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Around the World in 80 Gardens

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Hamburg – Green Metropolis on the Waterfront

Hamburg is Europe’s green metropolis on the waterfront: In the middle of town streets and squares are lined with lush greenery, watercourses and canals intersect town and countryside. The rivers Elbe and Alster with their accompanying footpaths, meadows, woods and sandy riverbanks provide the Hanseatic Town with its unique character. Innumerable small and large parks such as Stadtpark in Winterhude, Altonaer Volkspark, Planten un Blomen and Jenischpark offer open space and relaxation for the residents and a haven for the city’s wildlife.

The activities of the international garden show hamburg (igs 2013) in the borough of Hamburg-Wilhelmsburg contribute substantially to the “Green Metropolis on the Waterfront”. A park for the 21st century will be developed here, in the heart of the city, on its southern island: a centrally located refuge for leisure activities, sports and relaxation near residential areas and another bright dot on the green map of the Hanseatic Town.

As late as the 19th century Hamburg provided only 1.6 square metres of public open space per capita. And those spaces were mainly market places and churchyards. At the turn of the 19th to the 20th century it became clear that citizens needed parks and green spaces to remain healthy. The “Volkspark” movement emerged and in 1914 the rank of Hamburg’s first Head of the Parks’ Department was established. Today parks and green spaces cover more than nine percent of Hamburg’s area. More than 245,000 trees line the city’s streets and paths. This commitment to man and nature was recently rewarded: In February 2009 the EU commission awarded Hamburg the title of European Green Capital 2011. The title was introduced in correlation to the successful programme of “European Capital of Culture”. In total 35 cities from seventeen European states applied, among them such green and beautiful contestants as Prague, Amsterdam and Valencia. Hamburg gained top marks especially in the fields of air quality, use of water and management of the environment. In 2011 Hamburg intends to entice its citizens even more into protecting the climate and the environment.

Getting Out

Leave the hubbub behind and enjoy the green world of the garden show! It’s only seven minutes on the local train (S-Bahn) from Hamburg’s central station Hauptbahnhof to the park of the international garden show hamburg (igs 2013). The journey itself is already enjoyable: the route allows a good view of the port, crosses the Elbe and leads straight to Wilhelmsburg. Simply cross the pedestrian bridge and delve into the show.

A Quilt Made from 80 Imaginative Gardens

The extensive ground of the international garden show hamburg (igs 2013) opens up in front of the visitors as soon as they have passed the show’s main entrance near the local train station Wilhelmsburg. There are more than 80 gardens to be discovered: a quilt of artistically connected and colourful dots that cover the 100-hectare site like the American bed throw the bed. Get carried away – go on a journey! Welcome to the colourful world of the international garden show hamburg, the world’s largest display of plants and flowers in 2013!
World of Ports  Hamburg is an ancient port, the borough housing the exhibition is an old workers’ neighbourhood right at the port. The World of Ports is a declaration of love to the green town on the river.

1 Welcome
Stop! This is where it really starts: in the welcoming garden the World of Ports will be introduced to you: with its tea and spice gardens, trading routes and waterways, exchanges, canals and container ships.

2 Sea Air
It smells of tea, coffee and cocoa. Exotic spices lie in open jute bags, ready to be tasted. The wooden floor creaks, a winch groans – this is where Hamburg’s old warehouses come alive.

3 Time is Money
Are we still in Hamburg? The London Stock Exchange to the right, a skyscraper to the left! In between “Black Friday” – a dark patch of soil at the garden’s centre: Surrounding it: Flower borders with jagged lines chart the share prices. The world of commerce as a spectacle of nature.
Politics Provide the Framework
Leap Across the Elbe

The international garden show hamburg (igs 2013) will take place in the Hamburg borough of Wilhelmsburg from spring until autumn 2013. Its slogan “Around the World in 80 Gardens” reflects the show’s philosophy. At the same time the building exhibition “Internationale Bauausstellung Hamburg” (IBA Hamburg), partner of the igs 2013, will present innovative solutions to the challenges facing cities in the future.

