractions, which are ideal for picnics or summer strolls. The Binnenalster (Inner Alster) covers around 50 acres / 20 hectares and has three main esplanades flanking its shores.

Open hours: Daily - 24 hours
Location: Jungfernstieg (all metro lines)
Admission: no charge

Old Elbe Tunnel (Alter Elbtunnel)

Old Elbe Tunnel or St. Pauli Elbe Tunnel (German: Alter Elbtunnel (coll.) or St. Pauli Elbtunnel (official name)) which opened in 1911, is a pedestrian and vehicle tunnel in Hamburg, Germany. The 426 m (1,398 ft) long tunnel was a technical sensation; 24 m (80 ft) beneath the surface, two tubes with 6 m (20 ft) diameter connect central Hamburg with the docks and shipyards on the south side of the river Elbe. This meant a big improvement for tens of thousands of workers in one of the busiest harbours in the world.

Four huge lifts on either side of the tunnel carried pedestrians, carriages and motor vehicles to the bottom. They are still in operation, though due to the limited capacity by today’s standards, other bridges and tunnels have been built and taken over most of the traffic.

In 2008 approx. 300.000 cars, 63.000 bicycles and 700.000 pedestrians used the tunnel. The tunnel is opened 24 hours for pedestrians and bicycles. For motorized vehicles opening times are currently Monday to Friday from 5.20 AM to 8.00 PM, on Saturdays from 5.20 AM to 4.00 PM.

Date: Daily - 24h
Location: At Landungsbrücken (U3)
Admission: No charge
Fish Market (Fischmarkt)

Thousands of people from all around the world are coming to the Fischmarkt at the Elbe river in Hamburg every Sunday morning. At the Fischmarkt you can meet some well-known locals. Two of them are “Aale Dieter” and “Vogel Jakob”. They are both real originals from the Hamburg Fischmarkt. It’s due to them that the Hamburg Fischmarkt is a special experience every Sunday.

Date: Every Sunday, 5 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
Location: At the bank of the Elbe river between Hafenstraße and Große Elbstraße
Landungsbrücken (U3)
Admission: No charge

St. Michaelis (Michel)

The baroque church of St. Michaelis is the signature landmark of Hamburg. "Michel", as locals like to call the church, was built between 1648-1661 and is the most famous church in the North of Germany; its white and golden interior seats 3000 people. Climb the spiraled top to enjoy sweeping views of the Hamburg cityscape and harbor.

Date: daily – 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
Location: Baumwall (U3)
Admission: 5,- €

Reeperbahn

This is where Hamburg lives it up at night. It's not all sleaze however, there are dozens of excellent bars and theatre attractions here, making it a magnet for all types. Open all night, the neon-lit street, which is one of the most famous stretches in the country, has seen many a tourist stumble out of a bar with no money left in his pocket. The unique atmosphere makes it well worth a visit.

Date: daily - 24 hours
Location: St. Pauli (U3) or Reeperbahn (S1, S3)
Admission: no charge
Attractions

HafenCity and Speicherstadt

Speicherstadt and HafenCity: for several years these two areas grew up together, until 2008 when they were united and became an official district of Hamburg. While the historical warehouse area of Speicherstadt has long shaped Hamburg’s cityscape with its brick, neo-Gothic architecture, the new development area of HafenCity, sits directly on the banks of the Elbe with an array of more modern designs. Currently HafenCity is the largest development project in Europe and expands Hamburg’s downtown by about 40%.

Location: metro station: Überseequartier (U4), Baumwall (U3), Meßberg (U1)

Blankenese

The stairs district of Blankenese with 5,000 steps is characteristic because of the many narrow winding alleys, beautiful houses and terraces on the slopes along the Elbe river. From the highest point, a beautiful view of the Elbe river opens up to the visitor. The Elbe beaches are very inviting for a walk. The former fishing village also boasts an interesting history, having been Danish, Austrian and Prussian at some point in history.

Location: metro station: Blankenese (S1)

Hamburg Fair

The Hamburg Fair “Hamburger Dom” offers colourful booths, nostalgic carousels and high-tech rides. Both Hamburg’s citizens and its visitors can have a wonderful time walking across the Heiligengeistfeld with its many exciting sights. Romantics will love the old horse carousels. Those who love illusions will be enchanted by good old show booths. Fans of speed can find excitement and thrills in modern high-tech rides. In addition to all these attractions you will also find delicious foods of all varieties, from small snacks to hearty menus.

