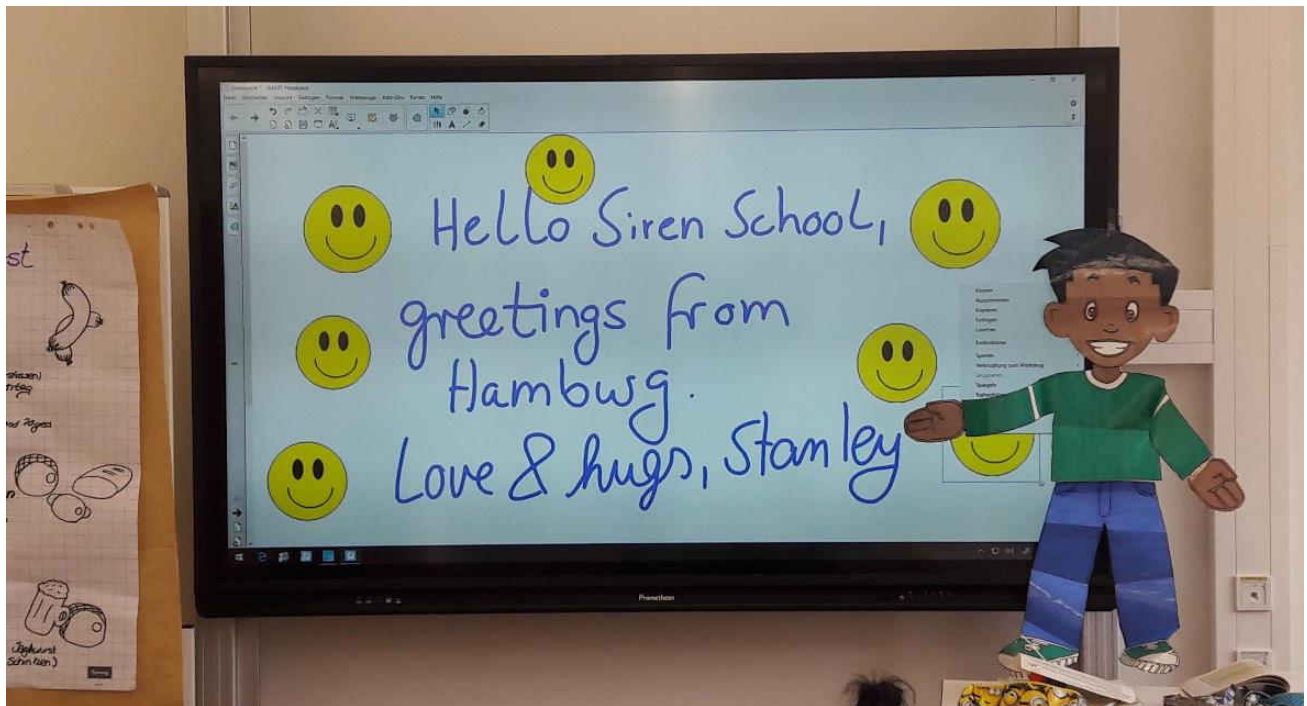




My holidays in Hamburg 2018



This is the famous Hamburg water carrier. His name is Hans Hummel and he was said to always be in a bad mood. He lived in Hamburg from 1797 to 1854. He was in a bad mood because children would always make fun of him calling him names. They would call: "Hummel! Hummel!" and his answer was: "Mors! Mors!" Mors is a very old word for a person's backside. But well, this is how you recognize true inhabitants of Hamburg. If you say: "Hummel, Hummel", only a real Hamburg inhabitant would answer "Mors! Mors!" There are monuments like the one above all around Hamburg. Hans Hummel simply belongs to Hamburg. Famous artists painted those statues in many different ways so all of the monuments look different.



Hello,

greetings from Hamburg from the vocational school BS01. My hosts here are very friendly. They are all trainees at different supermarkets in Germany, training to become retailers. They work at Aldi, Lidl, Edeka and Rewe. Do you know any of these supermarkets? In Germany there is a dual system. That means trainees work in a company but also attend a vocational school regularly. At school they learn everything about the retailing business. After three years the trainees have an exam and if they pass they are professional retailers. In Germany there are vocational schools for all kinds of jobs: hairdressers, secretaries, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, cooks, bank clerks, car sellers. That is an advantage because it ensures that all - for example - painters have the same level of education and provide similar quality.



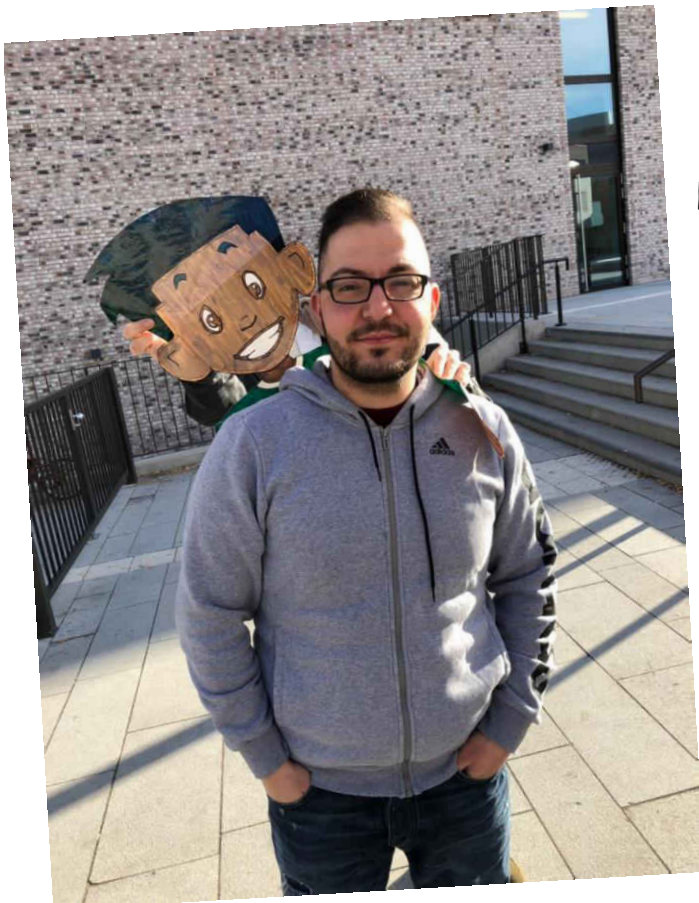
So this time I visited the vocational school for retailers in Hamburg. Right on my first day here, my host had to do a class test on financing. Of course, I had to join ... The teacher even put up those paper walls so that I could not cheat and look at my neighbour's results. It was a bit difficult because it was my first day and I still had to get used to the language. But I passed! Yeah! Must be because of my very good pre-education from Siren High School 😊 I got 96% in that class test which means very good - I got 47 out of 49 points. In Germany they have marks from 1 to 6. 1 means "**very good**" (see picture) and 6 means "**not sufficient**" - the lowest mark.

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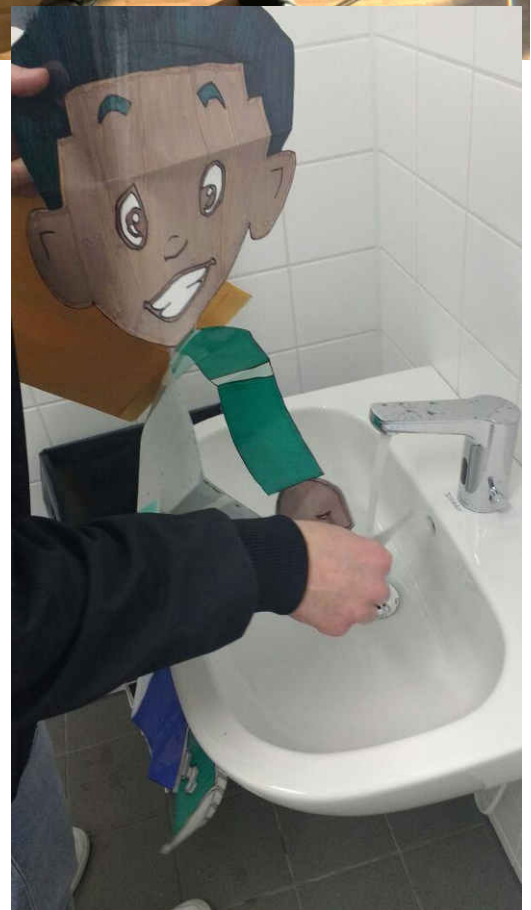


After the class test my hosts showed me the school. It is a very new building. Everybody moved in here only in November 2017.