Hamburg – Green Metropolis on the Waterfront

Both organizers are central to Hamburg’s urban renewal project “Leap across the Elbe”, one of the five lead projects within the overall concept for the city’s future “Growth with foresight – City of Hamburg”. The development of Hamburg’s former port areas is the main target of this ambitious programme, among them are HafenCity, and the river islands Veddel and Wilhelmsburg as well as the Harburg inland port. Thereby the Free and Hanseatic Town of Hamburg takes advantage of a unique opportunity: The town will be connected at its centre.

Hardly any other European metropolis offers so much development area right at the heart of the city. The potential for development is huge: Shaping the future architecture and landscape is the Hanseatic Town’s landmark project.

Balance City Wilhelmsburg

Balance is the key for urban renewal. The central idea of “Balance City” aims for harmony between town and country, economy and sustainability, tradition and innovation. Both the igs 2013 and the IBA Hamburg have agreed on this objective. Balance City intends to create the balance between different age groups and cultures, between working and living, wealth and poverty. By developing the river island Wilhelmsburg as Balance City, Hamburg is taking the lead amongst European cities and rates landscape design and town planning as important strategic partners for the leap into Hamburg’s future.

Three Little Italians

Grapevines in Hamburg! Red wine, sun and a taste of the Orient! Apulia is famous for its red wines – you can try them here now!

Desert River

The Suez Canal: a waterway leading 165 kilometres right through the Egyptian desert. Sand as far as the eye can see. In between: colourful container ships en route from Europe to Asia. A fascinating contrast between the solitude of the desert and the busy Canal.
“Wilhelmsburg Mitte”

The re-design of Wilhelmsburg's centre is a central part of the urban renewal project “Leap across the Elbe”. The various projects of the igs 2013 and the IBA Hamburg fit together like the pieces of a jigsaw: the new building for the Ministry of Urban Development and the Environment, the renewal of the local train station Wilhelmsburg as the entre to the exhibitions, the waterways from Jungfernstieg in the city centre to Bürgerhaus Wilhelmsburg (the local residents' hall). In addition to this there are innovative and energy saving houses, offices and small shops as well as the transformation of the floral halls at the main entrance of the igs 2013’s showground into a highly modern area for activity, wellbeing and healthcare, including a hotel. A central part of Hamburg will be developed as an attractive place for living, working and relaxation for the whole region.

A new centre for the island in the river Elbe, a marked entrée to Hamburg’s eighth garden show and living on the water-front – these are the visions for “Wilhelmsburg Mitte”, the biggest building project of the igs 2013 and IBA Hamburg.

Living in harmony with oneself, with the city and the community: The strategy for Balance City reconciles town and countryside, tradition and innovation, different cultures and generations. It also describes the underlying philosophy of igs 2013 and IBA Hamburg for all of their projects.

7 Vibrant Buzz
Taste, smell, experience India! The colourful Bazaar–Garden is a sensual feast. And an oasis to relax and dream in – with a cup of tea on a vast sea of ushions in the Oriental Pavilion.

8 Tea Time
How does tea grow, how is it processed? How did the typical English “tea-time” evolve? This is where India, one of the most important tea producing countries, introduces itself and its traditional cultivation methods.

9 Riding the Waves
Once the peninsular of Singapore was a notorious hide-away for pirates. The show’s young visitors – donning pirate shirts – will try their hand at looting gold and jewellery and seize passing ships.
Current Projects of the igs 2013

Competitions – Design Proposals – Room for Ideas

1. Master plan “Neue Mitte Wilhelmsburg”/“New Centre for Wilhelmsburg”*
2. Rebuilding the pedestrian bridge to the local train station*
3. Designing the central area of the future garden show
4. Designing the southern tip of the future garden show
5. Axis Reiherstieg – Connecting the proposed pier for harbour cruises and the igs 2013 site
6. Proposals for a sports, health and leisure centre (will be used as floral halls during the igs 2013)

* Joint project of igs 2013 and IBA Hamburg

Implementation of Proposals

7. Landscaping of the western part of the igs 2013 site
8. Restoration of the disused waterworks and its surroundings as well as development of a concept for a catering business

Further Projects (not shown on the map):

- Lighting concept for the park
- Concept for play and other activities
- Public consultation for “World of Cultural Diversity”
- Design-Workshop with representatives of the major religions
- Concept for green infrastructure

10 Asia’s Pearl
Hong Kong is situated at the mouth of the Pearl River. Pearls of different sizes and colours gleam along the garden path. A place of calmness, beauty and relaxation.

