



Hamburg



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... *Moin moin! Hop aboard for a tour of the city's best outposts in good food, design, retail and more. Gute Reise!* ...

Retail

— In the bag

Hamburg's history is one of commerce, tradition and patrician wealth, thanks to its centuries-long dominance of maritime trade. And with a prosperous port comes prosperous shops flaunting exotic and superlative goods to knowing patrons. Hamburg's retailers, then, have been honing their craft for many centuries in an environment where only the best will do.

From luxury fashion and high-end watches to vintage furniture and home-thrown ceramics, this city's retail cargo is abundant and exciting. Most importantly, Hamburgers are proud of finding their métier, perfecting it and sticking with it – which is why specialist shops abound. Bespoke shoes? Head to the Klemann family. Handmade fountain pens? Right this way, madame. We've combed the streets and sought out the best; whether you're after a chunky cashmere rollneck or a new pair of specs, Hamburg has it all.

Homeware House style



1 Wohnkultur 66, St Pauli *New originals*

Inside an imposing former abattoir you'll find husband and wife Anna Martina Münch & Manfred Werner's cache of 20th-century furniture from Scandinavian, Austrian and Austrian-American designers. There are pieces by Danish designer Ib Kofod-Larsen and Austria's Ernst Schwadron, as well as the odd German oeuvre such as ceramics by Lutz Könecke.

These are newly made editions of original designs (true originals are worth inconceivable amounts). Each piece is built by the best craftspeople and according to the same specifications as in the past. "They're handmade where they should be made: in Germany, Austria, Japan and Denmark," says Münch, who bemoans today's top furniture labels for cutting corners to cheapen manufacture.

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