Hamburg: City of Waterways
Rotary International Convention June 1-5, 2019

Hamburg, Germany boasts of more canals than Amsterdam and Venice combined.

On the Elbe River that flows 36 miles more to meet the sea, the Port of Hamburg has been the hub of Northern European trade since 1189.

Hamburg invites YOU to visit in 2019!

With its maritime charm, Hamburg is one of the most beautiful cities in Germany. This "Gateway to the World" – as the port city on the Elbe is called – offers its visitors a balanced city life with unique waterside experiences in sightseeing, shopping, culture, as well as nature.
Maritime Heritage

Water is the element that has molded and shaped Hamburg for centuries. The city’s location on the shores of the Elbe, which, as Germany’s second largest river, connects the economic hubs in southern Germany with the open sea around the world.

The shores of the Elbe and the unique locations right on the water provide a spectacular view of the harbor, passing cruise liners and giant container ships.
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Hamburg City Hall or “Rathaus”

For many, Hamburg is Germany’s finest city – a cosmopolitan host open to change, refreshing by day and exciting by night.
The Rathaus or City Hall is at the center of the concentric semi-circular streets stretching from the riverfront to the Alster lake.

You can go jogging around the Alster in the morning, sailing in the city in the afternoon, and enjoy the sunset on the Elbe in the evening. Short distances, creative spaces, breaths of fresh air and an exciting range of cultural facilities.
Canal Sightseeing Boats

The Alster river splits into the Binnenalster (Inner Alster Lake) and Außenalster (Outer Alster Lake), whose shores are lined with upscale hotels, restaurants, jetties, cherry trees and large parks.

A vast network of canals and rivers winds around the city, which, for this reason, has more bridges than Venice. Explore them by boat.
This is the heart of the city center for many locals and tourists: the Jungfernsteig—a popular gathering place between the Inner Alster and the surrounding shops and attractions.

Take a break and some refreshment in the Alsterpavillon.

In the past, families came here on Sunday to walk and introduce their unmarried daughters "Jungfern" - hence the name. Even today, the Jungfernsteig is very special: It is enjoyable to be right on the water.

Go shopping in nearby department stores - like the famed Alsterhaus.
What specialty would be better suited to this exceptional location than fresh fish from the river and the sea!

The delicacies served at Fischclub are made with organic products, in an open kitchen with the chefs at work. Glancing out the window, you have the water, the pleasure boats, and the ocean-going ships passing by.
Stylish Shopping

In the "Hamburger Hof" passageway or the slightly farther "Hanse-Viertel" shopping is an art.

The large department stores and exquisite shops surpass one another with their exclusive selections.
Rotary’s Experient agency negotiates with hotels in different categories for the guaranteed lowest nightly rate during the convention period, including taxes and fees. Benefits include: breakfast unless otherwise noted; other amenities as noted in the hotel description; flexible payment options; ability to manage your reservation online.
Information and Registration at www.riconvention.org/en/hamburg

Register online for the 2019 Rotary Convention at your My Rotary Member Dashboard.

Go to www.rotary.org if you are registered for a “My Rotary” account or create an account now. You can download forms to mail or fax to RI Registration.
With their Convention badge, RI Convention registrants will have complimentary access to all Hamburg public transportation. There will not be RI shuttle buses this year.

Hamburg boasts an extensive public transport system of underground trains, a light-rail network, buses and ferries. With your RI Convention registration badge, you will have unlimited travel by bus, train and harbor ferry (HVV - Hamburg Transport Association).
The 916-foot landmark TV Tower with its various antennas is Hamburg's tallest structure. “Blomen und Planten” gardens are in foreground; the Hamburg Messe Convention Center is just below bottom edge of the photo.
The 2019 Rotary Convention will take place in the Hamburg Messe ("Fair") and Congress Center, one of Europe’s largest. Situated in the central part of the city, it is near numerous hotels and the Dammtor mainline train station.
Basic Daily Convention Program

Friday, May 31
All-day
Rotaract Preconvention
Youth Exchange
Officers Preconvention
Peace Symposium

Evening
Preconvention HOC Event

Saturday, June 1
Morning
Opening of House of Friendship

All-day
Rotaract Preconvention
Youth Exchange
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Peace Symposium

