



Hamburg

IN 24 HOURS

Known as the Gateway to the World, Germany's second city offers everything from awe-inspiring art to never-ending nightlife.

0900 HOURS

As a maritime city, Hamburg wakes up early, so you'll find everywhere open for business by 9am. Start your day with a lovingly brewed coffee at the artsy Erste Liebe Bar with its ever-changing artworks, just behind Fraser Suites Hamburg. Then take a walk through the centre to Café Paris, where "The Hamburg" breakfast (wholemeal nut bread with shrimp, herring, smoked salmon and scrambled eggs) makes for



an epic start to any day.

If you're around on a Sunday, make a beeline for the Fischmarkt (Fish Market) in St Pauli, a favourite local haunt since 1703. Open from 5am, this is where Hamburg's all-nighters and early risers get to meet.

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1200 HOURS

Hamburg is all about art and architecture. The city's Kunsthalle is one of the largest (and finest) galleries in Germany, with a wealth of European masterpieces from the Middle Ages on, while the Deichtorhallen showcases outre contemporary art and photography.

Hamburg's most out-there building is the Chilehaus, a paradigm of the short-lived 1920s Brick Expressionism style, while the historic warehouses of Speicherstadt and revived port of HafenCity are also must-visits.

For something a little different, head to Hamburg's cult football club, FC St Pauli. Even if your trip to Hamburg doesn't coincide with a home game, you can take a tour of the stadium.

Autumn visitors will also get to enjoy the St Pauli Food Truck Festival (Sep 5 to 8), the Hamburg Filmfest (Sep 27 to Oct 5), and the opening of the Christmas markets (from early November).

1700 HOURS

With most shops open into the evening, there's plenty of time for retail therapy. You'll find the usual high-street stores lining Mönckebergstrasse. For arts and crafts, walk the Karviertel district; for luxury designer pieces, wander Neuer Wall; and for idiosyncratic indie fashion, stroll the Schanzenviertel.

If shopping's not your thing, how about the world's largest model railway? Miniatur Wunderland lets you explore the incredibly detailed fictional city of Knuffingen from the perspective of a giant.

Getting peckish? Hamburg is a fish and seafood haven, where you'll find unstuffy restaurants like La Sepia (try the grilled cuttlefish). Meat lovers will enjoy Bullerei's sauce-slathered steaks and the beef roulade at Parlament.

2000 HOURS

Once the sun has set, it's time for a beer. Germany is world-famous for its beer culture, and Hamburg is no exception. There are several outstanding brewpubs, from historic Groeninger Privatbrauerei to Überquell, an avant-garde craft microbrewery facing the riverside.

You'll also find live music everywhere. For something classical – after all, this is the city that gave us Johannes Brahms and Felix Mendelssohn – head to the Elbphilharmonie (Elba Philharmonic). Or for a more modern sound – after all, it's also the city that nurtured The Beatles – try the Mojo Club or Golden Pudel Club.

LATE

Late night Hamburg is all about one area: St Pauli. Its main street, Reeperbahn, has a sometimes seedy reputation, but it's also the city's best after-dark drinking strip, home to sky-high bar Clouds, rock hangout Lehmitz and classy gin joint Glanz & Gloria. Other local gems like Bar Christiansen's, where St Pauli cocktail king Uwe Christiansen crafts his award-winning concoctions, are just around the corner.

St Pauli is also home to legendary after-dark clubs like Halo and Club Hamburg, as well as more eclectic nightspots such as the basement bar-cum-boxing club Zur Ritze (where Mike Tyson and the Klitschko brothers trained) and the Second World War bunker turned uber-cool electro club Uebel & Gefährlich.



FROM TOP: The archway leading into the courtyard of the Chilehaus; a performance at the Elbphilharmonie; feast on fresh seafood at La Sepia.

THIS PAGE, FROM TOP: Altbautreppe (Foundation Building) at Kunsthalle; get up close to the details at Miniatur Wunderland.

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STAY
Fraser Suites Hamburg

Conveniently nestled between the UNESCO-listed heritage of the Speicherstadt, the classical culture of the Elbphilharmonie and the contemporary sophistication of Neuer Wall, the all-suite hotel Fraser Suites Hamburg is perfectly placed for visitors looking to explore a little of everything the city has to offer.

Set within a listed building from the early 1900s, Fraser Suites Hamburg features 154 comfortable rooms and suites that offer a serene oasis in the heart of the

action. Each room and suite features a king-sized bed or twin beds, home entertainment system and Nespresso machine. Gastronomes can indulge in the dining room and bar, while fitness fanatics will appreciate the 24/7 state-of-the-art gym.

With the Rödingsmarkt metro station on its doorstep and the main train station just a short walk away, the city is just waiting to be explored. Which makes Fraser Suites Hamburg your perfect home away from home.

FUN FACTS

▷ Restoration works on the property, a former tax authority office, began in 2016 and were completed in 2019.

▷ The blue tiles in the kitchenettes (pg 12) are replicas of original tiles discovered during the restoration. Their blue colour is inspired by Hamburg's location near the water.

▷ The lights on the stairwells are originals and have been integrated well with the new and modern features.

▷ A total of 1,487sqm of glass was used for the entire building's 842 windows, in different shapes and sizes.

▷ The floor tiles with white patterns, and mosaic tiles in the meeting rooms and writing room next to the The Library Room, are original Art Deco features.

▷ The ground floor rooms are almost at the same level with the water. You can see this best in the rooms that have floor-to-ceiling windows (pg 13).



Daily breakfast and classic dishes with a modern twist are served at The Dining Room.



Key features of the historic building, such as the marble columns in the foyer, have been beautifully restored.

FROM TOP: The well-equipped kitchenette in a one-bedroom premier suite; cosy up with a book in The Library Room.

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP: The wrought-iron balustrade of the main staircase has been carefully preserved; some of the rooms overlook the canal.



OUR RECOMMENDATIONS



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What is Hamburg's best-kept secret?

The Planten un Blomen park in central Hamburg is a wonderful destination for families, couples and those seeking relaxation. There is a botanical garden with a tropical greenhouse and the largest Japanese garden in Europe.



Tip to make the best out of the city?

Get the Hamburg Card. It lets you explore the city with unlimited bus, train and harbour ferry rides.

What's the best way to get around?

Take the traditional red Hamburg buses. The classic MAN SD 200 "doppeldeckers" have been an iconic image of Hamburg for the last 20 years.

What about a good place to eat? Fischereihafen Restaurant has a very nice oyster bar.

And the best view? From the top of St Michael's Church, Hamburg's great landmark. At its 106m-high observation deck, you can get a fabulous view of Hamburg, the port and the surrounding countryside.

Fun fact Not many people know that Hamburg is the world's third-biggest musical city after New York City and London, with its top-class musicals attracting up to two million people every year.



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