Date: July 29 – August 27, 2015
Monday-Thursday (3 P.M. – 11 P.M.), Friday and Saturday (3 P.M. – 0 A.M.)
Sunday (2 P.M. – 11 P.M.)
Location: metro station: St. Pauli or Feldstraße (U3)

Hagenbeck Zoo

A visit to Tierpark Hagenbeck is always an unforgettable experience: For over 100 years, the 25 hectares of grounds have been delighting visitors of all ages with an amazing variety of botanical species, protected views, open-air enclosures and numerous cultural monuments. Discover over 1,850 animals from every continent – including one of Europe’s biggest elephant herds – and enjoy watching lots of animals moving around the park freely. Visit the show presentations and learn exciting facts about our animals – and maybe even try feeding an elephant or a giraffe yourself! Other highlights of Europe’s most charming zoo include pony rides, a fairyland miniature railway, a petting zoo and a large play area. During the summer, the park remains open until late into the evening and offers a highly varied range of events.
Opening hours: Daily 9 A.M. – 7 P.M.  
Enterance Fee: From 20 to 30 Euros

Cruise Ships

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Museums

Miniature Wonderland

Miniatur Wunderland (German for miniature wonderland) is the largest model railway attraction in the world. As of January 2011, the railway consists of 12,000 metres (39,370 ft) of track in HO scale, divided into seven sections: Harz, the fictitious city of Knuffingen, the Alps and Austria, Hamburg, America, Scandinavia, and Switzerland. The model takes 1,150 m² (12,378 sq ft).

By 2020, the exhibit is expected to have reached its final construction phase, including at least a total of ten new sections in a model area of over 2,300 m² (24,757 sq ft). The section covering an airport opened in May 2011. The exhibit includes 890 trains made up of over 11,000 carriages, 300,000 lights, 215,000 trees, and 200,000 human figurines. The creators will work on models of Italy and France now that the airport section is completed. The airport is named Knuffingen International Airport and is modeled after Hamburg International Airport.

Date: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (9:30 A.M. – 6 P.M.)
Tuesday (9:30 A.M. – 9 P.M.), Friday (9:30 A.M. – 6 P.M.)
Saturday (8 A.M. – 9 P.M.), Sunday (08:30 A.M. – 8 P.M.)

Location: Kehrwieder 2, Metro: Baumwall (U3)

Admission: 13,- €

Panoptikum

The Panopticum is Germany’s oldest and biggest wax museum. It has been founded in 1879 at the Reeperbahn and has been in the founder’s family eversince. The current owner is Dr. Hayo Faerber, the Great-grandson of the founder.

Until World War 2, the Wax Museum grew to over 300 figures, before it was destroyed in 1943. With the 28 figures that had been saved, the Panopticum reopened in 1948 and has been growing eversince. Today, it shows over 130 figures. Among them historical personalities, international celebrities and Hamburg's own stars and starlets.

Date: Monday – Friday (11 A.M. – 9 P.M.), Saturday (11 A.M. – 12 A.M.),
Sunday (10 A.M. – 9 P.M.)

Location: Spielbudenplatz 3, Metro: St. Pauli (U3)

Admission: 6,00 €

Hamburg Museum

The Hamburg Museum offers a comprehensive overview of the history of Hamburg: The entire first floor of the museum is devoted to a tour of Hamburg's vibrant history from the city’s beginnings in the small 9th century settlement Hammaburg until today. The exhibition provides fascinating insights into the development of the city and its economy, harbour and trade.

Date: Tuesday – Sunday, 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.
International Maritime Museum

The International Maritime Museum is housed in the heritage listed building, Kaispeicher B. Three thousand years' worth of maritime history are displayed on nine ‘decks’ with precious exhibits, model ships and paintings. There is an entire deck dedicated to marine research. Hand painted crown compasses and shining, golden sextants lead into an era in which a keen eye and steady hand were required to determine the course. A „signal station“ with Teletype machinery and signal codes demonstrates how seafarers communicated up until the twentieth century. Selected models show various strands of development in shipping: from Phoenician galley and Roman trireme to Viking dragon boats, from cog ships of the Hanseatic period and the explorer’s caravels to the last of the windjammers.

