

Hamburg, officially called the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, is a state of Germany the and its the country's second largest city and a state of Germany, with It has a population of ever more than 1.7 million people.

The official name reflects Hamburg's rich history as a member of the medieval Hanseatic League, a free imperial city of the Holy Roman Empire, and one of the 16 states of Germany. Before the 1871 Unification unification of Germany in 1871, it Hamburg was a fully sovereign state. Prior to the constitutional changes in 1919, the civic republic was ruled by the Hanseaten, a class of hereditary grand burghers of Hanseaten. Though The city was repeatedly destroyed many times by the Great Fire of Hamburg, the-by floods, and by military conflicts (including the WW2-World War II bombing raids). However, Hamburg the city managed to recover and emerge wealthier after each catastrophe.

Located On-on the river Elbe, Hamburg is one of Europe's a major ports, and It is also a global service, media, logistics, and industrial hub, with The city it houses the headquarters and-or main facilities of the aircraft manufacturer Airbus, the shipyard Blohm+Voss, and consumer goods giants Beiersdorf, and Unilever. The radio and television broadcaster NDR, Europe's largest printing and publishing firm Gruner + Jahr, (Europe's largest printing and publishing firm), and major European German publications like *Der Spiegel* and *Die Zeit* are also based in Hamburg. Hamburg has been an important financial center centerre for centuries, and Today it is the seat of Germany's oldest stock exchange and and It is also home to Berenbergk Bank, the world's second second-oldest bank in the world, Berenbergk Bank. With the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the EU-LAC Foundation, and the UNESCO Institute of Lifelong Learning are all located in Hamburg, as are many consular and diplomatic missions, and various Several international conferences are held here, like the G20 summit in 2017, the city is also a factorThis makes the city an important stage forplayer in world politics and international law.

The city is also a highly popular tourist destination, for drawing both millions of domestic and international visitors, Among the touristic hotspots areis In 2016, it ranked 18th in the world for livability in 2016. tThe building ensemble ensemble Speicherstadt and Kontorhausviertel, which werewas area-was declared a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO in 2015. Hamburg is not only a popular tourist destination, but also one of the world's topbest cities to live in. In 2016, it ranked 18th in the world for livability.

Hamburg is a major European hub for science, research, and education hub. It is with-home to several universities and institutes of high repute. Its The city's creative industries and cultural sites include the architectural masterpiece Elbphilharmonie and Laeisz concert halls, both of which are architectural masterpieces. There are also numerous museums and art venues, Hamburg also draws many music producers, and artists. It gave birth rise to movements like the Hamburger Schule and paved the way for many music bands, including The Beatles. Hamburg is also known for several theaters theateres and a variety of musical shows. St. Pauli's Reeperbahn is among the best best-known European entertainment districts in Europe.

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