

## Research and Travel

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# The Farewell

## Heritage, History, Culture

### Hamburg - Cuxhaven

4-Days Field Trip ( Minigroup or Individual Travel)



Hamburg was the most important port of embarkation for millions of emigrants from Eastern Europe and Germany next to Bremerhaven, Rotterdam, Le Havre, Liverpool and other European cities. Around 1900 the Hamburg America Line, HAPAG, was the biggest shipping company with splendid ocean liners on the North Atlantic route. As early as 1889 the Hapag started its operations from the port of Cuxhaven.

We have designed an unusual itinerary to discover the emigrant experience at these historic places. Meet people, learn about living conditions in the old times, understand the motivation to leave one's home, discover the history of Hamburg, Cuxhaven and the Hamburg America Line and learn how the journey was organized. During your tour the land will speak to you of the growth of „emigration fever“ and the promise of America.

A visit to the Hamburg Emigration Museum Ballinstadt and a farewell dinner in the Hamburg harbour area will complete your fantastic trip. Tour orientation and guiding services by university expert tour guide, access to research facilities as well as a Routes to the Roots service package and a special Heritage Map for the Northwest of Germany are included.

"Hamburg - America" is the ideal package to start or finish a trip to Germany.



## Itinerary

### Day 0     **Transatlantic Flight from USA individual travel to Hamburg**

#### **Arrival by aircraft:**

Depart via any gateway city and arrive at Hamburg the next day. Incoming flights from the US arrive directly or via Frankfurt, Munich, Berlin, Amsterdam, London, Paris and other cities. All airlines have connecting service to Hamburg.

#### **Arrival by train:**

Intercity Express trains from all major cities arrive at Hamburg Central Station every hour.

#### **Arrival by car:**

Driving time to Hamburg from Frankfurt is ca 6 hours.

### Day 1     **Welcome to Hamburg, Tour Orientation**

Transfer to your hotel is on your own (Airport: 20 min taxi ride, Central Station: 10 min). Detailed information and hotel address will be provided with booking / confirmations. Check in and relax or spend time on your own. Hotel has a welcome package for you.

Your program "Hamburg - America" starts at 3 pm at your hotel. You will be met by your tour director during a welcome reception and a tour orientation. Included is a '*Research and Travel*' service package with maps, manual of German handwriting etc. You will receive a reprint of a 19th century passport to make you a "legal traveler" during the next days.

We then go on a sightseeing tour of the old town to follow the traces of circa 5 million men, women and children on their passage to America. Hamburg was especially important for the many Russian emigrants and Jewish refugees trying to escape pogroms in Czarist Russia between the 1880ies and 1914. Learn about the flow of emigration, the cholera, the innkeepers, hostels etc. including the famous Landungsbrücke at Hamburg St. Pauli which still is a fascinating starting point for Ocean Liners. Welcome dinner in the traditional fish-market area.

Hotel: 3 nights in Hamburg

### Day 2     **The Migration Experience: Ballinstadt and the Wiedow Story in Mecklenburg**

Albert Ballin, the managing director of the Hamburg American Line, lend his name for the historic ensemble "Ballinstadt" at the harbour island "Veddel" which today houses Hamburgs emigration museum. You will be visiting that site and continue on an afternoon excursion to the small Mecklenburg town of Glaisin. Carl Wiedow emigrated from here to Victor, Iowa. His life was portraied in Germany's best know emigration novel "Jörn Jacob Svehn der Amerikafahrer, by Johannes Gillhoff. Visit his farm, lunch at Glaisin. Explore the countryside and the landlords palace at Ludwigslust. Evening free to explore Hamburg. Dinner individual.

### Day 3     **Emigration through Cuxhaven**

We leave Hamburg and drive to Cuxhaven, Germany's largest sea-side resort. Enjoy fresh seafood specials during our lunch break before we visit the historical ensemble of the Hapag-Terminal and the Steubenhoef. In 1902 these were the most modern state-of-the-art passenger facilities of its time when the doors opened with the processing of the steamer "Graf Waldensee" on its route to New York on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Today the buildings have been carefully renovated. Yet, even after the passing of the steamship era every square meter of this quay still emanates a farewell. The permanent exhibit entitled, "Departure to America" has found a fitting place at this spot.

