

# Main attraction

A global hub for commerce, culture, education, tourism and transportation; for a long time Frankfurt has flown under the radar – until now

Germany's fifth largest city is no longer just a global confluence on the River Main. Wall Street Bank Morgan Stanley has started moving London-based investment bankers to Frankfurt as part of initial plans for life after Brexit. Goldman Sachs, Citibank and UBS have also moved staff to the home of the European Central Bank – it has been labelled 'the big Brexodus winner'.

While this ancient city has a certain pragmatic appeal, it should be judged on its own spectacular merit.

STAY

In the heart of the financial district and the historical city centre, Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof has been welcoming guests

since 1876. Steeped in opulent German tradition, the hotel has 261 rooms, 42 suites, and a 1,000 sq.m spa with Turkish baths, holistic massage, a Gentleman's barber and a wide range of beauty applications.

The InterContinental Frankfurt hotel overlooks the River Main in the heart of the city, a short walk from the Old Town's central Römerberg square. Its extensive conference facilities encompass 19 flexible spaces, including a large ballroom and the 21st-floor Salon Silhouette, with impressive skyline views. Drink in the elegant DAXx Mainhattan's Bar, dine on creative New German cuisine at Signatures Veranda Restaurant or unwind with a workout in the airy, 24-hour gym.

Located in the heart of the city is the luxurious Jumeirah

Frankfurt hotel, just a few steps away from the popular Zeil shopping street and the financial district. With exotic cuisine on hand at Max on One Grillroom and a Skyline Honey Massage at Talise Spa, there is barely time to admire the resplendent Crystal Ballroom. *Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof* [steigenberger.com](http://steigenberger.com) *InterContinental Frankfurt* [intercontinental.com/Frankfurt](http://intercontinental.com/Frankfurt) *Jumeirah Frankfurt* [jumeirah.com/Frankfurt](http://jumeirah.com/Frankfurt)

DRINKS & DINNER

Frankfurt may have leant its name to a campsite sausage, but today its restaurants attract some of the world's most captious diners. Serving the international elite on a daily basis, restaurant owners demand the

very best in culinary skill and quality service. Towering 187 metres over Frankfurt, Main Tower Restaurant & Lounge – the fourth tallest building in Frankfurt – is not easy to miss. This unique restaurant offers a high-level culinary experience served with a spectacular panorama of the city of Frankfurt. It remains the only skyscraper still open to the general public, with the restaurant on the 53rd floor.

Restaurant Villa Rothschild is an eatery focused on healthy, sustainable cuisine at the former country residence of the Rothschilds, surrounded by a ten-hectare park and the Taunus mountain range.

In the dining room of a boutique hotel with the same name, Villa Rothschild is where the new concept of Grill & Health delights awaits. The spectacular scenery from the restaurant's terrace makes leaving the bustle of the city even more worthwhile.

Located in Diplomatenviertel, one of Frankfurt's most elegant quarters, the beautiful Villa Merton had delivered Michelin



star food since 2003, thanks to Chef de Cuisine Matthias Schmidt's daring menu. Schmidt renounces traditional ingredients such as olive oil and citrus fruits in favour of unique products, such as Japanese roses, beechnut and oil of wheatgrass.

The main dining room opens on to a tree-lined terrace, which offers natural shade and a beautiful back drop while dining alfresco, and a private room

is available on the first floor for even greater exclusivity. *Main Tower Restaurant & Lounge* [maintower.de](http://maintower.de) *Restaurant Villa Rothschild* [kempinski.com](http://kempinski.com) *Villa Merton* [restaurant-villa-merton.de](http://restaurant-villa-merton.de)

SEE

The Römer is a spectacular medieval building in the Frankfurt's Altstadt (Old Town) on the River

Main. Located opposite the Old St. Nicholas church, it remains the city hall today – as it has been for more than 600 years.

Less than 500 metres away stands the house of famous writer and statesman Johann Wolfgang von Goethe who lived in the Innenstadt (central) district of Frankfurt until 1795.

His home – the original family residence of the Goethe family is now a museum.

A short walk north west, the Palmengarten is one of two botanical gardens in Frankfurt. The 22-hectare masterpiece was privately financed and implemented by the architect Heinrich Siesmayer.

Also worth visiting are the luxury shopping streets Zeil and Goethestraße, Städel (Art) Museum, Museum für Moderne Kunst, Alte Oper (former Opera House), St Paul's Cathedral, Frankfurt Cathedral and the Eiserner Steg iron footbridge.

*Römer* [Frankfurt.de](http://Frankfurt.de) *Palmengarten* [palmengarten.de](http://palmengarten.de) *Städel Museum* [staedelmuseum.de/en](http://staedelmuseum.de/en) ■

**Opener:** There is no better spot to admire the stunning Frankfurt skyline than on the River Main **Left:** The world-famous Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof Hotel **Above:** Frankfurt CBD and The European Central Bank take on more importance than ever as Britain leaves Europe