11 Form and Function
Asian harmony: The Chinese Garden unites earth, sky, stone, water, buildings and plants. At the same time, the garden displays cotton production in China.

12 The Very Hungry Silkworm
Japan is the world’s biggest silk producer – and decorates its garden with mulberries, butterflies, silkworms and cocoons.

13 International Date Line
Time Warp! Which country is suddenly missing a day? Why was the numbering of years introduced? How does it relate to the time of day and the solar altitude? Question upon question – they are answered in this garden.
The map shows a selection of the igs 2013’s current projects. For the areas marked in red, landscaping and town planning proposals have already been submitted or are in preparation as part of competitions to be held in 2009. For the green open spaces marked in blue, the igs 2013 will start restoration, building and management projects in 2009.

14 Drunken Piers
The American Way of Life in the middle of Hamburg: Pier 39, a part of the famous Fisherman’s Wharf, is one of the favourite tourist attractions of San Francisco: Souvenir shops, restaurants and – unimpressed by the hustle and bustle – sea lions on the pier.

15 Ellis Island
New York: City of dreams and freedom! Until 1954 more than twelve million people reached the U.S. via Ellis Island. They founded Community Gardens, green oases where people from various nations garden together at the heart of New York. Join us and become part of yesterday’s and today’s multi-cultural community!

16 Yellow Submarine
What would the World of Ports be without music? At the end of the 1950s a special form of Rock’n’Roll evolved in Liverpool, the world’s former centre of commerce at the mouth of the river Mersey. The “Mersey Beat” conquered the world with bands such as Garry and the Peace-makers and of course the Beatles.
**World of Activity**

Do you enjoy moving? Then let’s go. This is where the park becomes a fitness circuit. Playgrounds turn into fitness centres and carrots become natural energy boosters.

17  **Sporting Cultures**

Football was invented in England, baseball in the U.S. But who enjoys Kübbs? And what is Kok Boru? This garden explains who does what, why and where on this earth.

18  **Wellbeing in the Garden**

Cucumber mask and the smell of grass, medicinal herbs and fruit power – discover your own garden as an oasis for everyday and a paradise for wellbeing!

19  **In Balance**

A sports and play circuit for more agility and balance. To discover and to try out – whatever your age!
Until 2013 another vital part of the green metropolis on the waterfront will be developed: the park for the international garden show hamburg 2013 (igs 2013). Referring to the well-known futuristic book by Jules Verne, the igs 2013 will design 80 wonderfully imaginative gardens and seven “worlds” covering different topics. Corresponding to the slogan “Around the World in 80 Gardens” visitors will be taken on a journey through space and time of the world’s different landscapes. In addition the show offers attractive areas for play and sports, catering, as well as stages for theatre plays and happenings, the floral halls and different markets with regional products. During 2013 the international garden show hamburg 2013 (igs 2013) will be a major tourist attraction and a big event beyond the regional scale. More than two million people are expected to visit the show. Embedded within the cultural landscapes of the neighbouring federal states (Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein), the show ground takes its place among Hamburg’s main parks along the rivers Elbe, Alster, Wandse and Bille.

It All Started 140 Years Ago

In September 1869 the Free and Hanseatic Town of Hamburg started its tradition of garden shows in Germany: For just ten days 420 exhibitors from nine European countries and the U.S. displayed their landscape and garden designs in a park between the river Elbe and the street Millerntordamm. In 1897 the second international garden show also took place in Hamburg and set standards that still apply today: For the first time not only individual plants were displayed, but the whole site was designed as a walk-through exhibit and a piece of art. The show’s duration was extended to six months – the garden show became a summer garden festival. Hamburg’s most famous park at the city centre was created for the regional garden show Niederdeutsche Gartenschau in 1935 and since then carries the name “Planten un Blomen” (Low German for plants and flowers). From 1953 the international garden shows in Germany regularly take place every ten years. Garden shows have become a stimulus for a greener city development: The park Planten un Blomen, together with the old botanical garden and the former fortifications remains a major attraction for locals and tourists to this day.

