Hamburg Travel Guide

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Things to do in Hamburg

Landmarks & Monuments

Iconic structures that define Hamburg's skyline and cultural heritage



Must See

Michel Church (St. Michaelis)

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Hamburg's most recognizable landmark with a stunning **Baroque copper dome**. The 132-meter tower offers panoramic views of the city, port, and Elbe River. Inside, explore the crypt, ornate interior, and climb 452 steps to the platform (or take the lift) for unforgettable vistas of the Hanseatic city.



Must See

Elbphilharmonie Concert Hall

2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

An architectural masterpiece combining a historic warehouse with modern glass and steel. This **concert hall** hosts world-class performances and offers free access to the public plaza. The wave-shaped roof and riverside setting make it an iconic Instagram location with stunning photo opportunities at sunset.



Top Pick

Town Hall (Rathaus)

1 hour No Booking Needed

Map

A magnificent **Neo-Renaissance building** from 1897 with ornate architecture and beautiful courtyards. Guided tours showcase the opulent state rooms and intricate details. The adjacent Town Hall Square is perfect for relaxing or observing local life in this historic civic center.

Tips for Landmarks & Monuments

- Visit Michel Church early morning to avoid crowds
- The town hall square has excellent restaurants for lunch
- Best viewing times at Elbphilharmonie are golden hour and blue hour

Museums & Galleries

World-class museums featuring art, history, science, and cultural exhibits



Must See

Hamburg Art Gallery (Kunsthalle)

3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

One of Germany's finest art museums spanning from medieval times to contemporary works. Houses masterpieces by **Caspar David Friedrich, Edvard Munch, and Andy Warhol**. The diverse collection includes paintings, sculptures, photographs, and installations across multiple modern wings.



Must See Book Ahead

Miniatur Wunderland

2-3 hours Book Ahead

Map

The world's largest **model railway exhibition** with intricate miniature landscapes from Germany, Scandinavia, America, and Switzerland. Features thousands of moving trains, cars, and working details. Over 1,200 trains run across about 1,700 square meters of meticulously crafted scenery.



Optional

Hamburg Museum

2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Chronicles Hamburg's history from medieval times to the present. Exhibits explore the city's role as a Hanseatic trading center, port development, and cultural significance. **The museum is currently closed for construction and modernization**, so its exhibitions cannot be visited; check the foundation's site (shmh.de) for reopening news.

Tips for Museums & Galleries

- Book Miniatur Wunderland tickets online to skip queues
- The Kunsthalle offers free entry on the first Thursday evening of each month
- Consider a Hamburg Card for discounted museum entry

Religious Sites

Historic churches and places of worship reflecting Hamburg's spiritual heritage



Top Pick

St. Catherine's Church (Katharinenkirche)

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

A **Gothic masterpiece** dating to the 14th century with soaring vaulted ceilings and beautiful stained glass windows. The ornate interior features historic organs and intricate woodwork. Located in the historic Old Town, it remains an active parish and concert venue hosting classical music performances.



Top Pick

St. Peter's Church (Peterskirche)

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

Hamburg's oldest parish church, first documented in 1195, featuring **Renaissance and Baroque elements**. The tower offers city views while the interior showcases beautiful frescoes and artistic craftsmanship. Popular for classical concerts and atmospheric evening visits.

Tips for Religious Sites

- Visit churches in morning for best natural lighting
- Check for concert schedules at major churches
- Many churches offer tower climbs with city views

Squares & Streets

Historic plazas and charming pedestrian streets capturing Hamburg's urban character



Must See

Rathausmarkt (Town Hall Square)

1 hour No Booking Needed

Map

Hamburg's main plaza surrounded by elegant arcaded buildings, perfect for strolling and people-watching. Hosts seasonal markets including Christmas markets in winter and summer beer gardens. The fountain, cafés, and restaurants make it ideal for relaxing and experiencing local culture.



Top Pick

Möhlendamm & Deichstrasse

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Hamburg's oldest and most charming street with restored historic houses from the 17th to 19th centuries. Narrow cobblestone lanes feature traditional restaurants, cafés, and shops selling local crafts. Evening ambiance is particularly magical with historic lantern lighting.



Notable

Mönckebergstrasse

2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Hamburg's most important shopping street featuring major department stores, boutiques, and international brands. Lined with Gründerzeit-era architecture and numerous cafés. Perfect for retail therapy with a mix of luxury and high-street shopping options.

