



Excursion 2: Tour to Container Terminal Face to Face with Giants A Harbour with a Difference

This is a three-hour bus tour through the Hamburg harbour. The round tour first brings us to the city where the old parts of the harbour and warehouses can be seen. After a tremendous outlook from the Köhlbrand Bridge the bus drives us through the modern cargo harbour and container terminal. This is a restricted area and can only be visited with authority permission and with specially equipped busses. For security reasons passengers are only allowed to exit during the coffee break at the Seamen's mission "Duckdalben".



The port of Hamburg is one of the leading ports in the world. So, visiting the city, a harbour-cruise is a must. There are some highly unusual sights to be seen on the land side of Hamburg harbour.

The first part of the tour is a journey through time that takes us back over 800 years of the port's history. The days of conventional cargo handling come to life once more: Nikolaifleet (the cradle of the Port of Hamburg), Speicherstadt (the historic warehouse district), the so-called 50th-sheds (50er-Schuppen), a historical part of the harbour, built in the early years of the 19th century.

A view over the vast expanse of the port from almost 60 metres up, from the Köhlbrand Bridge, comes next—and suddenly we find ourselves back in the present. The modern, high-tech docklands offer a fascinating glimpse behind the scenes.

For security reasons, most parts of the port are highly restricted areas with no access to the public. In possession of a special permit, the bus rolls right up to the terminals. Slowly, the bewildering confusion of van carriers and reach stackers on Burchardkai crystallises into a smooth-running machine of filigree precision, and the interplay between automatic transport platforms moving as if by magic and fully automatic portal cranes in Altenwerder, to date the worlds most modern container terminal, becomes one great big logical, logistical whole.



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Schedule – Excursion to Container Terminals

14:00	Meeting point: Bus stop behind building 6 Please present your ID or passport. Passengers without ID or passport are not allowed to join the tour. Luggage and laptops have to be stored at DESY. Only small hand luggage is allowed on the bus.
	The sight seeing tour passes historic parts of the harbour like Nikolaifleet, Speicherstadt, and historic museum port, modern parts of the cargo harbour and container terminals Burchardkai and Altenwerder
	There is a coffee break at the Seamen’s Mission Duckdalben.
17:30	Arrival at DESY

Required legal age 14 years
Passport or ID mandatory

The organising travel agency is dependent on permissions given by authorities daily, so the detailed course of the tour may change.

Please note that this tour is well suited for handicapped participants with foldable wheelchairs.