An incomplete guide to the best places in town
Thank you for stopping by and adding to the rich history of music in our city. In order to make sure you feel welcome and help you get the most out of your stay, we asked some of our local artists and venues to compile a list of their favourite spots for you.

While your venue will take care of your gig, this booklet will help you with everything else. No matter if you are looking for delicious food, great drinks, some shopping inspiration or just a place to unwind: these suggestions by some of our best friends should provide you with all the necessary guidance and inspiration. And if you prefer to explore by yourself, we have included a brief dictionary of the German words that are most useful in this city.

With that said, we hope you enjoy your time in our city – and, most importantly, your show #LIVEFROMHAMBURG!

PS: If you want to join our family, just use the hashtag #LIVEFROMHAMBURG whenever you post on social media. With a bit of luck, we will pick you as our “Live Act of the Week”, present you on our platform www.livefrom.hamburg and push you across all of our social media channels.
You don't speak German, you can't talk, or you can but you don't want to?
No problem – here's a local dictionary, just use your finger to point and communicate.
EVERYDAY

Gnosa  Not sure what you are hungry for or even what time of day it is? Go to Café Gnosa in St. Georg. They offer everything from breakfast to dessert and serve it to you in an old pastry shop with the atmosphere of a French bistro.

Pizzabande  Pizzabande next to the Reeperbahn serves some of the best pizza in Hamburg – particularly if you are looking for a vegan option. You don’t have to be a member of the “Bande” to be served, but being patient and having cash helps.

COMFORT FOOD

Krug  Krug on Paul-Roosen-Straße offers great food, drinks and advice on how to become the most famous band in the world. Just ask them about their history with the Beatles right after you’ve asked for your second bottle of wine.

Ristorante Borsalino  Welcome to Little Italy! What’s best, you ask? The appetisers? The pasta? The pizza? The desserts? Did someone say the tiramisu? Guess you’ll just have to try everything and find out …

FANCY

Carmagnole  If you don’t know what to order at Carmagnole, a cozy French bistro on Juliusstraße, trust their logo and get an artichoke. If they aren’t in season, ask for the mussels. If those are out, have anything else. It’s all amazing.

Momo Ramen  At this stylish place near Schanzenpark, the dishes are so tasty it’s outrageous. Rumour has it that the waiting times can be outrageous as well, but for tantanmen that’s this exciting, you won’t mind being bored for a bit.

Leche de Tigre  Was it Leche de Tigre that popularised ceviche in Hamburg, or was it the other way around? Either way, you won’t find a better one anywhere in town. Adventurous guests pair it with chicha morada, a soft drink made from purple corn.

HIP & EXOTIC

Stadtsalat  Craving the convenience of fast food but not actually eating it? Stadtsalat is the perfect solution for this very common dilemma: delicious fancy salads, brought right to your door.

NOT FANCY

Cox  Cox in St. Georg isn’t one of those trendy new restaurants that everyone wants to be seen at; it is one of those trendy old ones. If you want to enjoy a delicious dinner in a beautiful, timeless atmosphere, Cox is the place to go.

## SHOPS

**Weinladen**
The people at the Weinladen in St. Pauli have done the impossible by learning everything about wine without turning into terrible snobs. No matter if you just pick up a bottle or have one at the store, you'll always leave with a smile.

## DIVE BARS

**Mutter**
Mutter is always there for you, makes you feel at home and does not judge – even if you fall off your chair at five o'clock in the morning.

**Komet**
When you first enter Komet, it looks like any of the other solid dive bars in St. Pauli. Go downstairs and you'll find what makes it special: a little cellar that hosts some of the biggest young musicians in the country.

## FANCY

**Le Lion – Bar de Paris**
Don't be discouraged by the weird ritual of having to ring a bell to be let into Le Lion. It might feel snobby (and it is), but ultimately everyone is welcomed inside and served some of the best drinks in the city.

**Jahreszeiten Bar**
Leather furniture, cigars, strong drinks – the Jahreszeiten is the platonic ideal of a fancy hotel bar. Go here if you want to feel like a movie star from the sixties (or if you are one).

## CASUAL

**Toast Bar**
Going to Toast Bar rarely actually means staying in Toast Bar. Whenever the weather permits it, you should get yourself a drink at the bar, sit down on the kerb outside and talk to whoever passes by on Wohlwillstraße.

**Ginst**
Ginst on the corner of Paul-Roosen-Straße and Brunnenhof is first and foremost one thing: comfy. Order a drink, sink into one of the couches and just relax.

**Freundlich + Kompetent**
Slightly out of the way of St. Pauli and Sternschanze, this place experiments with a novel approach to bartending: being friendly and competent! Definitely worth a try if you are into those sorts of things and also foosball.

## THE LAST STOP

**Thai Oase**
Thai Oase is the place you are going to regret going into – and then returning to, over and over again. The best karaoke place in the city will leave you with a sore throat, a massive hangover and some unforgettable memories.

**Hausverbot**
Hausverbot on Friedrichstraße is a total freak show. Honestly, go see for yourself!
Hanseplatte is an eccentric little shop that features a lot of home-town artists and labels. It's a great spot to discover and support local talent.

Ernst Brendler Marine- und Tropenausstatter is a place for adventurers. For those that want to explore the highest seas and the deepest jungles. Or for those who are worried it might sometimes rain on the way to work.

This shop on Budapester Straße is the place to go if you are looking for vintage music equipment. That one thing you have been looking for forever? The one that never comes up for auction? You just might find it here.