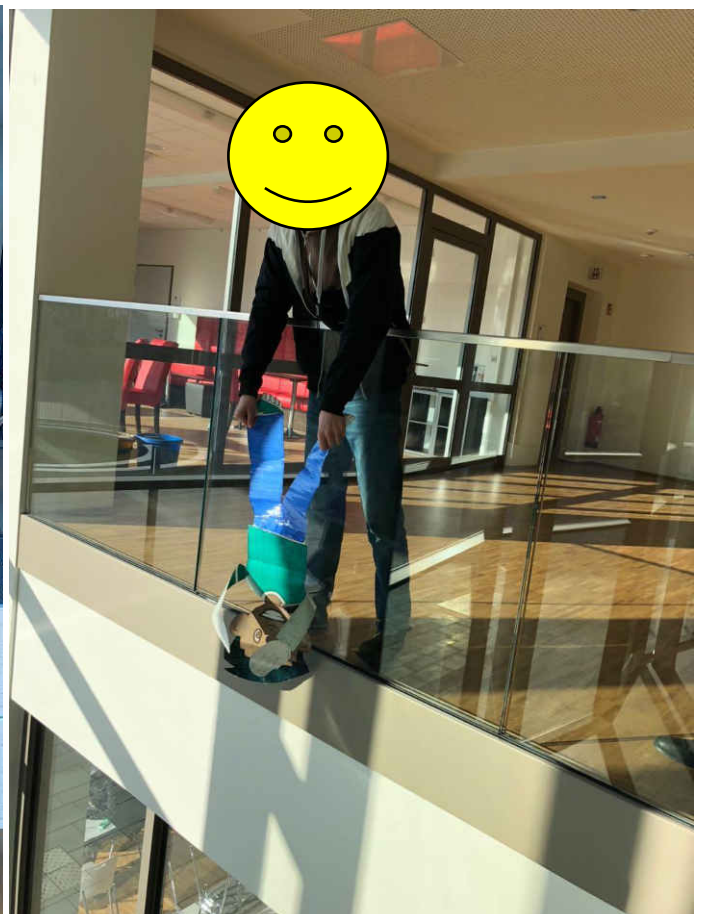
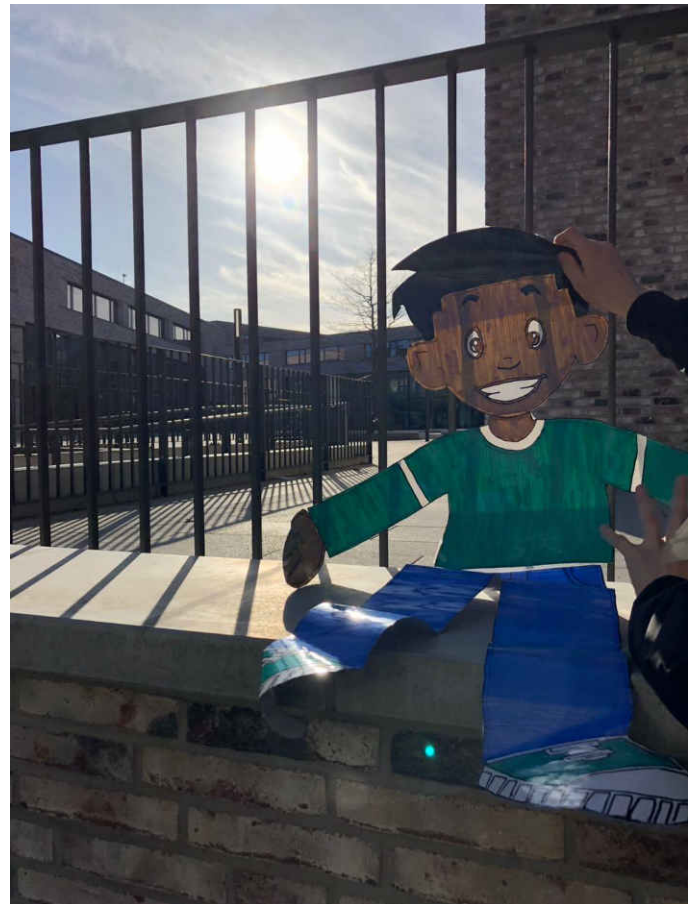


Here are pictures of the campus. There are rooms at this school especially for students who want to relay during the break. You see one in the background with the red chairs on the next page.

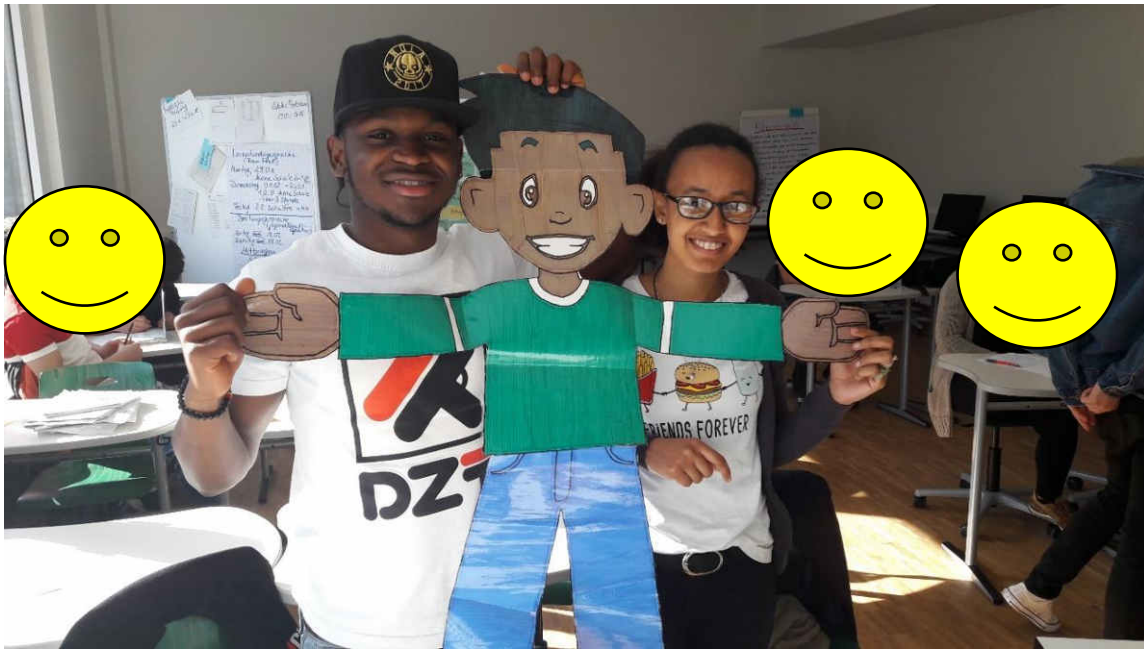
On the left you see my new friend Ali.



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In addition to the retail classes, the BS01 also has classes with refugees - students from Syria, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Guinea and many more countries. They learn German here. I was very impressed by how much they have learned so far. Here you can see Kourou from Guinea and Hermon from Eritrea. They will have their final exam in Mai and have to study a lot at the moment.



This is the class that took me on trips in Hamburg. They are trainees in their third and final year:



And here is what I did in Hamburg:

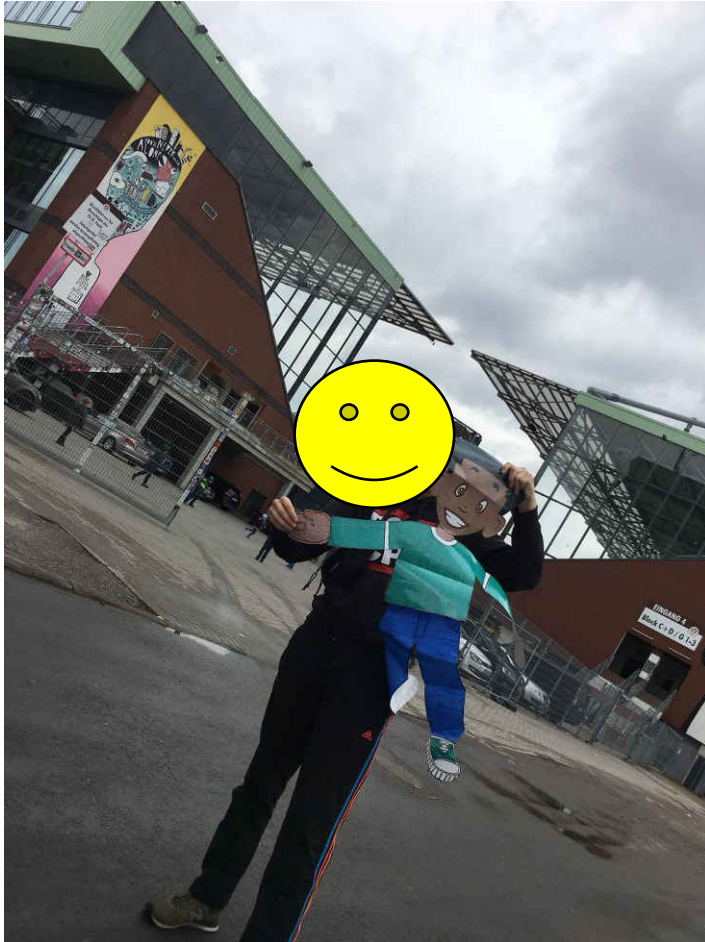


Christiane and Lena took me to the Hamburger Dom. The „Hamburger Dom“ (=Hamburg fair) is the largest folk festival in the north, which is there every year in winter, spring and summer for one month. There are roller coasters, food stalls, profit games, carousels, car scouters and much more. I had a lot of fun there; I ate delicious fries, crepes and roasted almonds. I was also on the ferris wheel with my friend Christiane. From there we could see Hamburg from above. It looked so nice. Hamburg is a huge city and very green. There are so

