

Living in Hamburg



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The UE campus is located to the west of the immediate city center of Hamburg, directly at Altona Station and is therefore very easy to reach. Nevertheless, moving to a new city is always difficult. The search for housing in Hamburg can be especially difficult in popular areas like St. Pauli, Sternschanze or Ottensen. Therefore, look at other districts and try to learn something about the neighborhood to which you might be moving to. For example, there are also nice and trendy areas in Barmbek, Horn or Bahrenfeld.

General Information

The search for an apartment takes about 2 - 4 months due to the great demand and up to 6 months to find a place in a student dorm - so start looking in advance and also do the interviews if necessary from home via Skype.

Don't rule out limited time offers. Competition is especially high during peak times like the start of a new semester, as many students are looking for an apartment, room, or other form of housing. It will be much easier for you to find the perfect apartment if you are not under time pressure.



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Also, look at the neighborhood to see if a potential room or apartment really meets your requirements. FOR EXAMPLE: Are there supermarkets nearby? Is it well connected to public transport? How about cycling? Coming home in the evening, etc.

Activate your social network. Usually there is always someone who knows someone. Also, join Facebook groups and don't be afraid to post your ad!



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It is common to pay a deposit of 1-3 months' rent. Only pay the deposit once you have a legally binding signed contract and have checked if the landlord is legitimate. Be aware of fraud - as a rule, do not transfer any money to the landlord before you have met in person, signed the contract, or before you have seen the flat. Make sure you'll get a proper handover of the flat and inform your landlord about any small or big damages during the handover. Usually there should be a written statement of the condition of the flat at the point of time you are moving in. Once you move out, the deposit will be returned if there are no damages to the flat.

Documents to prepare for your prospective landlord:

- Copy of ID (min. validity of 6 months)
- Bank statements and/or income statement for the last 3 month or statements of your co-signer

Additional useful documents, only applicable if you already live in Germany

- confirmation from your last landlord that you have no rent arrears
- [SCHUFA](#) credit rating report (once per year for free)

Short Stays (first weeks or for visitors)

If you have arrived in Hamburg and haven't found an apartment or a room yet, you will need a cheap short-term accommodation in a hostel near the university. You can also book a hostel in advance, before you find an apartment. Just to be on the safe side! At peak times before the start of the semester hostels are always booked out quickly. If necessary, Airbnb or couch surfing is also a good alternative.



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Booking.com	https://www.booking.com/
Airbnb	https://www.airbnb.com
Hostel World	https://www.hostelworld.com/
Hostelbookers	https://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/germany/hamburg/
Hostelsclub	https://www.hostelsclub.com/en/hostels/germany/hamburg
Backpackers St.Pauli	www.backpackers-stpauli.de
Superbude Hostel	www.superbude.com
Couchsurfing	www.couchsurfing.com/places/europe/germany/hamburg

Long-term Accommodation

Shared Flats



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The average price for a room in a shared apartment is about 500 €, but it can vary depending on the distance to the city center and location. It is often worthwhile to move to less popular parts of the city in order to avoid overpriced rents. The [public transport network](#) is very well developed and if you find an apartment along the S-Bahn and U-Bahn lines, you can often get from A to B faster than you might think.

Housing communities often organize so-called "mass castings," where all applicants are invited at the same time and then the preferred future roommate is selected. If you participate in a mass casting, act natural and don't be shy. If you don't present yourself at the casting, you may miss an opportunity to be selected.

Another option is to be invited for a short, individual interview. Present yourself in the best way possible, but don't pretend.

Spotahome	www.spotahome.com
WG-gesucht	https://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/
WG Liste Studenten	www.wg-liste.de
Badi	https://badi.com/

Your own flat

Immoscout 24	www.immobilienscout24.de
Wohnraumkarte	www.wohnraumkarte.de
Student Living	www.student.com
Nestpick	www.nestpick.com
Housing Anywhere	www.housinganywhere.com
Immowelt	www.immowelt.de
Immonet	www.immonet.de
Ebay Kleinanzeigen	https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/s-immobilien/c195
Wohnen in Hamburg	http://wohn-hh.de/

Student Residences

Student residences are a good option, especially for those starting out in a new city and studying. They are often cheaper, but they usually have waiting lists and it is strongly recommended to give your name months in advance. Most of the time you will live in single rooms on a corridor with a shared kitchen, though there are also rooms in smaller groups with their own kitchen. It is a very good opportunity to make friends and to find a connection in Hamburg.



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Internationales Studentenwohnheim	from 375€ single room (renovated and not renovated)
STUART Apartments	from 475€
Youniq	from 595€
The Fizz	from 736€ for a single room
Urban Living Hamburg	From 480€ for a single room
Stuwo	

Facebook Groups

Neu in Hamburg <https://www.facebook.com/groups/115607898531253/>
WG-Zimmer & Wohnungen www.facebook.com/groups/wg.wohnung.hamburg
Wohnung frei in Hamburg www.facebook.com/wohnung.frei.hamburg

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