



# Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

## First Mayor

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

A very warm welcome to our Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg!

We are delighted to have you as guests in our city on the occasion of the G20 Summit. Hamburg is both a city state and one of the Federal Republic of Germany's 16 federal states. It is also Germany's second biggest city.

Hamburg is the perfect choice of venue for the meeting of the heads of state and government. Due to its port the city is also referred to as the "gateway to the world". Not only has Hamburg had relations with much of the world for centuries, it is also considered Germany's media capital and a leader in the fields of digital and creative services. So you will feel right at home here.

Though you will be very busy reporting about the G20 Summit, I do hope you will find a moment or two to enjoy our city on the water. The port is a must, of course, but the city is also home to beautiful historic churches and idyllic canals, bustling squares and romantic lanes that will leave you with very special impressions.

And finally there is our new landmark that has been drawing the crowds ever since it was inaugurated: The Elbphilharmonie is one of the leading concert halls in the world. Already more than two million visitors have marvelled at the new, spectacular edifice. It is just one more reason to come back and explore more of our city. You are warmly invited to visit us again.

I now wish you a wonderful stay in Hamburg and a successful summit!

Olaf Scholz  
First Mayor