Park for the 21st Century

In 2007 the Hamburg borough of Wilhelmsburg became the workplace for the igs 2013. On the 100-hectare-site right at the heart of the river island a park will be created that reflects the new requirements of a mobile, health conscious and international community in the city. A sports field and playground for all ages. A place for communication. A meeting place for people from different cultural backgrounds. An inspiring place. Simply a piece of paradise in the middle of town.

Park of Dreams
Supporting a Town to Be Enjoyed in the Future
Seven expeditions to seven different “worlds”: the igs 2013 will stage a round-the-world tour on its 100-hectare-site in the Hamburg borough of Wilhelmsburg. The journey will lead through the world’s different landscape styles, varied vegetation and climatic zones. Following the tracks of Jules Verne’s protagonist Phileas Fogg and his valet Passepartout, visitors will experience seven different “worlds”, which will come alive in 80 distinct gardens – a tropical forest in the “Water World”, a tea plantation in the “World of Ports” or an island of languages in the “World of Cultural Diversity”.

The gardens take their power and inspiration from the ecological and social conditions of the place and expand their meaning way beyond the local and the present. They draw a bow from West to East, from North to South, span the earth and fly through time – and their diversity reflects the multi-cultural character of the borough and the international community.
World of Cultural Diversity

Not only the garden, but also the hosting borough is international and one of the most colourful in all of Hamburg. More than a hundred nations live here. Meet them in the World of Cultural Diversity.

27 Little Whispers
Where do I come from? Which holidays do I celebrate? What are my dreams? In the Garden of Languages you can rest on lounge chairs and listen to the short life stories of Wilhelmsburg's residents.

28 Rainbow
Did you know that in China the colour white stands for mourning and yellow represents masculinity? This garden explains the different meanings of colours for different peoples.

29 You Must Be Joking

World of Ports

Precious silk, great wines, tea, coffee and cocoa: The World of Ports carries travellers off into the world of trade, of maritime shipping and long distance travel. A path leads straight from the main entrance past colourful containers and square “port gardens”, skyscrapers, jetties and an oriental pavilion. Hustle and bustle everywhere, only the sea lions on Fisherman's Wharf doze in the sun. The World of Ports pays tribute to the historic merchant and port town of Hamburg – its gardens promote fair trade, cosmopolitanism and tolerance towards all peoples on earth.
World of Activity

Free flowing, agile, flexible in body, mind and soul: The World of Activity offers its visitors exiting adventures from head to toe and sensual encounters with oneself. On top of this there will be astonishing insights into the culture of human motion of other peoples – you are welcome to participate! Whether it be Feng Shui, a high wire garden or a fitness circuit: The Word of Activity is a playground, sporting field and park for wellbeing open to all. It reflects the most up-to-date desires and needs of a mobile and health-conscious city community.

Sense and Sensibility

Rough or smooth, cold or warm or prickly surfaces combined with sound stones and acoustic mist – this garden beguiles the senses.

To Nod or Not to Nod

Different countries have different customs. This garden presents various rituals and how they change with time.

Lucky Island

Wilhelmsburg is Europe’s biggest river island, surrounded by the northern and southern arm of the river Elbe. Does that have any bearing on its residents?
World of Cultural Diversity

People from over 100 nations live on the river island Hamburg-Wilhelmsburg. Sometimes they are single representatives of their country, such as one Congolese, one man from Estonia and one from Luxembourg in 2007. Between the southern and the northern arm of the Elbe Turkish children garden next to Germans, the African community worships in a former factory building, while next door an initiative for the jobless trains its participants. At the end of the street Vogelhüttenendeich German families pick blackberries to make jam, Portuguese families pick nettles for salad and they invite each other to have a try. Whoever wants to get to know the city of the future, to experience its daily struggle for reconciliation and social peace will have to go to Wilhelmsburg and visit the World of Cultural Diversity: It tackles the diversity and contrast within multi-cultural communities – it appreciates them as a power, as a treasure and a tireless force towards innovation.