Date: Tuesday – Sunday, 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
Location: Koreastraße 1, Metro: Überseequartier (U4)
Admission: 12,50 €

Deichtorhallen (Contemporary Art)

The Deichtorhallen Hamburg is one of Europe's largest art exhibition venues, and includes the Haus der Photographie (House of Photography) as well as the exhibition hall for contemporary art. Two tumble-down former market halls, almost 100 years old: A private sponsor and the Berlin architect Josef Paul Kleihues transformed them into Europe’s probably largest and most attractive exhibition rooms. 6000 square metres of floor space are available – thanks to mobile walls with many subdivision options. Open steel and glass architecture highlight the spacious historic buildings which today offer room for spectacular, large-scale international exhibitions. Deichtorhallen Director Dr. Robert Fleck fills these rooms with international contemporary art grouped under particular headings – or with single shows on Warhol and Marc Chagall through to Haring. This catalogue of artists is also supplemented by star photographers such as Newton, Leibowitz or Penn.

Date: Tuesday – Sunday, 11 A.M. – 6 P.M.
Location: Wilstorfer Straße 71, Metro: Central Station (all lines)
Admission: From 5,00 - 9,00 €
Shopping

Europa Passage

With five decks, as the shopping levels are called here, a total of 16 floors (incl. garage and offices) and a length of 160 metres, the Europa Passage has the appearance of a luxurious cruise ship. It is the largest shopping centre in Hamburg's inner city. In the year 2007, the elliptical structure, designed by Hadi Teherani, received the renowned MIPIM-Award prize awarded for the category „Business Centers“. The Europa Passage is more than just a shopping mall. It is the cutting-edge focal point of downtown Hamburg and an elegant trendsetter in the city. On an area of 30,000 m² you will find about 120 different stores. On a walk through the passage you will meet many big brand names such as Esprit, H&M, Hilfiger, Oakley, Street One, Tom Taylor, Wormland, Zero, Hallhuber and Levis. Specialists such as Elkline for outdoor clothing, Kleidkunst with designer goods and Milano with Italian Fashion and ties, also wait for you. Whether you need groceries, flowers or hi-fi equipment, in the Europa Passage you will find everything. Exclusive brands like Bose mingle here with independent stores such as the Build-A-Bear-Shop, where stuffed animals are still made by hand or even designed by you. The C. Bechstein Pianofabrik displays its grand pianos, and in the Walentowski-Galerie you can admire original work by Udo Lindenberg – and even buy some.

Date: Monday – Saturday, 9 A.M. – 8 P.M.
Location: Ballindamm 40, Metro: Jungfernstieg (all lines)

Neuer Wall

The Neuer Wall is THE place for exclusive accessories, designer furniture and luxury fashion. On this street, over one kilometer long, and one of the ten leading shopping streets in Europe, one can find the most prestigious (and expensive) stores in Hamburg. The Neuer Wall was completely refurbished a few years ago. One can stroll along on the splendid broad sidewalks. The ambiance of Neuer Wall flawlessly suits the sophisticated stores. Neuer Wall is dominated by stores with international fashion labels. Lined up here are famous designers such as Escada, Jil Sander, Joop, Gucci, Louis Vuitton and St.Emile. Feminine women's fashion with a clear line can be found at Akris; Liz Malraux stands for elegant custom made pieces; and at Marc Cain one can find elegant yet natural casual clothing. Anyone who also wants to be surrounded by luxury can buy a HiFi system in a class of its own at Bang & Olufsen. More than just pens can be found at Montblanc; avant garde glasses at Brille Vue; and creative, colourful jewellery creations at Frey Wille. Well known traditional Hamburger stores such as Möhring, the oldest laundry house in Hanseatic city, the men’s outfitter Ladage & Oehlke or furniture store Bornhold offer the highest quality for discriminating costumers.

Date: Monday – Saturday, 10 A.M. - 7. P.M.
Location: Neuer Wall, Metro: Jungfernstieg (all lines)
Restaurants:

Recommendations

Cita Rasa (Indonesian Food)
Steindamm 71
Metro: Lohmühlenstraße (U1)

Restaurant in der Centrum Moschee e.V.
Böckmannstr. 40
Metro: Lohmühlenstraße (U1)

Ladies Restaurant
Steindamm- Ecke Böckmannstraße
Lindenstraße 1
Metro: Central Station (all lines)

ASPAVA Restaurant
Alter Postweg 31
Metro: Heimfeld (S3)

Sausalitos (Mexican Food)
Fischertwiete 2
Metro: Meßberg (U1)

Traditional German Cuisine:

Rheinische Republik

To be in Hamburg, and at the same time in Bonn, Cologne or Düsseldorf? No problem: just jump on Hamburg’s U3 underground train, get off at Rödingsmarkt, walk a few steps to the entrance of the Steigenberger Hotel and then onto the Fleetinsel. Here, where the Alster and the Herrengrabenfleet are straining to join the Elbe, the “Republic of Rhineland” is opening its doors.