many trees and parks here.

We were also on the ghost train and I was really scared - I just cried most of the time, as it was really scary.

The funniest thing was that after we were on the roller coaster, I was so dizzy from the twists of the roller coaster that when I got out I fell and it was at the feet of a woman, so she also fell. We stared at each other first and then laughed. I apologized and we talked about it a little and spent the day together. She told Christiane and me so much about the „Hamburger DOM“. There are fireworks every Friday from 10 pm. I was lucky that it was Friday and was able to experience it. The fireworks were so beautiful – they shone on the whole „Hamburger DOM“. I just found it so nice because it was so beautiful – it was in many different colors. I have taken many photos, as a reminder of my time on the „Hamburger DOM“. See you.



I also visited the Millerntor-Stadion (=stadium) with my friend Max who is a supporter of the football club St. Pauli. The Millerntor - Stadium is in Hamburg St. Pauli, Germany – a part of Hamburg. It is mainly used for football matches and is the home stadium of the football club FC St. Pauli. I think what we call football is soccer in American English. Soccer is the most popular sport here in Germany. There are also American football clubs but they are not that well known. The famous Millerntor stadium is on the Heiligengeistfeld near the Reeperbahn - the red light district of Hamburg. The

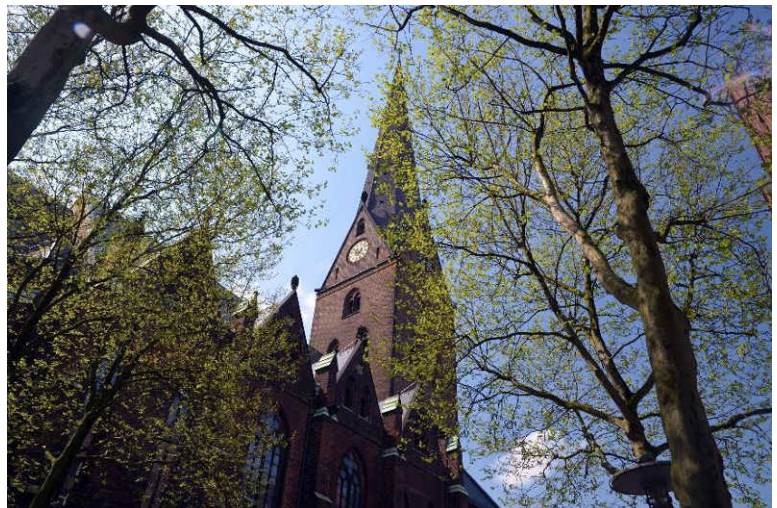
stadium had a capacity of 29,546 places when it was built in 1961. Sometimes it is used for the American football team of Hamburg: The Blue Devils. The costs of the stadium amounted to 62 million Euros, in addition a rebuild has taken place between 2006-2015. Unlike many other stadiums in professional football, the Millerntor Stadium is centrally located in the city. The square is the closest lawn to the Hamburg town hall.

I went with Max to the football match FC St. Pauli against Hansa Rostock. Of course, St. Pauli won 3-2 and the decisive goal was only in the last seconds. I enjoyed it very much - though at the beginning the game was interrupted due to firecrackers thrown by fans of Hansa Rostock. That is an antagonistic club of FC St. Pauli since it has right-wing tendencies and St. Pauli is a strongly left-oriented club.



Hello from the Mönckebergstraße. I was shopping there with Celine – it's one of the main shopping streets here in Hamburg. There are big department stores and in between there are small boutiques and two shopping arcades: the famous Levantehouse and the Europapassage. You can buy many things there: from clothes, children's toys to books. Of course, there are not only shops but many cafés and restaurants to eat and drink.

In the distance there is the St. Petri church and the St. Jacobi church. This church has so many stairs: 544! This was so exhausting to climb up there. In winter there are many Christmas markets selling Christmas decorations etc. I was shopping with Celine at the clothes shop New Yorker and the department store Karstadt. We bought a dress for her and shorts for me. After the shopping tour we drank at the Starbucks Café a coffee - this was nice. After the coffee the tour came to an end - but the day was so funny wit Celine.





Hello,
greetings from the Schanzenviertel – which is a part of Hamburg. I arrived safely at the Schanzenviertel. In Schanzenviertel there are many cafés on all corners. Schanzenviertel is famous for its old buildings. Each year there is a Schanzenfest (a street festival) and many visitors come here. On the Schulterblatt they have a big flea market and when I was there I saw many crazy things. That was so crazy I bought a burger for a homeless person. The people are relaxed and very laid-back. I saw the Rote Flora. The Rote Flora is a center for left-wing people. There are concerts and each weekend there are different events for example: parties, Volksküche and bicycle self-help. At night in Schanzenfest there are alternative streetartists that play music. The people in Schanzenviertel are awesome and I liked it here. This is me with a streetartist:





Jan and I also went to „Planten un Blomen“. Planten un Blomen is an urban park. That is a very big and beautiful park with 47 hectares – right in the city center of Hamburg, Germany. The name Planten un Blomen is Low German for „Pflanzen und Blumen“ in German and in English „Plants and Flowers“. Many people also go to the park to relax, to chill, recover from work and do some sunbathing. In summer you can watch the water games. Classical music is played in the background of the water games: several huge fountains as you can see on the postcard. The reason Tim and I were going to Planten un Blomen was that we were going ice skating outside! That is only possible in winter and early spring of course. There were many people and we had so much fun together. My friend Tim who showed me Planten un Blomen fell down on the ice and got injured a bit. I helped him and put a band aid on his knee. He was much better then 😊. Then we went from there to the TV Tower. That's right near the big park and you can see the TV Tower from the park - that was very very nice.



