

ART & CULTURE

High culture and a new groove for harbour city

HAMBURG

Trisha Andres is won over by the cutting-edge concert hall, fabulous art galleries and the cool regeneration of the docks

You're either an Elbe river or an Alster lake kind of person...

The maritime city is defined by the ebb and flow of water. The Elbe, the city's industrial shipping artery...

A sweeping view of the River Elbe and the container port, fringed by cranes, came into view

The overall effect is dazzling, resembling sea shell imprints in the right light. On one end of the hall, 4,765 organ pipes gleam like silver icecube icicles...

After the performance, I wandered through the viewing plaza's curved glass entrance. Built between the building's new prismatic facade and the old brick warehouse it sits on...



chugging along a raised rail track and the city's spires soaring above flat-top buildings. Here was the city in full view, the river winding along docks and buildings old and new.

of Hamburg's port, it's now a Unesco World Heritage Site lined with fashion showrooms, artists' studios and tea rooms. I popped into Wasserschloss (wasserschloss.de) and surveyed and sniffed the 250 teas on offer...

LIGHT FANTASTIC The dazzling Elbphilharmonie, above, and Alster lake, left

Later, I wandered along the Neuer Wall, an elegant street that runs along the lake, lined with Art Nouveau townhouses, jewellers and boutiques...



WORK AND PLAY Hamburg is Germany's busiest seaport and is pictured from the popular Beach Club Strandpaoli

Kunsthalle is all wood-paneled walls and checkered black-and-white floors, exhibiting old masters such as Lucas Cranach the Younger as well as 20th-century artists.

and Georg Baselitz, while exhibitions at the Haus der Photographie range from Richard Avedon, Martin Parr and Viviane Sassen. If time is limited, I'd recommend the Kunstverein Hamburg, where famed German photographer Wolfgang Tillmans has a solo show until Nov 12 displaying his art beyond the camera.

THE HAMBURG BEAT A MUSICIAN'S GUIDE TO CITY NIGHTLIFE

STEFANIE HEMPEL I am a singer-songwriter and founder of the musical Beatles tour...



to go before a night out on the Reeperbahn is the Pizzabande - definitely the best pizza in town.

venue is the Elbphilharmonie, located by the River Elbe in the middle of the harbour. The concert hall appears like a huge, illuminated ship about to take off.



Do cruise ships cope with hurricanes? Chris Leadbeater investigates

While the obvious fallout from Hurricanes Irma and Maria - the twin forces of nature that roared in the Atlantic last month - is the damage wrought to islands in the Caribbean, and to the south-east of the United States, this latest period of tumultuous weather has also provoked large gulps of concern in the Caribbean, and to the south-east of the United States...

The reason cruise ships don't capsize in hurricanes is that they are not placed in harm's way

struck by [a freak wave], I would expect local damage at the point of impact - maybe some broken portholes or bent railings. But little else.

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