

# HAMBURG - THE CITY OF CONTRASTS



The German city of Hamburg features a contrasting atmosphere of history and modern times and presents one of the most fascinating candidates for a weekend getaway.

The German city of Hamburg has a long history which many visitors come here to trace. **This place is the capital of the news media in Germany, and has been one of the most important cities for many decades.**

Hamburg at a glance offers beautiful sites and superb shopping, reputed dining and clubbing opportunities, astonishing exhibitions and galleries as well as charming atmosphere of a city with many memories.

The neo-Renaissance style has become signature for a great number of local houses, the Rathaus, being the most popular. This city hall is a striking architectural masterpiece which has found its way on hundreds of postcards. When strolling through the area, one cannot miss the Binnenalster as well, the local lake, placed in the midst of the city.

There are many delicious restaurants in Hamburg as well; those reaching for the stars should visit Cölln's, a stylish restaurant featuring reputed seafood delicacies. Le Lion will be a perfect stop for cocktail enthusiasts as this lounge is a very cozy and special place with funky décor and a delicate atmosphere.

Tourists longing to experience a bit of culture should visit the Miniatur Wunderland, which feature Lilliputian models of world cities and areas, including miniature moving trains and portable toilets.

**Not far from here lies Hafen City, a curious construction project featuring a commercial and residential district along with an impressive layout and a showcase of gripping glass towers.** Contemporary architecture fans will hardly want to leave Hafen City. St.

Michaelis Church should not be omitted as one of the local highlights; this Baroque monument, built in 1751, has been through hits of lightning, fires, destruction of WW II bombing, yet, it is still standing.

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