



European
Joint
Support Unit

Welcome to Hamburg





WELCOME TO HAMBURG

This handbook is designed to give you as much advice, help and information as possible about the local area. Though by no means exhaustive, its intent is to help you prior to your arrival and during your time in Hamburg.

Your tour here in Germany will offer you lots of great opportunities with regards to travel, recreation and a whole lot more. The customs, culture and way of life here are significantly different from what you may be accustomed to and shopping, driving and dining are all a different experience. Some people may find this a little daunting at first but embracing the culture, food and people you meet will help ease the transition.

We understand that moving yourself and your family to a new country can be extremely stressful so our EJSU staff are here to help you adjust and get settled. You will also be allocated a sponsor before your arrival who is there to aid your arrival and help orientation in the local area.

HAMBURG

Hamburg, a major port city in northern Germany, is connected to the North Sea by the Elbe River. It's crossed by hundreds of canals, and also contains large areas of parkland. Near its core, Inner Alster lake is dotted with boats and surrounded by cafes. The city's central Jungfernstieg boulevard connects the Neustadt (new town) with the Altstadt (old town), and is home to landmarks such as the 18th-century St. Michael's Church. Hamburg is the second-largest city in Germany after Berlin.

Learning the language or just the basics will go a long way. Guten Tag (good day), Morgen (morning) and Tschüss (bye) are handy words to know. It can be considered impolite not to say 'good day' or 'goodbye' when entering or leaving shops or establishments. Shaking hands is also seen as an expression of politeness.

FÜHRUNGS-AKADEMIE DER BUNDESWEHR

The Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr (FüAkBw) / German Armed Forces Command and Staff College (GAFCS) is located in Blankenese, a suburb of Hamburg. The GAFCS is broadly equivalent to the Joint Services Command and Staff College (JSCSC) Shrivenham. It consists of two separate barracks: the Clausewitz-Kaserne (CK) and the Generalleutnant-Graf-von-Baudissin-Kaserne (GBK). The Academy HQ is located in the CK, which is also where the Lehrgang General-/Admiralstabsdienst National (LGAN) and Lehrgang General-/Admiralstabsdienst International (LGAI) courses are delivered, i.e. the German equivalents of the Advanced Command and Staff Course (ACSC). British students attend the LGAN.



Sponsorship

Your line manager will allocate a sponsor to assist with your arrival. Your line-manager will try to allocate someone who lives nearby, whether married or single, and they will be able to show you the local amenities to help you settle in more quickly.

Host Nation Liaison Officer

We are lucky enough to have a Host Nation Liaison Officer (HNLO) at EJSU Goch, who is available to do translations of documents you receive in German and will also translate English into German where necessary.

Hamburg Area Map:

