

Hamburg Airport – the gateway to the world

Hamburg Airport is the largest international airport in northern Germany. With 14.8 million passengers in 2024, passenger numbers have risen again faster than expected after the pandemic. By comparison, in the pre-Corona year 2019, over 17 million passengers were counted. An extensive route network is offered from Hamburg: The 55 airlines fly directly from Hamburg to around 120 national and international destinations. With just one change, over 1,000 destinations worldwide can be reached. Around 15,000 employees work in almost 250 companies on the airport grounds (Hamburg Airport Group: approx. 1,800). The shareholders of the partially privatized airport are the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg with 51 percent and AviAlliance GmbH with 49 percent.

The airport for all of northern Germany

Incorporating Hamburg, Schleswig-Holstein and parts of Lower Saxony, Mecklenburg Western Pomerania and Denmark, Hamburg Airport's large catchment area, with its substantial passenger potential, is extremely interesting for all airlines. With a modern infrastructure oriented to meet the wide range of needs of its passengers and airlines, Hamburg Airport is always adapting to the challenges of being a forward-looking airport.

Hamburg Airport is centrally located and easy to reach, located just eight kilometers from the city center. This means short journeys for passengers, most of whom come from Hamburg and the neighbouring federal states. With the S1 S-Bahn (metro rail network) line, you can travel from Hamburg's Hauptbahnhof (central railway station) to the airport and back; the journey takes only 25 minutes one-way, and the service operates every 10 minutes. There is also a strong focus on eMobility for travel to and from the airport. With around 120 charging points for carsharing, the largest e-sharing hub in Europe was opened at Hamburg Airport in March. There are also special parking spaces in the front row for electrotaxis.

Diverse route network

Extensively linking northern Germany to the core regions and cities of Europe is one of Hamburg Airport's great strengths. The spectrum of destinations is diverse. For both business and private travellers, the airport offers a large number of attractive direct connections with various price and service models. Daily flights to popular holiday regions and major cities network the city with the most important commercial and tourism locations in Europe.

Shopping and gastronomy seven days a week

From clothing and souvenirs to books and magazines – the shops at Hamburg Airport offer a wide range of services and shopping opportunities. In the restaurants, snack bars and cafés, a wide range of food and drinks is available to passengers at all times. And with ten travel agencies and last-minute counters, Hamburg Airport maintains a leading position in the travel market. The shops, travel agencies and banks are open for business from early morning until late evening, seven days a week. Passengers and visitors are equally welcome guests at Hamburg Airport.

Positive development of the air freight location

With the Hamburg Airport Cargo Center, Hamburg Airport has made itself fit for the demands of modern air freight. The new air cargo facility entered operation in May 2016 and has an annual capacity of up to 150,000 tonnes of freight. Since the opening of the HACC, both flown air freight and truck air freight in tonnes have developed positively – until the start of the pandemic, continuous growth was even recorded. In 2024, around 65,500 tons of freight were handled via the HACC.

Hamburg as a place for aviation – a strong partnership

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg has been famed as a “port metropolis” for centuries. Today, it is home not only to the largest port in Germany but also to the second-largest container port in Europe. When Airbus Manufacturing established a base in Hamburg, there could be no doubt that the city had also made a name for itself as an “aviation metropolis”. With approximately 40,000 people working in the industry, Hamburg is one of the most significant civil aviation centers in the world. The three large companies Airbus Deutschland, Lufthansa Technik and Hamburg Airport, along with the approximately 300 small and medium aviation businesses, form the basis of Hamburg’s outstanding reputation as an aviation center. Numerous training and research establishments contribute to expanding the city’s know-how in the

development, construction, overhaul and maintenance of civil aircraft.

Environmental protection at Hamburg Airport

Hamburg Airport has been working to reduce CO2 emissions for three decades already. With demonstrable success: Since 2021, the airport has been commercially CO2neutral. And now the decisive step has been taken: with its climate strategy “Net Zero 2035 – Now. For the Future”, Hamburg Airport wants to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of the airport city to zero by 2035, doing without offsets – the first major airport in Germany to do so. Hamburg Airport is underlining its pioneering role in climate protection. The airport is also participating in regional research projects to promote the green future of aviation – in the air. The primary focus here is on hydrogen as a climate-neutral fuel.

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