Ing our tour we will introduce biographical portraits steeped in emigration history. Retrace the steps of the Confederate General John F. Wagener, learn about the elegance of the tiffany studio at Altenbruch's, Gehben Villa or about Claus Spreckels, who became famous as the Sugar King of California. In Hamburg we gather for a farewell reception.

**Day 4 Farewell or optional Individual Travel**

The tour ends after breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to Hamburg airport (30 minutes), Central Station or pick up of rental car will be on your own. We will provide every assistance that is needed.

<b>Costs and Arrangements</b>		
<b>Price per person:</b>	<b>Euro</b>	<b>640,--</b>
<b>Single supplement:</b>	<b>Euro</b>	<b>90,--</b>
<b>Extra nights in Hamburg</b>	<b>Euro</b>	<b>80,-- sharing a room, per person incl breakfast and taxes</b>
<b>Departures in 2009:</b>	<b>all year round</b>	
<b>Tour starts:</b>	<b>day 1 in Hamburg</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Tour ends:</b>	<b>day 4 in Hamburg</b>	<b>after breakfast</b>

This program is available all year round for 4 participants minimum. With pleasure we design customized arrangements for you.

**Included (land only):**

- 3 nights in first class tourist hotels (three plus/four stars) with private facilities, double occupancy, full breakfast buffet each morning.
- Full time bilingual university expert / driver guide.
- Transportation in comfortable air-conditioned minivan for sightseeing and excursions with driver guide.
- Tour orientation, "Routes to the Roots" service package (brochures, maps, manual for German handwriting, reprint of historic documents).
- Heritage Map Northwest Germany
- All admissions. (tion Museum, Historic Hapag Terminal Cuxhaven, Wiedow farm and Palace of Ludwigslust )
- 3 full breakfast and 3 dinners, 1 reception
- All taxes and service-charges on hotels, meals and other prepaid services.

**Not included:** Airfares, transfers upon arrival and departure, beverages with lunch/dinners, individual cost for research, customary gratuities to tour directors / drivers.

### **Optional Extension Your Personal Itinerary**

We have designed a special service for the individual traveler who wants to benefit from pre-travel research and arrangements: „**Your Personal Itinerary**“: Based on your advance information we check your request and start preliminary research about the possible origin of your family. A dossier with all relevant information and professional tourist service allows you to find your way to the places, records and people you like to see.

You may want to travel on you own or decide to hire additional guiding and driving services (ca Euro 420,-- per full day incl use of vehicle; 1 – 3 participants).

#### **Day 4 Visit your forefathers place of origin**

After breakfast meet with your tour director for a final check and orientation of your itinerary to come. Board train or pick-up rental car and continue your trip according to our proposals. Every destination within Germany can be reached within 8 hours maximum. Overnight accommodation according to local destination.

#### **Day 5 Local Heritage program**

We can prepare a local heritage program for you. Walk in your forefathers steps, see where they lived, find traces of the past in names, buildings, meet people at their farm, visit church and cemetery, enjoy local hospitality. Upon request we can pre-arrange meetings in church offices, local archives or with local experts.

#### **Farewell Day Home**

Transfer according to your flight connections. Arrive at your US destination early evening local time.

#### **Costs for Individual Extensions:**

Costs to design your Personal Itinerary include pre-trip research on the possible place of origin. Based on an hourly fee of Euro 38,-- costs are usually between Euro 200 - 300. You can also set a limit or agree on a step-by-step progressional plan. Please note that extensive genealogical research can be extremely time consuming and is not included in this service but can be carried out according to individual agreements.

Costs for transportation, accommodation and possible guiding services will be additional and based on final arrangements.