Tips for Squares & Streets

- Visit Rathausmarkt in the evening for atmospheric lighting
- Deichstrasse is best explored on foot away from peak hours
- Many street-level cafés offer perfect people-watching spots

Neighborhoods & Districts

Distinct districts offering unique character, atmosphere, and local experiences



Must See

Speicherstadt (Warehouse City)

2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

A UNESCO World Heritage site and world's largest warehouse district built on islands. Features stunning **Neo-Gothic brick buildings** lining picturesque canals. Now home to museums, galleries, cafés, and shops. Sunset walks along the canals are particularly enchanting with reflections on the water.



Must See

Altstadt (Old Town)

2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Hamburg's historic heart with medieval street patterns, restored gabled buildings, and charming courtyards. Home to St. Catherine's Church, historic docks, and traditional German restaurants. The district retains Hanseatic character while offering contemporary shops and bars alongside heritage sites.



Top Pick

St. Pauli & Reeperbahn

3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Hamburg's famous entertainment district known for vibrant nightlife, live music venues, and cultural diversity. The **Reeperbahn** is a lively street with theaters, clubs, restaurants, and bars. By day, explore street art, alternative boutiques, and quirky shops; by night, experience world-class entertainment.

Tips for Neighborhoods & Districts

- Speicherstadt is magical during twilight hours
- St. Pauli has different character during day and night
- Take a canal boat tour through Speicherstadt

Parks & Gardens

Green spaces offering tranquility, nature, and recreational opportunities



Must See

Planten un Blomen

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Hamburg's most famous public park spanning 46 hectares with beautiful botanical gardens, Japanese gardens, and recreational areas. Features flower displays, a park with flower displays (the tropical greenhouses are closed for renovation, expected until about 2031), and serene water features. Summer concerts and open-air cinema events make it a cultural hub perfect for picnics and strolls.



Top Pick

Elbe Park (Elbpark Entenwerder)

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

A scenic riverside park offering walking trails, cycling paths, and panoramic Elbe River views. Popular with joggers, cyclists, and nature enthusiasts. The park provides peaceful escape from urban bustle while maintaining proximity to city attractions and waterfront dining establishments.

Tips for Parks & Gardens

- Planten un Blomen is perfect for afternoon relaxation
- Visit botanical gardens during blooming seasons for peak color
- Pack a picnic for riverside park visits

Tours & Activities

Guided experiences and interactive activities to explore Hamburg



Must See Book Ahead

Port Tour Boat Cruises

1-2 hours Book Ahead

Spectacular **boat tours** through Hamburg's busy port and waterways. Experience the maritime heritage, see massive container ships, tugboats, and shipyards. Tours range from 1-hour harbor cruises to extended Elbe River excursions offering unique perspectives of the city skyline and waterfront landmarks.



Top Pick Book Ahead

City Walking Tours

2-3 hours Book Ahead

Guided walks exploring Hamburg's history, architecture, and culture with knowledgeable local guides. Tours cover medieval Old Town, Hanseatic merchant heritage, WWII history, or alternative culture in St. Pauli. Customized tours available for specific interests and languages.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Culinary Tours & Cooking Classes

3-4 hours Book Ahead

Experience authentic Hamburg cuisine through **food tours** visiting traditional restaurants, markets, and specialty shops. Learn to prepare regional dishes in cooking classes. Sample local specialties like Labskaus, fish soup, and eel stew while discovering food culture and dining traditions.

Tips for Tours & Activities

- Book port tours in advance, especially during peak season
- Walking tours best taken early morning for smaller groups
- Food tours provide excellent cultural insights

Transportation

Getting around Hamburg efficiently with public and alternative transport



Essential

Hamburg Public Transport System (HVV)

As needed No Booking Needed

Map

Comprehensive network of **U-Bahn (metro), S-Bahn (commuter rail), buses, and ferries**. System is efficient, clean, and well-signaged. Day passes and multi-day cards offer excellent value. Ferries along the Elbe combine transportation with scenic views of the waterfront and port.



Recommended

Bicycle Rentals

As needed No Booking Needed

Map

Hamburg is extremely bike-friendly with extensive cycling infrastructure and dedicated lanes. Rent bikes from numerous rental shops or bike-sharing services. Cycling offers flexibility to explore neighborhoods, parks, and waterfront areas at your own pace while enjoying local perspectives.

