

Hamburg Events -- From Fun Fairs To Harbor Birthdays

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Hamburg events are offered plentiful during the year to entertain its citizens and guests. You'll find the traditional city fairs as well as some more unusual events, like Japanese festivals and birthday celebrations for a beloved attraction.

Harbor Birthday

One of the chief [attractions of Hamburg](#) is undeniably its beautiful harbor. So it makes sense that one of the biggest Hamburg events is a birthday celebration for their much loved harbor, which was founded in 1189. Every May, millions of people come to offer birthday wishes with a ship parade, a variety of performances and other fun events.

Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival

You might not expect to find a celebration of this Japanese tradition in Germany, but every May this is another Hamburg happening. The Japanese community of the city gathers by Lake Alster for a low-key, relaxed event that ends in fireworks.

Hamburger Dom Fair

This Hamburg event claims to be one of the biggest German fairs — literally. The fairgrounds during the *Hamburger Dom Fest* stretches over 3.3 km (over 2 mi!). The festival takes place three times a year in the spring, summer and winter. Each time the fair lasts for about one month.

The origins of this event go back to the 14th century when traders used to use the Dom (Cathedral) as an escape from the bad weather. The partying guests were an annoyance to the Archbishop who only allowed them inside when the weather turned sour. But the modern festival still retains the name of the original location.

Alster Fair

This end-of-summer Hamburg event features plenty of family-friendly entertainment. The month-long fair has live music, theater performances, handicraft stalls and a firework display to cap off all the festivities.

Hamburg Pride

The gay community celebrates their culture with an annual August parade. This parade commemorates the anniversary of Christopher Street Day, aka the Stonewall Riots, which began the gay rights movement, in New York City.