Saturday Evening, June 1
Preconvention HOC Event

Sunday, June 2
Morning
Opening Ceremony 1
Afternoon
Opening Ceremony 2
Evening
HOC Event

Monday, June 3
Morning
General Session 2
Afternoon
Breakout sessions

Monday Evening, June 3
HOC Event

Tuesday, June 4
Morning
General Session 3
Afternoon
Breakout sessions
Evening
HOC Event

Wednesday, June 5
Morning
General Session 4
Afternoon
Breakout sessions
Evening
Closing Ceremony

District 5240 Reception Day/Date, Time and Place TBA.
Saturday Morning: House of Friendship Opens
Rotaract, Interact, Project Partners
Global Networking: Rotary Action Groups

Rotarian Action Group for Water and Sanitation.

Rotarian Action Group for Health Education & Wellness

Rotarian Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development (RAGM).
For Meeting New Friends, Bring...

Rotary Cards
Club Banners
Club/District Pins
HOC Events: Saturday Morning Bike Tour or 3K Walk Against Polio

Hamburg on the move:
Bike Tour. Ticket Price 29 Euro.

Participate in a bike tour through the beautiful city of Hamburg! The 18 km tour will begin in the tranquil southeast of Hamburg and end in the bustling city center. Bikers are asked to meet in Bergeofd at 7am; the tour will end at 10am at the Hamburg city hall. Bikers of all levels are welcome to participate.

Hamburg on the move:
3k Walk Against Polio. Ticket Price 29 Euro.

Do not miss out on this 3-K awareness walk! We will draw attention to the work Rotary does against polio by walking through the city center.
HOC Events: Saturday Evening in Hamburg Welcome Reception

Hamburg's top restaurateurs welcome you to the Hamburg “Handelskammer” (Chamber of Commerce and Stock Exchange). Be wined and dined at our Saturday welcome reception in this beautiful, 350-year old historic building. Welcome to Hamburg! Ticket Price 49 Euro.
Sunday: Opening Plenary Sessions

Popular, as you can see: Opening Ceremonies, Flags of the Rotary World, Host Country Cultural Show–Traditional and Modern. Two Seatings, Be Early
Sunday District 5240 Welcome Reception

Sunday June 2, 2019
5:30-7:30 pm
Hofbraü Wirtshaus
Hamburg Esplanade

District Governor 2019-20 Savi Bhim invites you to meet and greet fellow D5240 Rotarians and guests at happy hour to talk about Sunday’s opening ceremonies and share your impressions of Hamburg. Enjoy this centrally located famous brand name German beer hall, a substantial traditional meal with beer (they serve wine too but not liquor), and at a very fair ticket price.
HOC Event Sunday Evening: The Art of Hamburg
Modern Ballet Meets Classical Music

Experience an unforgettable evening of music and dance. The National Youth Ballet company, led by renowned director and artist John Neumeier, will inspire you.

These world-class dancers will be accompanied by the YoungClass X orchestra.

Ticket Prices from 59 Euro.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Plenary Sessions with International Leaders, Inspiring Rotary Speakers & Stories

Princess Anne, Justin Trudeau, and Barbara Bush were among the daily plenary session speakers at the 2018 RI Convention in Toronto.

Ironman triathlete Minda Dentler inspired Atlanta attendees with her experiences vaccinating children in India, where, as a baby, she contracted polio.
HOC Monday Evening at Hamburg's Landmark: Music in the Elbe Philharmonic Hall

Elbe Philharmonic Hall and the famous observation deck offer a fantastic view of the Hamburg harbor, just one of the reasons why the concert tickets are incredibly sought after! Rotary Germany Orchestra will perform many classic pieces.

There are two identical performances: the first at 5:30; the second at 8:30. Ticket price from 79 euro includes the concert ticket, drinks, finger food and entrance to the observation deck. Book NOW!
Another popular HOC event is Host Hospitality. Sign up now, but you won’t know what yours is until your hosts contact you in 2019. Local Clubs will invite you to share your Rotary experiences and projects with other international Rotarians. Ticket price includes transportation to and from the event (or directions if near your hotel) and a meal provided by the club. 29 euro.
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CAPTURE THE MOMENT IN HAMBURG

Join us in Germany 1-5 June 2019

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