Tips for Transportation

- HVV Hamburg Card includes public transport and museum discounts
- Buy transport tickets from machines or ticket offices
- Ferries are cheaper than attractions but offer scenic value

Day Trips & Excursions

Nearby destinations easily reached from Hamburg



Top Pick

Lüneburg & Salt Mines

Full day No Booking Needed

Map

Charming medieval town about 50km southeast featuring half-timbered houses, the historic saltworks, and picturesque market square. The **Lüneburg Salt Mines** are among Europe's oldest, where the Deutsches Salzmuseum explains salt production history. Town center is perfect for strolling, shopping, and enjoying regional cuisine.



Top Pick

Stade Harbor Town

Full day No Booking Needed

Map

Picturesque harbor town 40km west with well-preserved medieval architecture and charming waterfront. The old town features narrow streets, boutique shops, galleries, and riverside restaurants. Perfect for photography with colorful buildings reflecting in the water and authentic northern German atmosphere.

Tips for Day Trips & Excursions

- Regional trains make day trips easily accessible from Hamburg
- Combine multiple towns in a single day trip
- Visit day trip towns for authentic local experiences away from crowds

Food & Dining

Real, highly-rated Restaurants in Hamburg, sourced from Google Places (rating above 4★).



Bless Restaurant Hamburg★★★★★ 4.8 (1,507)

1-2 hours

Map

Bless Restaurant Hamburg is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.8★ from 1507 reviews. Located at Eppendorfer Weg 186, 20253 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 2:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 2:00 PM – 12:00 AM



philipps Restaurant★★★★★ 4.8 (983)

1-2 hours

Map

philipps Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.8★ from 983 reviews. Located at Turnerstraße 9, 20357 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Erdapfel Hamburg (Altstadt)★★★★★ 4.8 (1,728)

1-2 hours

Map

Erdapfel Hamburg (Altstadt) is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.8★ from 1728 reviews. Located at Burchardstraße 10, 20095 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 9:30 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 9:30 PM
- Saturday: 11:30 AM – 9:30 PM
- Sunday: 11:30 AM – 8:00 PM



HAERLIN★★★★★ 4.8 (306)

1-2 hours

Map

HAERLIN is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.8★ from 306 reviews. Located at Neuer Jungfernstieg 9-14, 20354 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: 6:30 PM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 6:30 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 6:30 PM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: Closed



Bootshaus Alster GmbH★★★★★ 4.8 (415)

1-2 hours

Map

Bootshaus Alster GmbH is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.8★ from 415 reviews. Located at Ballindamm 14A, 20095 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 AM



[m]eatery restaurant & botanist bar Hamburg★★★★★ 4.7 (2,311)

1-2 hours

Map

[m]eatery restaurant & botanist bar Hamburg is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.7★ from 2311 reviews. Located at Drehbahn 49, 20354 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 5:00 – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 5:00 – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM



Fischereihafen Restaurant★★★★★ 4.7 (3,809)

1-2 hours

Map

Fischereihafen Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.7★ from 3809 reviews. Located at Große Elbstraße 143, 22767 Hamburg-Altona, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM



Landhaus Scherrer★★★★★ 4.7 (532)

1-2 hours

Map

Landhaus Scherrer is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.7★ from 532 reviews. Located at Elbchaussee 130, 22763 Hamburg-Altona, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Open 24 hours
- Tuesday: Open 24 hours
- Wednesday: Open 24 hours
- Thursday: Open 24 hours
- Friday: Open 24 hours
- Saturday: Open 24 hours
- Sunday: Closed



Olá Lisboa★★★★★ 4.7 (6,315)

1-2 hours

Map

Olá Lisboa is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.7★ from 6315 reviews. Located at Ditmar-Koel-Straße 18, 20459 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 1:00 AM
- Saturday: 11:30 AM – 1:00 AM
- Sunday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM



Köz Urfa★★★★★ 4.7 (5,720)

1-2 hours

Map

Köz Urfa is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.7★ from 5720 reviews. Located at Paul-Nevermann-Platz 2, 22765 Hamburg-Altona, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 AM



Madame Mai Hamburg★★★★★ 4.7 (1,463)

1-2 hours

Map

Madame Mai Hamburg is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.7★ from 1463 reviews. Located at Stahltwiete 19a, 22761 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM



OT Restaurant Hamburg★★★★★ 4.7 (969)

1-2 hours

Map

OT Restaurant Hamburg is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.7★ from 969 reviews. Located at Ottenser Hauptstraße 32, 22765 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 1:00 – 11:00 PM



Bootshaus Grill & Bar - Hafencity★★★★★ 4.7 (1,065)

1-2 hours

Map

Bootshaus Grill & Bar - Hafencity is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.7★ from 1065 reviews. Located at Am Kaiserkai 19, 20457 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 5:30 – 11:30 PM
- Wednesday: 5:30 – 11:30 PM
- Thursday: 5:30 – 11:30 PM
- Friday: 5:30 – 11:30 PM
- Saturday: 5:30 – 11:30 PM
- Sunday: Closed



UNDERDOCKS★★★★★ 4.7 (3,195)

1-2 hours

Map

UNDERDOCKS is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.7★ from 3195 reviews. Located at Neuer Kamp 13, 20359 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 9:00 PM



Erika's Eck★★★★★ 4.6 (4,102)

1-2 hours

Map

Erika's Eck is a highly-rated restaurant in Hamburg, rated 4.6★ from 4102 reviews. Located at Sternstraße 98, 20357 Hamburg, Germany.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 5:00 – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 6:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 6:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: Open 24 hours
- Saturday: 12:00 – 7:00 AM, 2:00 PM – 7:00 AM
- Sunday: 2:00 – 11:00 PM

Practical Information

Best Time to Visit Hamburg

Spring (April-May): Pleasant temperatures (10-15°C), blooming flowers in parks, fewer crowds. Ideal for walking tours and outdoor activities.

Summer (June-August): Warmest season (18-23°C), long daylight hours, summer festivals and open-air cinema. Perfect weather but most crowded.

Autumn (September-October): Beautiful fall foliage, mild temperatures (12-18°C), cultural events resume. Excellent for photography and museum visits.

Winter (November-February): Cold (0-5°C), festive Christmas markets December-early January, fewer tourists. Bring warm clothing and layers.

Avoid: July-August peak season for smaller crowds; November for gray skies.

Getting Around Hamburg

Public Transport: HVV system includes U-Bahn (metro), S-Bahn (commuter rail), buses, and ferries. Buy day passes (*Tageskarte*) or multi-day cards for best value. System is efficient, clean, and runs frequently.

Ferries: Scenic and affordable ferries along the Elbe and Alster lakes offer city views while commuting.

Bicycles: Hamburg is extremely bike-friendly with an extensive network of cycling paths. Rent bikes from numerous shops or bike-sharing services like StadtRAD.

Taxis & Rideshare: Readily available, metered taxis are reliable. Uber and local apps also operate.

Walking: Most attractions are walkable; comfortable shoes essential for cobblestone streets.

✈ Airport Transfer

Hamburg Airport (Helmut Schmidt) (HAM) to city center:

- **S-Bahn S1:** Direct to Hamburg Hauptbahnhof in about 25 minutes, €4.10 for an adult Hamburg AB single ticket (2026)
- **Airport Express Bus:** Night bus 606 runs to Hamburg Hauptbahnhof in about 50 minutes (nights and the small hours only); the AB fare is €4.10
- **Taxi:** About 20 to 30 minutes to the city center, fare typically €35 to €45
- **Private transfer:** Pre-booked car service to city center hotels in around 25 minutes, from about €60

Shopping in Hamburg

Main Shopping Streets: Mönckebergstrasse features major department stores and international brands. Neuer Wall offers luxury shopping. Colonnaden for boutique and designer labels.

Markets: Fish Market (Fischmarkt) open Sundays mornings features fresh produce, flowers, and antiques. Christmas markets December-January sell crafts and festive goods.

Local Crafts: Speicherstadt and Old Town feature galleries, antique shops, and artisan boutiques. St. Pauli has alternative fashion and independent designers.

Marzipan: Niederegger marzipan is a Lübeck specialty, also sold in Hamburg shops.

Tax-Free Shopping: Non-EU visitors can claim VAT refunds on purchases over €50 at participating stores.

Festivals & Events

Christmas Markets (November-January): The Rathausmarkt hosts a Christmas market (23 November-23 December 2026) with decorations, gifts, mulled wine, and gingerbread.

