

Tourist Attractions in Hamburg

Dear Students,

The Freshman office would like to suggest the following tourist attractions as your sightseeing guidance.

1. Miniatur Wunderland



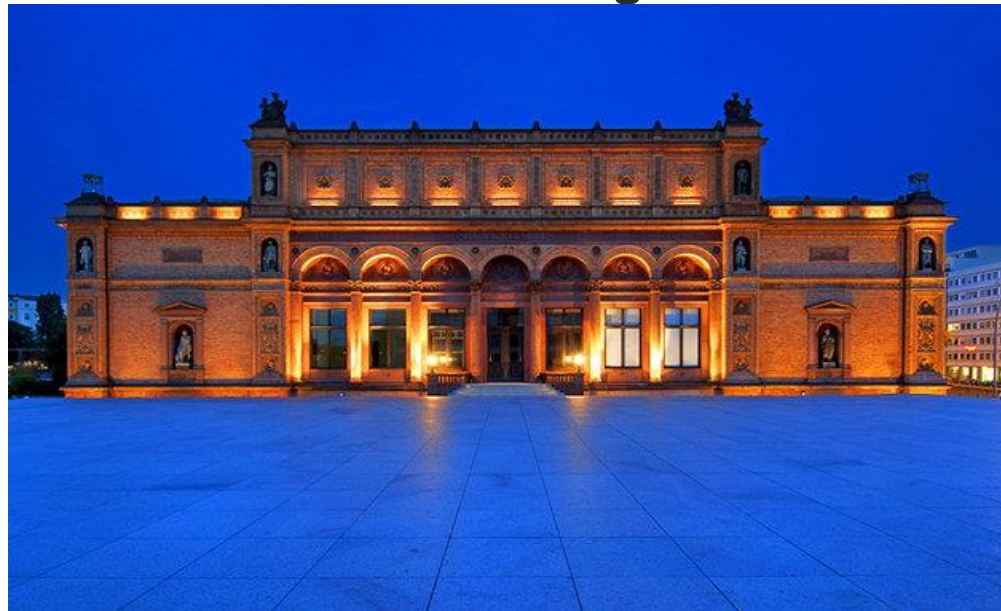
Although billed as the world's largest model railway, Hamburg's Miniatur Wunderland is really much more than simply a toy train layout. This stunning new attraction is the world's largest model railway, boasting more than 12,000 meters of track and 890 trains.

2. The port of Hamburg



A highlight of the area is the lovely pedestrian trail that takes in the old 19th-century **Warehouse District** with its continuous lines of tall brick buildings once used to store tobacco, coffee, dried fruit, and spices.

3. Art Museum of Hamburg



In three separate but connected buildings on the Glockengiesserwall, Kunsthalle Hamburg is one of Germany's top art galleries. Highlights include numerous altarpieces, works by local artists of the 14th century, and Dutch masters of the 16th and 17th centuries.

4. Hamburg Rathaus (Hamburg City Hall)



In the center of Hamburg's Old Town is the Rathaus or City Hall. This large, sumptuous Neo-Renaissance building adjacent to the Stock Exchange (Börse) was completed in 1897 and consists of 647 rooms, many opened to the public for the city's annual Long Night of Museums event.

5. St. Michael's Church



The most famous of Hamburg's many churches, St. Michael's was built in the Baroque style between 1750-62 and is one of the city's most important landmarks. From its 132-meter-high tower, familiarly known as "Michel," and accessible by stairs and an elevator, viewing platforms offer excellent panoramas of the city and port.

6. Ohlsdorf Cemetery



Not only is Ohlsdorf Cemetery (Friedhof Ohlsdorf) the world's largest rural cemetery, it's one of the most important. Covering 966 acres and boasting 12 chapels, it's where more than 1.5 million burials have taken place in some 280,000 burial sites.

7. Great Lakes: Inner and outer Alster



The focal points of Hamburg's inner city area are the Inner Alster (Binnenalster) and Outer Alster (Aussenalster), two artificial lakes connected to the rivers Alster and the Elbe. It's here you'll find Hamburg's most picturesque city squares and historic avenues, as well as its famous pedestrian areas, the **passagens**.

8. Museum of Arts and Crafts



Hamburg's Museum of Art and Crafts (Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg) ranks alongside the Bavarian National Museum in Munich as one of the country's most comprehensive display of German, European, and Asian applied art.

9. International Maritime Museum



A great place to discover more about Hamburg's rich maritime history is the International Maritime Museum. Housed in a massive red-bricked heritage building, the museum has many fascinating exhibits dealing with more than 3,000 years of humankind's connection to water.

10. Pflanzen un Blumen and Wallringpark



At the St. Pauli landing stages in Hamburg is the Wallringpark, a large recreational area, which includes some of the city's most popular open spaces, such as the **Old Botanic Garden** and the **Kleine and Grosse Wallanlagen**, the gardens laid out on the line of the old fortifications.