



HAMBURG VISA INFORMATION

This information is intended to help you plan your travel to Hamburg, Germany, for the 2019 Rotary International Convention.

DO I NEED A VISA?

German visa requirements vary by country of citizenship. Citizens of the United States, Canada, most European countries, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, and many Latin American countries do not need a visa to enter Germany. To see if you need a visa, [visit the German government website](#).

If you do need a visa, you should contact the German embassy or consulate serving your country or area to apply for a Schengen visa. To find it, [view the list on the German government website](#).

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY FOR A VISA?

Processing times vary by country; it is recommended to contact the embassy or consulate serving your region **as early as possible** to confirm when you should apply. We suggest you do so no later than 1 February 2019.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR A VISA?

Requirements vary by country, so be sure to follow the application instructions provided by the consulate or embassy serving your region. If the visa process requires a personal interview, take your registration confirmation, hotel confirmation, and letter of invitation to the interview, along with all other requested documents. You are responsible for all fees and expenses associated with obtaining a visa.

WHAT IF MY VISA REQUEST IS DENIED?

If your request for a visa is denied, you may cancel your reservation and request a refund. Send your request to RI Registration Services at ri.registration@rotary.org or fax it to +1-847-556-2194. **You must submit your cancellation request by 5 June 2019.** Please refer to the convention registration form for the full cancellation policy.

CAN ROTARY HELP ME GET A VISA?

Rotary International's involvement in the visa process is limited to providing a registration confirmation and a letter of invitation, and regularly providing the government of Germany with a list of convention registrants. The visa consular has sole discretion in reviewing and determining who receives a visa.