Among the many photos from the Bonn era of Adenauer and his successors, you find Bavarian guests rubbing shoulders with Japanese, Scandinavians with southerners, men with women, ladies with gentlemen, and even – yes, you may be surprised – people from Cologne with people from Düsseldorf. So this extremely large but cozy pub is a place for lots of communication, encouraged by a beer or two, the extensive menu (Grünkohl [traditional kale dish] for €13.50, all kinds of soups for 4.90, rump steaks for 20.80), and a carefully selected choice of wines. The place is proud of its tasty schnitzels starting at €13.40, and six different types of Alsatian “flammenkuchen”.

Date: daily, 11 A.M. – 1 A.M.
Location: Stadthausbrücke 1, Metro: Rödingsmarkt (U3)

Schweinske
Düsternstraße 3
Reeperbahn 157
Metro: Stadthausbrücke (S1), Reeperbahn (S1, S3)

Hofbräu an der Alster
Esplanade 6
Metro: Stephansplatz (U1)
Hofbräu Wirtshaus  
Speersort 1  
Metro: Meßberg, Steinstraße (U1)

Blockbräu  
Bei den St. Pauli Landungsbrücken 3A  
Metro: Landungsbrücken (S1, U3)

Burgers  

Hans im Glück  
Lange Reihe 107  
Metro: Lohmühlenstraße (U1)  
Schäferkampsallee 1  
Metro: Schlump (U3, U2)

Burgerlich  
Speersort 1/Curienstraße 1  
Metro: Steinstraße or Meßberg (U1)

Jim Block  
Jungfernstieg 1-3  
Metro: Jungfernstieg (all lines)  
Dammtorstraße 29-32  
Metro: Gänsemarkt (U2), Stephansplatz (U1)

Italien  

L’Osteria  
Dammtorstraße 12  
Metro: Stephansplatz (U1) or Gänsemarkt (U2)

cantinetta ristorante & bar  
Am Sandtorkai 4  
Metro: Meßberg (U1)

Coffee/ Cafés:  

Speicherstadt Kaffeerösterei (Coffee Roast House)  
Kehrwieder 5  
Metro: Baumwall (U3)

Café May  
Lappenbergsallee 30  
Metro: Osterstraße (U2)

Some Must-Try Local Specialities:  

Fischbrötchen  
Consists of: Bun with slice of fish and mayonnaise  
Best eaten at: Fish Market (see above)

Franzbrötchen  
Consists of: Croissant with cinnamon and sugar  
Best eaten at: Any bakery (vary at each of them)
Public Transport in Hamburg

The Hamburg Public Transport Network (HVV) operates a comprehensive system of rapid transit and regional rail services and bus routes throughout Hamburg and its surrounding areas. There are also harbour ferries and night buses to complete their service. To help visitors out with their travelling costs there is a range of favourably-priced tickets on offer - for example, group tickets or one-day travelcards - as well as the Hamburg CARD and the Power Pass. The latter two entitle the holder not only to travel on public transport but also grant many further reductions on various cultural and leisure activities in Hamburg.

S-Bahn and U-Bahn Trains
The key element to Hamburg’s public transport system is the network of rapid transit and regional rail services focused on the city centre. There are four U-Bahn underground lines, six S-Bahn suburban lines and nine regional rail services to ensure rapid and direct links within the Hamburg region which are independent of the traffic on the roads. At the weekend and on public holidays the most important U-Bahn and S-Bahn rapid transit services run all night. At the same time there is a network of buses, consisting of many metro buses and some town bus lines which connect up with the rapid transit and rail services. More information: www.hvv.de

Buses
The rail network is complemented by an extensive range of bus services with metro buses (direct and very frequent services), express buses (more comfortable), sprinter buses and town or regional buses (connecting to stations and surrounding towns). More information: www.hvv.de

Harbour ferries
There are six ferry lines serving the harbour and the River Elbe. These routes have two-digit numbers starting at 61. You can therefore use your HVV ticket to “put out to sea” and even go on a little trip around the harbour. More information www.hadag.de

Getting around Hamburg by bike
If you prefer cycling you can use the public bike system “StadtRAD Hamburg” (CityBike Hamburg). There are around 80 stations where you can borrow a bike, and it is possible to return it at any other station. The first 30 minutes are free. You need a bank, credit or customer card. It is also possible to hire a bike by telephone. Hamburg is a very cycle-friendly city, with many wide avenues and bicycle lanes, as well as parks. For more information visit stadtrad.hamburg.de