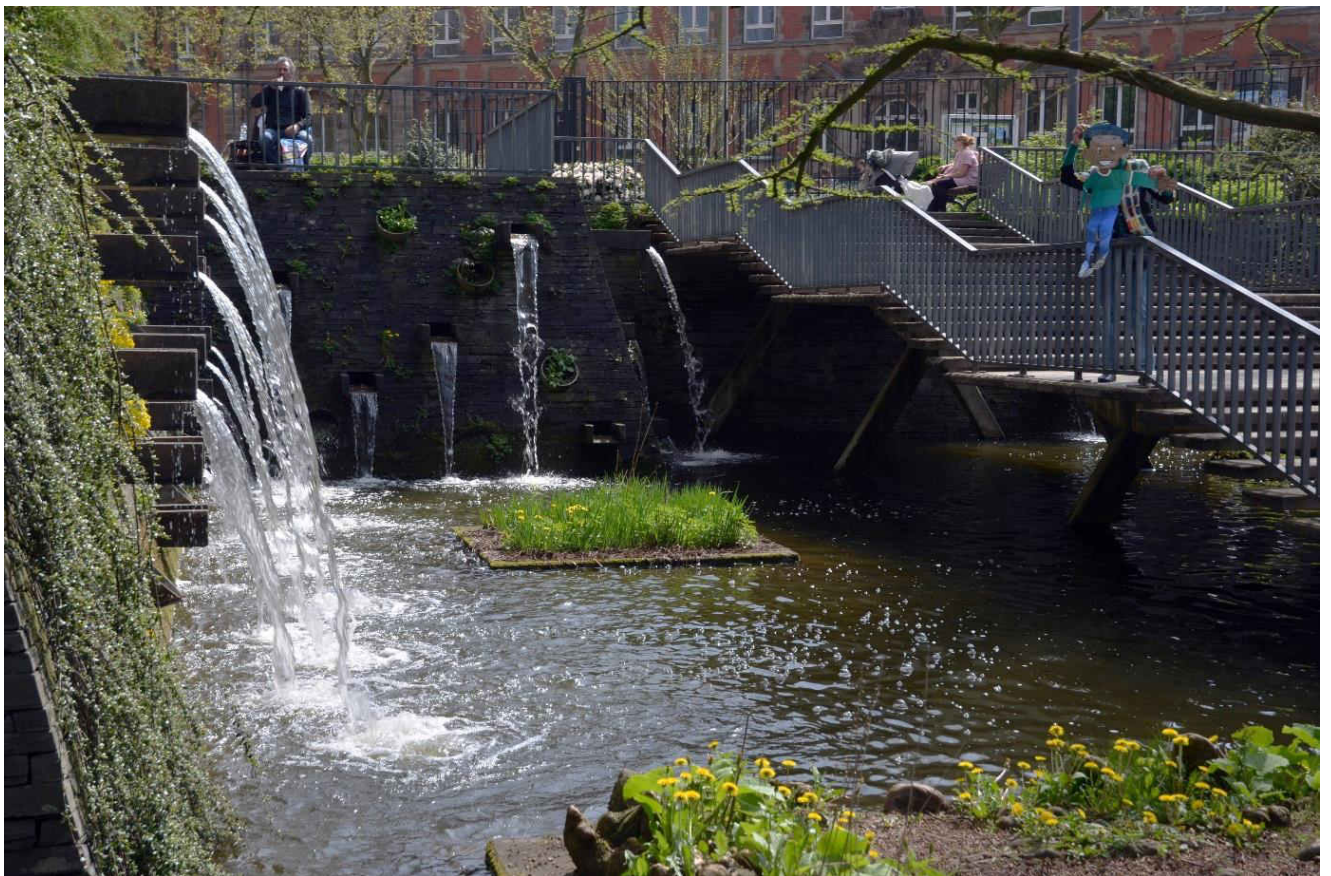


These are Jan and me in front of the TV Tower.





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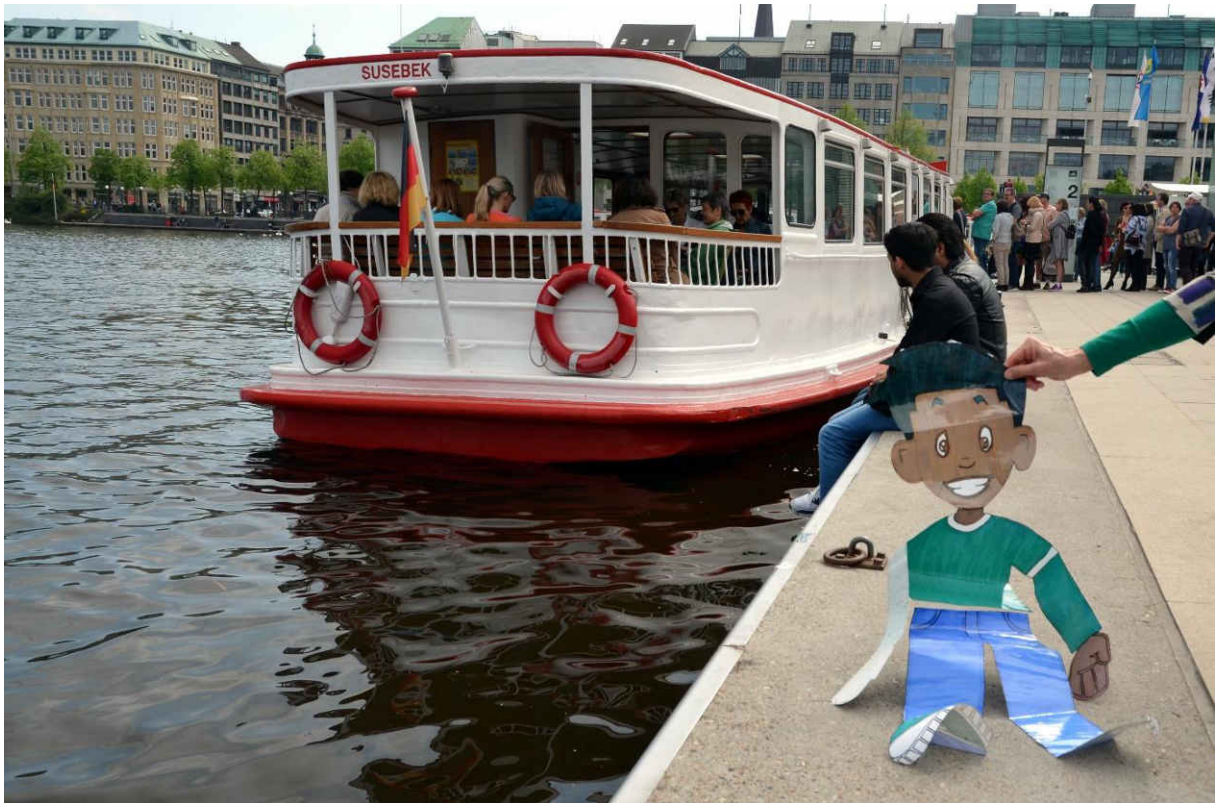
I loved Pflanzen un Blumen. This is how people relax there when the weather is good.



I also visited the Hamburg City Hall. Can you see me in the picture? Near the Hamburg City Hall is a famous café called „Alsterpavillion“ and the outer part of the river „Alster“ – the river is made here into a big lake right in the centre. That is why many people think the Alster is a lake. But no! It is a river. It's a 7,6 km walk around this Alster „lake“ and it is one of the most crowded jogging areas in Europe. People can even go sailing there. Crazy, eh? Sailing in the centre of a huge city such as Hamburg.

This is the inner Alster (can you see me?):



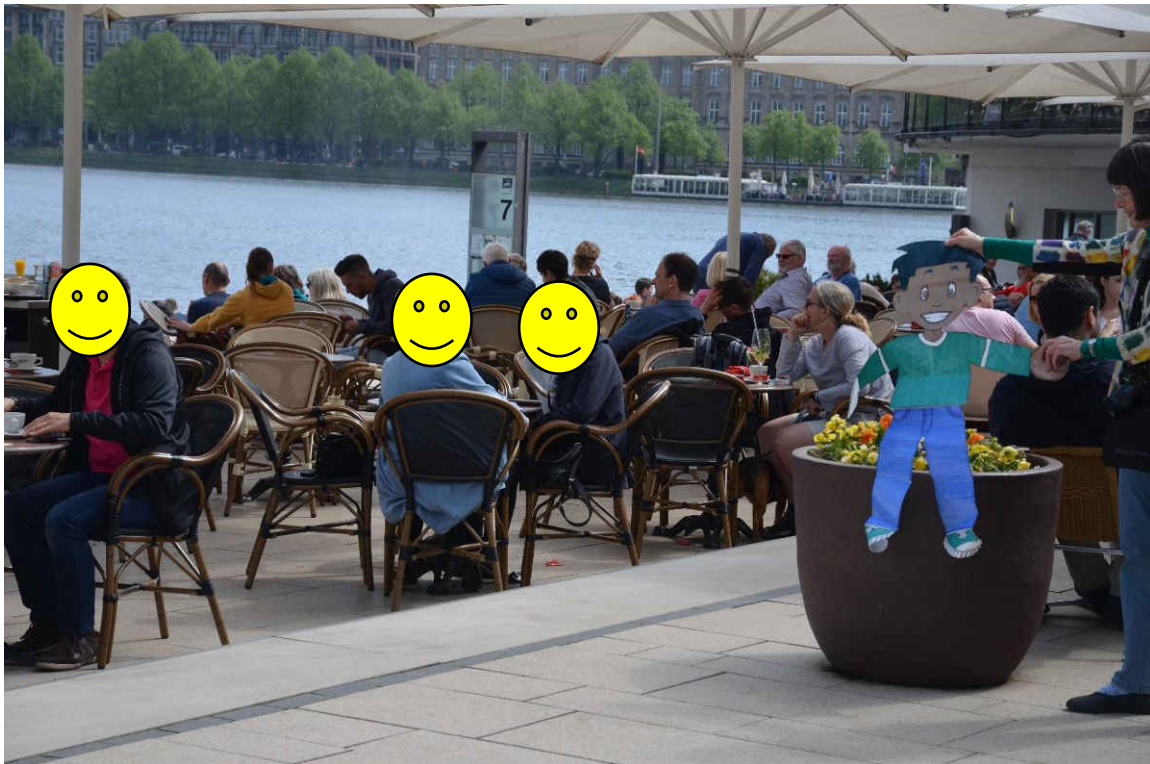


The famous café Alsterpavillon is expensive but it is one of the most beautiful cafés with a beautiful view at the inner Alster. It is called Alsterpavillon but people in Hamburg call it *Alex*. Before I started to visit the City Hall Aferdita and I ate brunch in the Alsterpavillon. The brunch costs 10,60 Euro. I ate different foods, for example delicious sausages and cheeses as well as cereals, fine yogurt and crisp fruit. The dream duo Tomato and mozzarella must not be missed as well as the selection of desserts, bacon, sausages, egg dishes, fried potatoes and crisp-fresh salads. I felt a little bit full afterwards. I had a stomach ache, but it was worth it. That is why I relaxed a bit near the Alster. People in Hamburg love that place – people in Hamburg love water. There is so much of it in Hamburg.