World of Nature

Water, woodland and meadows: Hamburg is one of Germany's greenest cities. More than nine percent of its area are parks and open green space. Shaped by the glacial valley of the river Elbe as well as the tides, a fascinating mixture of different natural landscapes has developed, a mosaic of fertile marshes, steeply edged moraines, moor land, tunnel valleys and dunes made up of river sand and shingle. In the World of Nature visitors experience how the varied natural and cultural landscapes in and around Hamburg have evolved and changed over time. They learn which animals and plants are native to Northern Germany and which have become naturalized – and how we can protect this world and save it for future generations.

Home

Everybody associates a memory or a feeling with home. At which point do you feel at home abroad? Members of the local community will try to answer that question.

Intermezzo

People who have moved to Wilhelmsburg from a foreign country need a robust telephone. Phone booths from different countries connect the locals with their families at home. They offer the chance to get connected to someone you do not (yet) know: Just pick up the phone.

Skin-deep

The colour of the human skin depends on its pigmentation and varies between white, beige, olive, red and brown. The Garden of Skin Colour shows how well these colours combine.
World of Continents

Hamburg is situated on 53 degrees latitude on the northern hemisphere. Circling the globe on this latitude is shorter than along the equator, but no less interesting: across the English Channel into the vast expanse of the Atlantic then through Canada, across the Pacific to Russia and the sparse landscape of Kazakhstan, across the Ukraine and Poland back to the river Elbe. In the end the globetrotter will have crossed three continents, two oceans, 24 time zones and the International Date Line. The World of Continents takes its visitors on a fascinating journey around the world – and weaves light-footedly like a high-wire artist through countries, oceans, time zones and cultures.

36 Paradies
Make a wish. In the Garden of Eden you can decorate trees and other plants with your dreams.

37 Culinary Delights
What is the flavour of home? In the Garden of Culinary Culture you can try typical food and admire the requisite herb and flower borders.
World of Water

Two thirds of the earth’s surface is covered by water. Water is vital for plant life, animals and human life. Some places suffer from water shortages some are threatened by water. Depending on where one is on the globe, there might be too little, just enough or too much water. Nature has to adjust to these conditions: some plants can store water in their leaves or develop aerial roots in order not to be drowned by the water. The World of Water leads alongside a ditch called Rathauswettern to arid zones and those with a profusion of water, through steppe, prairie and primeval forest and points out how essential this precious elixir is to our life. It also shows how we can use water intelligently and how we can save it.

World of Religions

A river runs through it – starting from a well at the centre of World of Religions. Five smaller streams radiate from it and link the gardens of Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists. The gardens tell about their beliefs, about Yahweh, God and Allah, re-incarnation of all things alive and spirituality of being. The Wilhelmsburg Chapel stands nearby as a stone monument to the traditions of the occident. The Chapel is over one hundred years old and was built in the neo-Gothic style. It is framed by ancient trees and surrounded by weather-beaten tombstones interspersed with exhibits from stonemasons and gardeners specializing in cemeteries.

World of Nature

Wilhelmsburg is an island with a shoreline, embankments, sheep and floodplains. Find out what that means in the World of Nature.

38 Discover the Roots
Wilhelmsburg is situated in the bifurcation of the river Elbe, surrounded by its northern and southern arm. Discover the history of Europe’s biggest river island.

39 Grasshoppers
Do you know the Wall Brown, the Great Crested Newt or the Common Toad? If you want to get to know Wilhelmsburg’s fauna, explore the river island.

40 Ruddy Cheeks
The region “Altes Land” is Germany’s largest area for fruit cultivation. Get familiar with the different fruit varieties and test your knowledge. What is a “Gloster” and how does an “Elster” taste?

41 Cheeky Rascal
Children roam the countryside, discover nature’s secrets and get to know the flora.
The park created by the international garden show hamburg 2013 (igs 2013) is not only a gallery of gardens, but in addition this future inner city park will be a huge sports field and playground for citizens longing for activity. Here one can inline skate, cycle, run, walk or stroll, try climbing and canoeing – indoors and outside, on footpaths and cycle tracks, on ditches, ponds and canals, in high-wire gardens and indoor arenas with a floor space of 7,000 square metres.