Hamburg Film Festival (September-October): One of Europe's largest film festivals showcasing international cinema.

Port Anniversary (May): Three-day celebration of Hamburg's maritime heritage (8-10 May in 2026) with parades, concerts, and traditional boats.

Summer Open Air (July-August): Free concerts and theater performances in parks.

National Holidays: Most shops close January 1 (New Year), December 25-26 (Christmas), Easter Monday, and May 1 (Labor Day).

Sample 5-Day Itineraries

Day 1 - Historic Hamburg: Morning: St. Michaelis Church and Town Hall Square. Afternoon: Explore Old Town streets and Deichstrasse. Evening: Harbor view from Elbphilharmonie terrace.

Day 2 - Museums & Culture: Morning: Hamburg Art Gallery. Afternoon: Miniatur Wunderland (book tickets ahead). Evening: Dinner in Speicherstadt.

Day 3 - Waterfront & Entertainment: Morning: Port boat tour. Afternoon: Walk through Speicherstadt warehouses. Evening: Entertainment on Reeperbahn in St. Pauli.

Day 4 - Nature & Relaxation: Morning: Planten un Blomen botanical gardens. Afternoon: Bicycle ride along Elbe parks. Evening: Sunset viewing from Elbpark.

Day 5 - Day Trip: Explore Lüneburg's medieval town and salt museum (about 30 minutes by regional train), or visit charming harbor town of Stade.

Best Photography Locations

Elbphilharmonie: Capture the iconic wave-shaped building and modern-historic contrast. Best at *golden hour* (sunset) and *blue hour* (twilight) for dramatic lighting. Free plaza access for photographers.

Speicherstadt Canals: Historic red-brick warehouses reflected in calm water. Visit early morning or sunset for moody atmospheric shots. Sunrise creates golden light on building facades.

St. Michaelis Church Tower: From observation deck, capture 360° panoramic views of Hamburg's skyline, port, and Elbe River. Clear days essential.

Old Town (Deichstrasse): Narrow cobblestone lanes with gabled buildings create quintessential German town photos. Best in early morning with soft light.

Rathausmarkt at Night: Town Hall beautifully illuminated with surrounding historic architecture. Evening and night photography captures atmospheric urban scenes.

Electricity & Technical Information

Voltage: Germany uses **230V, 50Hz** AC current.

Plug Type: Type C & F plugs (European two round pins). German wall sockets are Type F; Type C plugs also fit.

Adapters: Visitors from UK, US, Australia, and other countries will need adapters. Available at airports, hotels, and electronic shops.

USB Charging: Many hotels, cafés, and public transport stations offer USB charging ports.

Mobile Phones: Check with your provider about roaming charges. Local SIM cards available from vodafone, T-Mobile, and O2.

Internet: Excellent WiFi availability in hotels, cafés, and restaurants. Some public transport offers free WiFi.

Hamburg Cuisine & Dining

Must-Try Dishes: *Labskaus* (sailor's stew with corned beef), *Fischsuppe* (fish soup), *Aalsuppe* (eel stew), *Finkenwerder Scholle* (Finkenwerder plaice, traditionally baked with bacon, onions and shrimps).

Fish Market Culture: Sunday morning Fish Market (Fischmarkt) serves fresh fish and traditional breakfasts since 1703. Lively and authentic local experience.

Street Food: Fischbrötchen (fish sandwiches), German pretzels, currywurst with Curryketchup, fresh fruit stands.

Traditional Restaurants: Old Town and Speicherstadt feature cozy local eateries serving traditional German-Hanseatic cuisine. Book ahead during peak season.

Dining Tips: Lunch typically 12-14:00, dinner 19:00+. Tipping 10% customary. Many restaurants accept cards but some prefer cash. Reservations recommended for dinner.

Tourist Passes

Hamburg Card

The **Hamburg CARD** gives discounts (up to 50%) on many attractions and tours; free admissions need separately bought upgrades. The version with transport covers the Hamburg AB zones only, and it does not include Miniatur Wunderland (it offers a discount at the Wunderland box office). Turbopass Hamburg City Pass is a separate attraction pass.

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Free WiFi & Digital Passes

Download the official Hamburg travel app for digital maps, event information, and **integrated ticketing** for public transport. Many museums offer discounted entry when booked online. Tourist information centers provide free maps and brochures.

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