The Alster was created in the 13th century. It's up to 56 kilometers long and flows through Süd-Holstein and Hamburg. A lot of people think that the Alster is a lake because it's surrounded by the city but it's actually a small river. It's like the little brother of the Elbe – the other big river here.



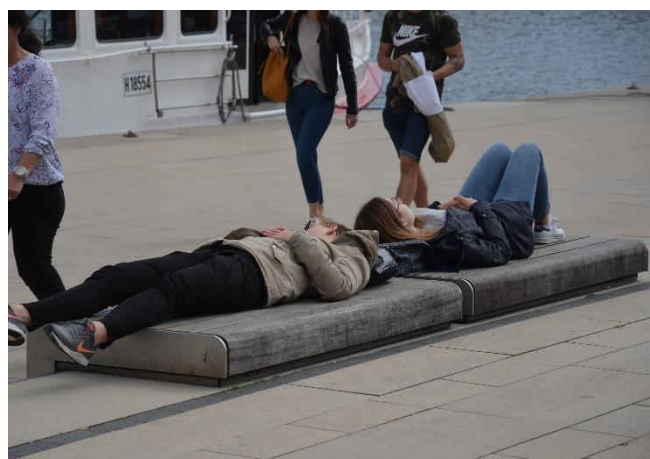
Me at the Alex Café.

The Alster's opulent grasslands on the edge of the bank offer plenty of opportunities to be close to the water, right in the middle of the city. I loved to just lay on a blanket, doing a picnic. Or sometimes when I was motivated enough I went jogging around the Alster with my friends. During the summer my friend Danijel likes to take a walk, play frisbee or make a barbecue. There are a lot of people who are doing the same things and I met and talked to a lot of people there. I made also some new friendships. These are the kind of things you can do here.

During the winter, Danijel was able to walk through the lake to the other side of it without getting wet because of the frozen ice. Danijel loves to iceskate when it's all frozen. The Alster is surrounded by cafés and restaurants where you can enjoy a meal or drink with a nice view at the water. I often went to the restaurant next to the Alster named Alex. When I was there I always ordered a burger with some fries and a big bowl of banana split ice cream with a lot of chocolate sauce.



People chilling at the Alster.

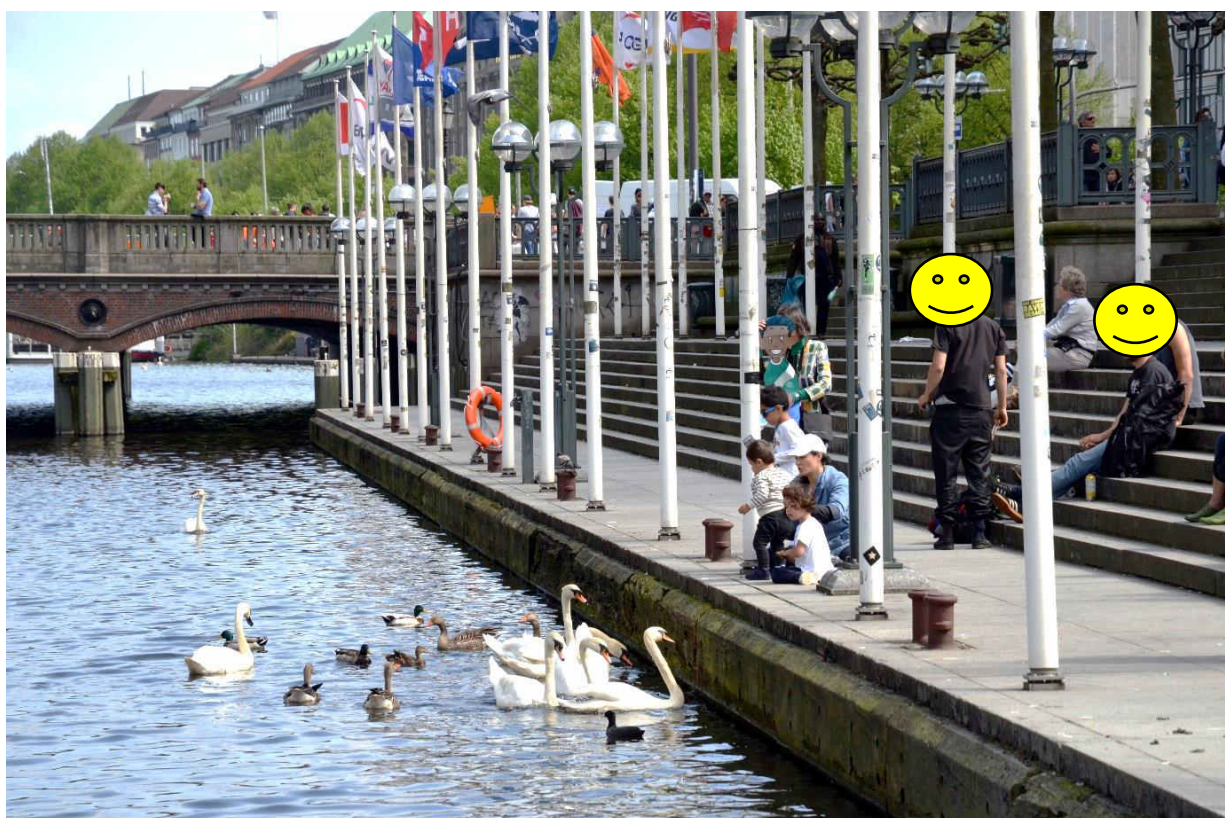


The Hamburg City Hall is beautiful because it is an old City Hall right in middle of Hamburg. You can visit the City Hall from 07.00 am - 8.00 pm o'clock. I visited the City Hall and went inside, which was very interesting. The City Hall has 647 rooms – more rooms than even the Buckingham Palace in London. I wanted to visit all rooms but it was not allowed. Hamburg is a beautiful city to take pictures and to remember the good time.





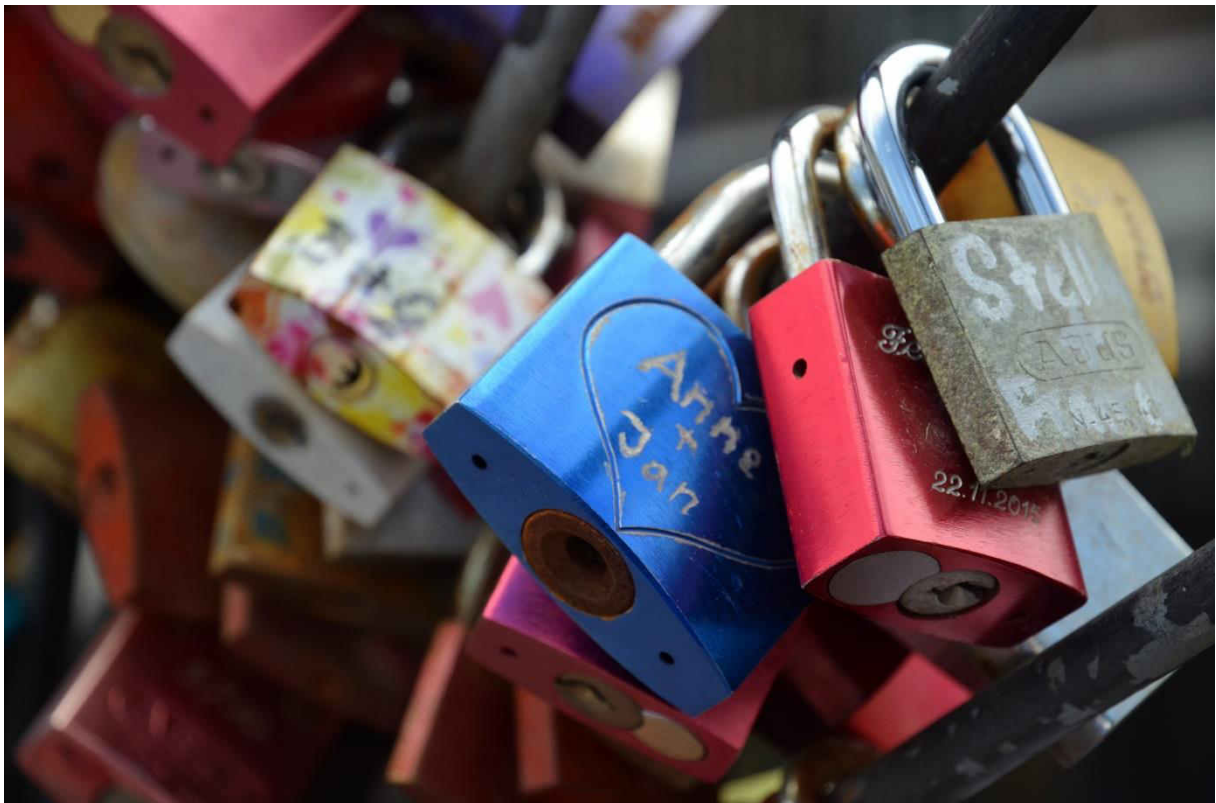
Me in front of the main building.

