

Hamburg

Hamburg's history and cityscape has always been **dominated by water**: The city's location at the river **Elbe** and the **large harbor** were a foundation for its wealth in Hanseatic times and still are.

Accordingly, the newest addition to the city, the so-called **HafenCity**, is located in the harbor area as well.

Today, we would like to introduce this building project to you.

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Project HafenCity

The project "**HafenCity**" is with 155 hectare building area one of the **largest rebuilding projects** in Europe in the 21st century and will eventually produce a **whole new city area** which is located on the old harbor areas and is especially architectural the city's new highlight.

Included in the complex (which consists of ten different areas) are new residential areas, office buildings, shops, restaurants, hotels and cultural institutions like the **Science Center**, the **Elbe Philharmonic Hall** (see below) and the **HafenCity university**.

The area **Am Sandtorkai/Dalmanckai** was the first to be completed in 2009 and sprang into life immediately with numerous cafés, restaurants, bars and shops. Its center is the **Sandtorkai harbour**, a swimming pontoon for historical sailing boats.

The estimated **completion date** for the whole "HafenCity" complex is in **2012**.



Elbe Philharmonic Hall

One of the **forthcoming highlights** of the new “HafenCity” will be the **Elbe Philharmonic Hall** which – like the opera house in Sydney – will be built directly at the **waterside**. Its innovative architecture with a **curved top line** is a reference to Hamburg’s connection to water.

The new philharmonic hall will house a large **concert hall** with space for over **2.000 people**. The special architecture guarantees an **outstanding acoustics** for all types of musical performances. In addition, two smaller concert halls will complete Hamburg’s **new landmark**.

The **Elbe Philharmonic Hall** will presumably be opened in **2012**.



Architecture Tours

These tours show different parts of **Hamburg’s architecture** depending on the tour you choose. The town has a lot of **old** and **new architecture**, something which is responsible for the fascination of this city. The modern world changes constantly and so does **Hamburg’s townscape**. There are different tours with different focuses, for example the **harbor area** with its new quarter “**HafenCity**”, the architecture at the **river Elbe**, the architecture around the **lake Alster** or the architecture in the city center.

An **architect** is guiding the groups on these tours. To secure that everybody present can hear his information at all times, an **audio guide** with a headset is used for all participants, so that everybody gets to understand the guide without problems.



Design-Hotel The George ****

This fairly new **4 star hotel** is centrally located at the lively and trendy district of **St. Georg**, north of the central station in Hamburg. The interior of the **125** comfortable and well equipped **rooms** is dedicated to **British tradition** with a contemporary touch, a very special style which is present in the **design** of the whole hotel.

Besides a wellness area and a breakfast restaurant, the hotel also got a very popular **roof terrace** which offers a spectacular view over the **Alster Lake**.

A known travel magazine has recently elected The George as the **best Design Hotel** in Europe.



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