You'll find Kleine Freiheit on Clemens-Schulz-Straße. It offers stylish clothes from designers such as Iksi, Jonneygold und Ethel Vaughn, as well as a lot of beautiful handmade accessories.

This is a fantastic store for comics and graphic novels. If you are at the start of your tour, this is where you should stock up on reading materials. If you are at the end of your tour, you should still do so.

Zardoz is an institution in Hamburg. Located near U Feldstraße, it impresses with a huge selection of vinyl, CDs, books – and one of the cutest mascots around.

Whatever you need, Lennart and Rik got you covered. They help with everything from guitar strings to electric pianos and complicated relationships. That’s why people love them. And also why you are going to.

Marga from Groove City Recordstore is the queen of vinyl. Thankfully, she is very generous with her audiences.

This slightly crazy and completely brilliant gallery somehow manages to be approachable and inspirational at the same time. It even has a gift shop! It shouldn’t work, but it does.
Two massive hatches rise out of the ground to reveal the entrance – and it only gets more exciting from there. The legendary Mojo Club has reinvented itself at a new location that more than lives up to the name.

Pudel has always been there and will always be there. Everyone loves it and even those who pretend that they don’t secretly wish it lasted forever. Just try and burn it down again, we’ll always rebuild it.

Located in one of the many bomb shelters left standing all across Hamburg, Uebel & Gefährlich is a truly unique space. It is open late and features a stunning balcony that is the ideal location for a first, second or third kiss.

At Kampnagel, you’ll find everything from performance art and theatre to concerts and exhibitions. No matter if you want to get inspired, educated or drunk – there’s something here for you.

Resonanzraum is a multipurpose room with one single purpose: music. Anyone who asks nicely can use it to experiment, practise and show off. Everyone else can go there and still get a nice drink.

Rote Flora is an autonomous political-cultural centre in the heart of the city. They think of themselves as a political nuisance and every decent person is glad that they are. Have a drink and show some solidarity.

The “Elphi” opened in 2017 and immediately became the most famous building in Hamburg. Unfortunately, we have completely run out of superlatives to describe it since then, so you’ll just have to go and see for yourself. Sorry!

It’s no mystery why people who love indie-rock love Molotow. It’s slightly more mysterious why everyone in Molotow seems to love everyone else in Molotow. If you feel lonely, this is where you’ll quickly find a friend for life.

This open space is an extension of the amazing live music venue “Knust” and boasts an equally impressive programme. For great music indoors, head to Knust, for great music outdoors, check out Lattenplatz.

A ship, a club and a cultural venue. Biking out to the Baakenhöft and spending the night dancing and drinking on the Stubnitz might be one of the most quintessential Hamburg experiences you can have.

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This booklet is only supposed to get you started. If you want to delve deeper into Hamburg’s vibrant nightlife, the website of the city’s largest collective of bars, clubs and music venues is probably the best place to start.

Hands down the best website to check for gigs and buy tickets. You’ll get them at an exceptional price and automatically donate to the Clubstiftung – what’s not to love?
**HOLIDAY FEELING**

Beach  There are plenty of nice spots along the Elbe to watch container ships. Unfortunately, all of them tend to get overrun as soon as it stops raining. For a little more privacy, check out one of the beaches at the Süderelbe: Finkenriek.

Dove Elbe  Ride the perfectly smooth bicycle path east until you arrive at Dove Elbe, grab yourself a beer and pretend to be on vacation for one glorious day. Make sure to bring your swimsuit to complete the illusion!

Alter Schwede  It is a very large rock on a beach. Nobody really knows why it's famous, but it is, so feel free to go and look at it. Some things are fun because they are weird!

HVV ferries  Just because everyone is using the ferries for sightseeing does not make it less fun. Head down to Landungsbrücken, hop on ferry 62 to Finkenwerder and enjoy the view. Real Germans bring a packed lunch and a thermos of coffee.

Altonaer Balkon  "Altona's balcony" is exactly what it sounds like: a green space to relax on, located high above the Elbe. Although this particular balcony will have to be shared with some neighbours, the view definitely beats the one at home.

**FOREST**

Klövensteen  The Klövensteen is a deceptively large natural preserve located at the western edge of Hamburg. It is a great place to relax, take a breath and reboot. Or to visit the “Ponyhof” and let your kids ride around on a little horse for a bit.

**VIEWS**

**HEALTHY**

Healthclub Aspria  If you really want to treat your body, take it to Aspria. Located in the heart of Uhlenhorst, this spa and health club leaves nothing to be desired – except maybe a couple more days to spend there.

**EXTRA**

Blankenese Treppenviertel  In the fancy suburb of Blankenese, there is an obscure little neighbourhood completely made up of stairs. Although exploring it is as exhausting as it sounds, it is absolutely worth the effort. Just don’t go in the summer.

Stand Up Paddling  SUP is a great way to explore the canals of the Alster while casually getting a workout in. SUP Port, SUPco, SUPLEGION, SUPPERCLUB – there are plenty of places with funny names that will happily lend you all the necessary equipment.

**PARKS**

Stadtpark  Germans love their Stadtparks – and rightfully so. Besides being particularly pretty and spacious, the one in Hamburg also has a fairly unique feature that is always worth checking out: a planetarium.

Planten un Blomen  Don't be deceived by the name of this park. Although it does indeed have an excellent selection of “plants and flowers”, it also features one of the best minigolf courses in the city.
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