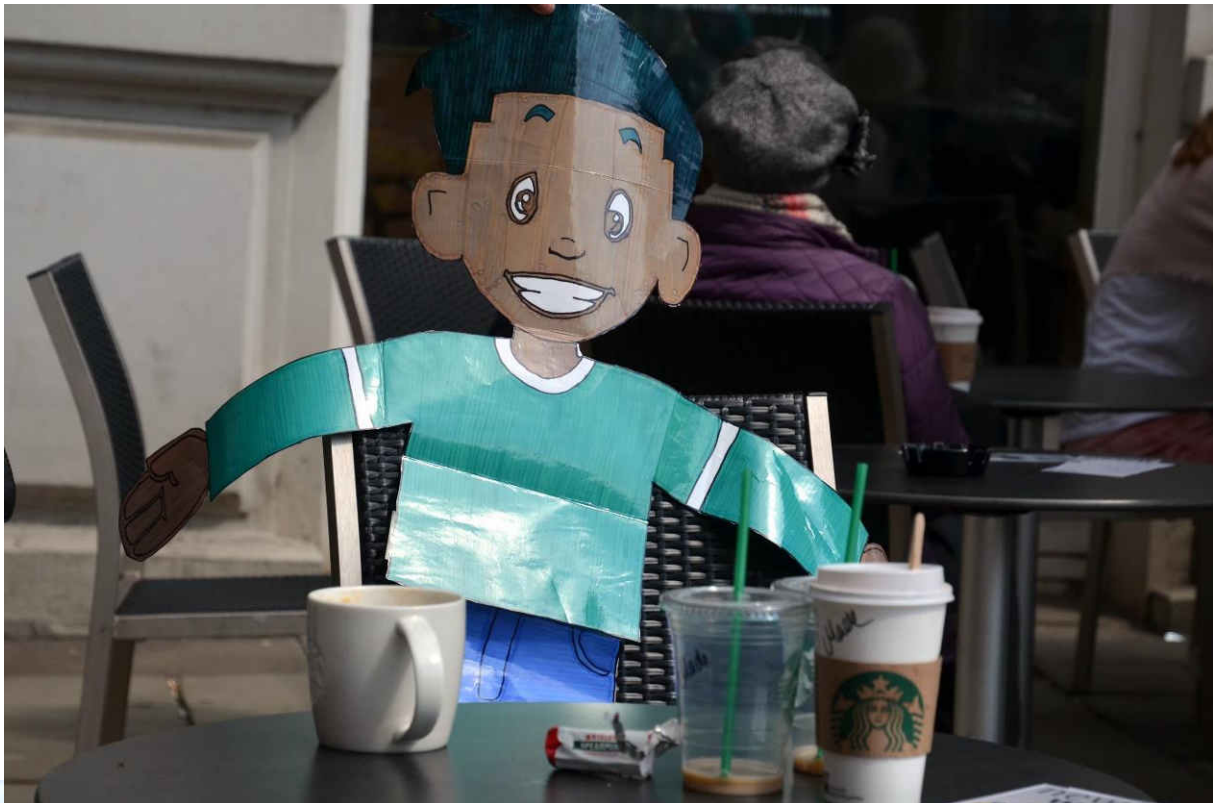


Me feeding the swans. Can you see me in the picture?



Look what I found! Two people who are in love put locks on bridges. It symbolizes their love 😊 If I had had a lock I would have written Stanley and Stella 2018 on it.

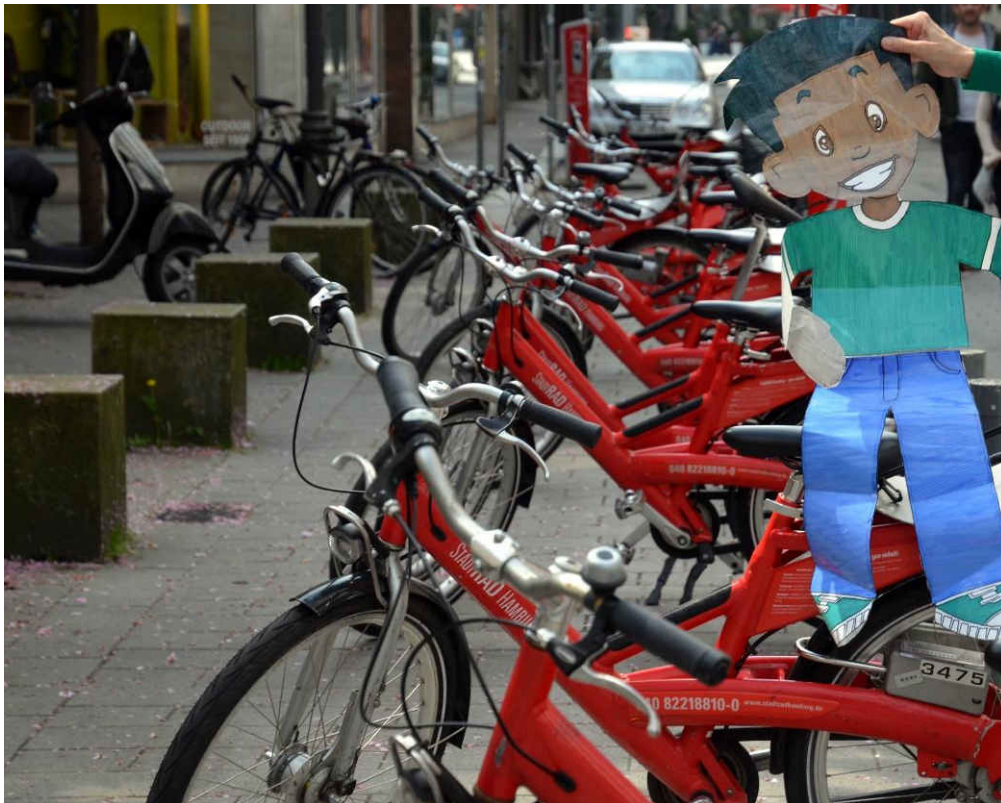




This is me having a break.

And in the next picture it is also me having a break. In the background you see the famous Marco-Polo-Tower. It is relatively new and right next to the harbor at the river Elbe. The view is amazing. And of course: it is inhabited by many famous celebrities such as Wladimir Klitschko. It is said that those people never have to leave their flat because everything is delivered by room service!

