



# HAMBURG

## RELOCATION GUIDE

# LIFE IN HAMBURG



## Hamburg is known for its...

### Connections



Hamburg is extremely well connected. The 426m-long Old Elbe Tunnel runs under the river, taking pedestrians and cars to and from the city centre and the shipyards, while the network of underground and overground trains allow for easy, rapid travel.

### Exploring 24/7



There are plenty of hotspots to explore in Hamburg from day to night. Just one example is The Elbphilharmonie. Inaugurated in 2017, the concert hall in the HafenCity cost a total of 866 million EUR to construct and is one of the largest and most beautiful concert halls in the world.

### Weather



Although the weather isn't why tourists travel to Hamburg typically, the city's mild days do have a certain charm, and are perfect for cosying up in a local tavern. Summers are filled with sunny days, with an average temperature of 22 °C, sometimes all the way up to 31 °C! There also goes the famous saying: "When it starts to rain in London, the people of Hamburg open their umbrellas."

### Calming Canals



Explore the city's beautiful parks, lakes, rivers via canal. Locals love to stroll and cycle along the canals, around the lakes, or down the river to the city 'beaches' in Othmarschen or Blankenese. Why not rent a canoe or paddleboard to explore the city canals by water yourself?

### Thriving Nightlife



Hamburg has a flourishing international community, so there is a diverse range of bars, clubs, and high-end restaurants for every taste.

### Breath-taking Bridges



Known in Germany as the Northern Venice, Hamburg boasts more bridges than any other city in Europe—2,500 at the last count—most of which span the beautiful river Elbe and its network of canals.

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## WORKING IN HAMBURG

In recent years, Hamburg has become a must-see, charming European city for global travellers. With business opportunities aplenty, Hamburg has also become a go-to relocation spot for qualified expats. As Germany's second-largest city, pioneering start-ups and global enterprises alike have found Hamburg the perfect place to thrive. Also boasting Europe's second-largest port, Hamburg welcomes commerce from across the globe. While Berlin may steal the limelight as Germany's start-up hub, Hamburg is hot on its heels, now home to technology giants such as Google, Facebook, Freenet, Airbus, Siemens, and Xing. It also has several accelerator schemes split across media, ecommerce, and logistics. In 2021 the funding amounts for start-ups added up to 140 million EUR, clearly illustrating the business expansion opportunities the city offers.

## XCEDE GROUP'S HAMBURG OFFICE

Our Hamburg office is located just 15 minutes away from the vibrant city centre. The modern, bright office boasts an inner courtyard for you to enjoy some fresh air on your lunch breaks as well as a workspace designed with collaboration in mind. Being in the heart of the city, you can explore central museums and other city hotspots on your breaks or after work hours. Just 20 minutes away by foot is the Hamburger Kunsthalle, one of the largest museums in the country, founded in 1850.

**Our Recommendations:** Enjoy lunch in the courtyard or the communal area alongside your colleagues, or grab something from the supermarket, just 10 minutes away by foot. Take a 5-minute stroll to Stolten Park, or if you want to venture further, grab a to-go meal from one of the many oriental, sushi, burger, and traditional German food joints 15 minutes away by foot. Just 300m from the office is the Berliner Tor underground railway—or U-Bahn—rapidly connecting you to city hotspots.

## COST OF LIVING

Hamburg is a surprisingly cheap city to live in compared to other metropolitan hubs around the world. In fact, the cost of living in Hamburg is 30% cheaper than London and 43% cheaper than New York.

Average rental price for a cosy 1-bed apartment in the city centre is around €940 (£825), while renting a bit farther out costs around €660 (£580)

Average weekly food shop cost is €50 (£44)

Average cost of a 3-course meal for two at a lovely local restaurant is around €60 (£53)

There are numerous top-ranking universities in Germany, making the country a vibrant student hotspot

A flight to London lasts just 1 hour and 40 minutes and costs around €120 (£105). Hamburg Airport is located less than 10km from the city centre

A cappuccino at a local coffee shop costs around €3 (£2.60) and a pint of beer around €3.50 (£3)





# WHY XCEDE GROUP?

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## WHAT WE WILL DO FOR YOU

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of Over £100M**



**8 Global Offices with  
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# COMMON FAQs

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## Is There A UK > Germany Time Difference?

The UK is only 1 hour behind Germany.

## Do I Need to Speak German?

Learning German is highly recommended, but it is extremely easy to get around the city with only English.

## How Do I Get A Visa?

There are several centres where you can submit your visa application across the UK, the two main being in London and Manchester.

## How Much Does A Visa Cost and How Long Does it Take to Get?

A visa takes about 8 weeks to be processed and costs around £51.

## How Does Tax Work?

Married couples are taxed on a joint income. Income tax in Germany is progressive, rising from a basic rate of 14% up to 43%. In addition, there is a solidarity surcharge of 5.5% of tax to aid costs of integrating former East German states. Social security contributions are high and account for 40% of your wages. However, they cover you for health insurance, nursing care, pension, and unemployment.

## How Do I Register On Arrival?

You must register at the local registration office within 14 days of arrival.

## Is Transport Good?

In Hamburg city centre, you do not need a car to get around. In fact, German public transport is ranked as one of the best in the world. The trains and buses come very often, and on the weekends run all night.

## Where Can I Travel To?

In just over 1:30 hours by train you can reach Berlin, Hannover, Bremen, and several other cities in Germany. In just over 2 hours by car you can also reach Denmark and the Netherlands.

## What is the Expat Community Like?

Hamburg has an especially strong connection to British expat communities, largely because it was occupied by UK forces at the end of WW2.







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