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In Hamburg everybody can rent a bike – there are these bike stations all around the city. It is free for the first 30 minutes. Well, I did not go on bike trip. My legs are too short. But bikes are very popular here in Hamburg. So is sport. When I was in Hamburg I happened to see the Hamburg marathon:





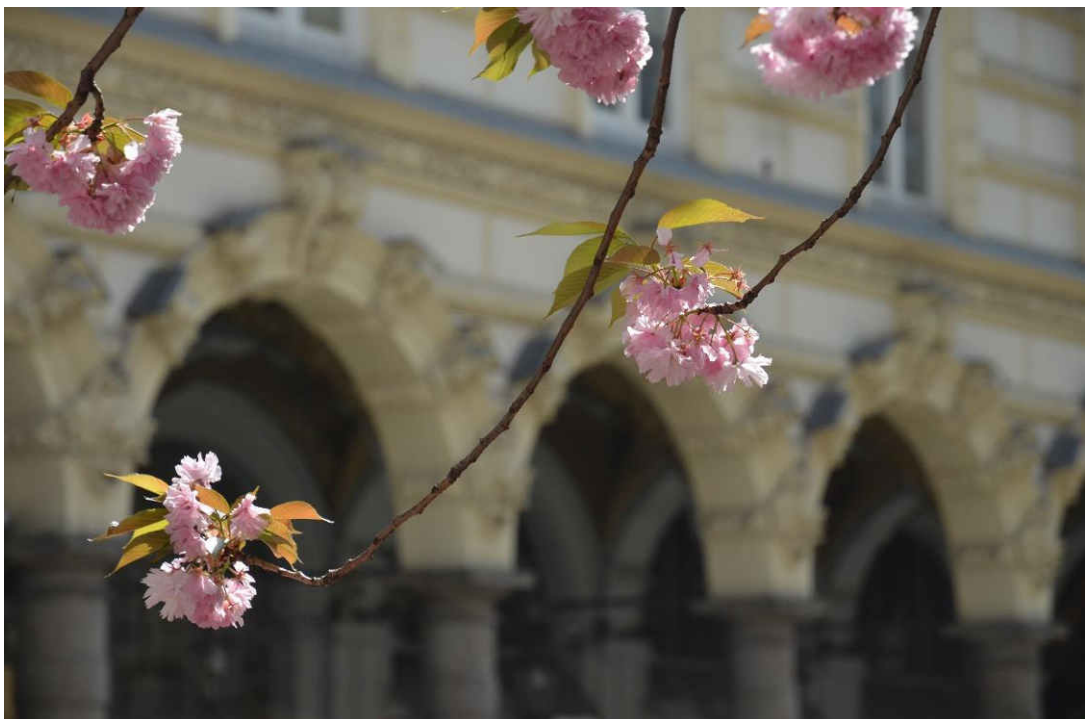
This is me cheering to the runners.



The Reeperbahn

Jenny and Stanley went to the Reeperbahn, that is Hamburg's red-light district. This place is very good to party, to eat in restaurants and also for other attractions like musicals. I was very amazed, but I thought there were too many people there at night. In the winter there is a Christmas market, this Christmas market is famous. People go there with friends and drink the mulled wine „Glühwein“.

I loved the Reeperbahn. I liked the amazing culture, the many bars and pubs. Jenny and I were both very hungry, so we went to „Hessburger“. I love this burger. I tried the double cheeseburger, the chicken burger and fries. It almost tasted like a burger in the US. From the Reeperbahn you can go to the harbor. Here lives a famous person, the name is „Olivia Jones“. She is a transgender. Her clothes are very colourful and she wears a lot of fancy make up and a wig. She leads tourists around the Reeperbahn. Unfortunately, we could not do the tour because I suddenly felt sick. I think I ate too many burgers. But all in all I loved Hamburg.



My visit to the „Tanzende Türme“

The two skyscrapers are at the eastern entrance to the Reeperbahn in Hamburg. They are called „Tanzende Türme“ (dancing towers). The dancing towers are called so because the towers seem to be dancing because they are not straight but twisted.

You have a very nice view over Hamburg city and if you have a girlfriend you should definitely go there. There is a very nice cocktail bar and you can try fancy drinks, for example „Pretty Woman“.

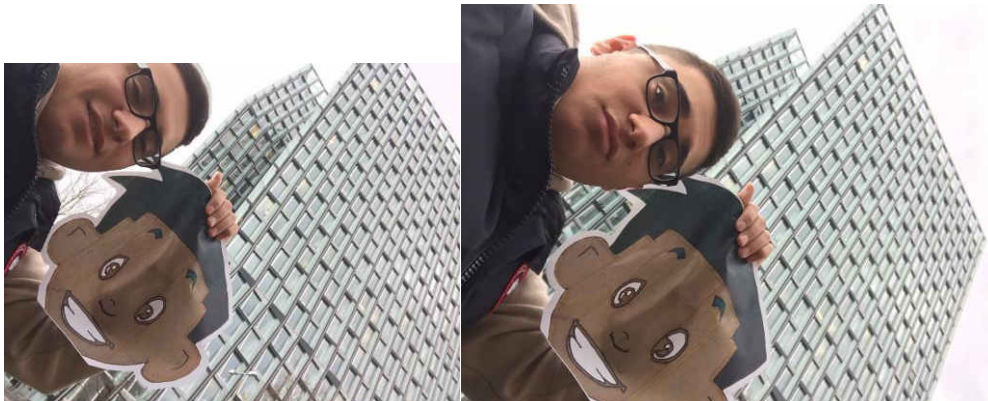
The height is 85 and 75 meters.

I drank a coffee on the top floor with my friend, then her scarf flew down in the strong wind. I tried to go down as fast as I could with the elevator to find it but did not find it.

After a few minutes, an old gentleman patted my shoulder and handed me the glowing rust-colored scarf. The girlfriend thanked me very much with a kiss on the cheek.

This was a happy end. ☺





Can Luca and me in front of the *dancing towers*.

PORT OF HAMBURG

Today I was together with Lena at the harbor.

It was a sunny day for the usually rainy city Hamburg.

We looked at the ships at the harbor and made a harbor cruise. Opposite the harbor are the musicals "King of the lions" and "Mary Poppins". It's a special thing. It's so sad I can't go to a musical here in Hamburg.

Hamburg is a harbor city. In the past many sailors came to the city via the sea route.

We also ate ice cream, unfortunately Lena had to eat mine too, because I felt a little sick from the boat trip. A good day for Lena and a bad for me. At night the skyline of the harbor is blue, it's called "Blue Port Hamburg", It is beautiful. Another attraction is the „Elbtunnel“. You can go through it, under the river „Elbe“. Your gaze falls also on the „Elbphilharmonie“, this is the newest Hamburg attraction. Briefly also called Elphi“ or „Elbphi“ Hamburg wants to make it the new cultural landmark.

Behind the „Elphi“ is the „HafenCity“ a very beautiful modern district.

We also took a walk through the „Speicherstadt“ this is an old warehouse complex, located near the port of Hamburg. In the past, things like spices, coffee and tea were traded here. At the end of the day, Lena asked asked me what I liked best?! The answer was quite clear. The many cranes. Once a year we celebrate the birthday of Hamburg's port, this year it is from 10th –13th of May. A great day with Lena, Lena loves this city and she hopes I do as well.



This is me in front of the Elbphilharmonie. Can you see me?



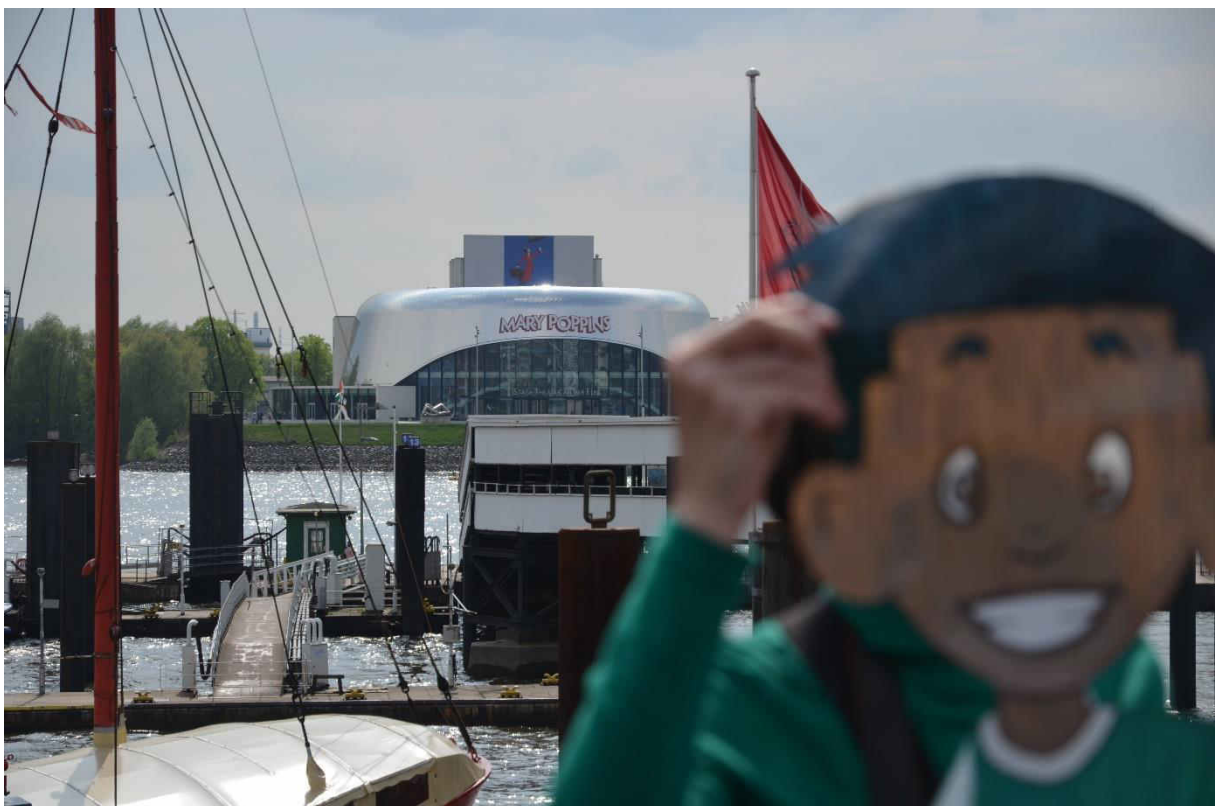


These are Stella and me 😊

Stella wants me to say hello. Thank you for taking so good care of her!



This is me enjoying a break. Can you see me?



Hamburg is the capital of musicals. There are so many! In the background you see the latest musical addition: Mary Poppins.



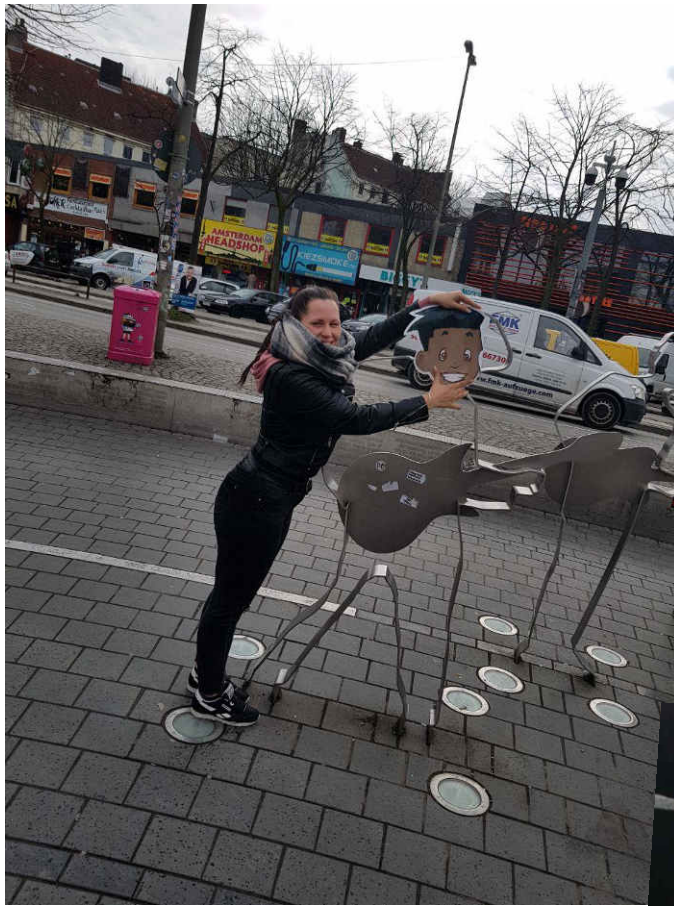
This is Lena ☺ Showing me the harbor and the river Elbe.

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These are Lena and me at the harbor.



This is a monument for the Beatles at the Beatles' square. I got there by car. Jenny drove me there and showed me the place. The Beatles had their very first public concert in Hamburg. That is why there is a Beatles monument. Many fans come and visit it.



Volksparkstadion = soccer stadium

I visited the Volksparkstadion near Hamburg with my friend Tim. I watched a soccer game between Hamburger SV and FC Cologne. Hamburg won 4:0. Wow! Soccer is so popular in Germany.

That was really great to see how 56,000 Fans celebrated. It's normal for the fans to sing a Song called „Hamburg meine Perle“ that means „Hamburg my pearl“.

I was also really excited and a person next to me told me that it was normal to run naked across the field.

This is called a „flitzer“. So, I ripped of my clothes and ran across the field. Everyone was celebrating and cheering me. The players were not very amused to see this. They called the security and they kicked me out of the stadium. But I had my fame for two minutes. That was really, really cool.

Oh, this is me in front of the main station in Hamburg. There are soccer fans sitting in front of it 😊



As I love animals, my hosts also took me to a farm so see some cows and ride on horses:



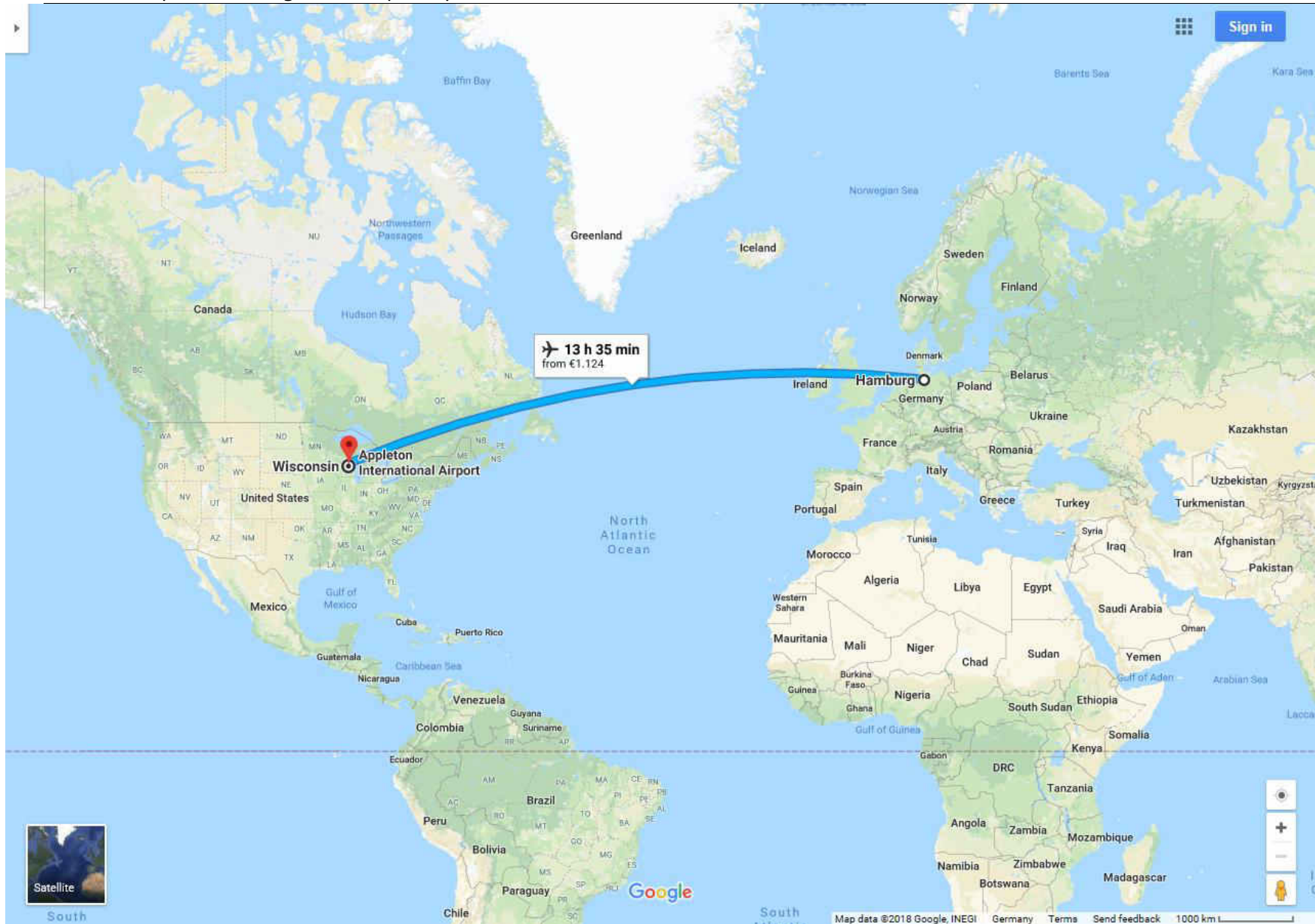
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This is also something I learned here: at Easter Germans put up colored eggs on the trees in their gardens. It looked lovely!

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My journey on Google Maps.