Flowers Followed by Sports

Right at the main entrance two large floral halls will be built for the international garden show 2013 (igs 2013): In 2013 the green sector will enthuse visitors with colourful flower displays inside these halls. Afterwards the total space of 7,000 square metres will be open to everyone as arenas for play, sports and other activities – there will be countless possibilities for relaxation, sports and play.

Being situated in a park adds to the arenas’ attraction: They offer direct access to the park's main footpath, to a circuit specially built for inline skaters and runners, to a jetty for water sports at the local residents’ hall (Bürgerhaus Wilhelmsburg) and to the “World of Activity”, thereby allowing to combine different sports. Whether it is Feng Shui in the “World of Activity”, acrobatics in the high-wire garden or canoeing from Kückenbrack to Kuckucksteich: The arenas in the park are a paradise of wellbeing for everyone, who enjoys moving about in an inspiring environment – however fast, whether old or young, whether single, in pairs or in a club.

Active Landscape Wilhelmsburg

Clever Fox
How do you distinguish the trail of a hare from that of a rabbit? Children learn to read animals’ trails and their way of life.

Stowaway
Not only man emigrates: Plants also leave their native countries, mostly as stowaways on thousands of container ships. This garden reveals which plants have been lost recently and which ones took the opposite ship to establish themselves in Wilhelmsburg.

About Allotment Holders and Garden Gnomes
Allotments are a green oasis in the middle of the metropolis. Lovers of nature potter about their huts, lawns and herbaceous borders. But what makes them tick?

A vast, naturalistic area tackles the issue of nature conservation: NGOs present their work.
Welcome on 53 degrees latitude North! This is your route through the World of Continents and its different time and vegetation zones.

The journey following the tracks of Jules Verne and his protagonists Phileas Fogg and Passepartout leads the visitor around the world.
Canoeing Circuit

If you prefer to move about on the water, you can start your trip on a barge at the Port of Hamburg (Landungsbrücken) and journey right into the heart of the river island. The waterway from the Town Hall of Hamburg to the local residents' hall (Bürgerhaus Wilhelmsburg) should be completed by 2011. Canoeists and kayak crews continue from there: Just grab your boat, cross the street Mengestraße and dive into the fascinating waterscape of the garden show. The igs 2013 canoeing circuit leads through the show ground, via ditches, ponds and canals and invites to linger at various points, for example at the pier “Zum Wasserwerk”, where the disused water works have been turned into the shows central catering area.

49 Sea Time – Ads Time
Enjoy additional time at the sea. A trip to the coast and the long distance view across the ocean will transport you into a timeless mood of calm.

50 Poetry of Time
Audible and visible references to time among Canada’s vastness invite you to think and dream.

51 Cassiopeia and the Thieves of Time
Grey men lurk along the way, hiding behind trees and shrubs. Time goes faster and faster... What is to do? Take shelter on the shell of the turtle Cassiopeia. You will stand above time and look down upon the thieves of time.
Around the Island with Sports

This is unique in Hamburg: a 28-kilometre track for runners, inline-skaters, cyclists and walkers all the way around the river island Wilhelmsburg. The circuit leads from the local train station Veddel alongside the river Dove-Elbe past a marina, townhouses and a mill, via Moorwerder in the East to the embankment on the Norderelbe (northern arm of the Elbe). From here the track leads straight to the southeasterly tip of the island, the Bunthäuser Spitze, where the river bifurcates into a northern and a southern arm. The path takes a westerly direction past the nature reserve Heuckenlock on the Süderelbe (southern arm of the Elbe), to the showground of the garden show and then north, following the line of the Wilhelmsburger Reichsstraße, a major road that will be relocated to the East by then. The track finishes back at the local train station Veddel.

This leisure circuit is an excitingly beautiful path around Hamburg’s southern island. Centrally located and close to residential areas it claims back urban space for the community – and it gets Wilhelmsburgers and Hamburgers going.

Climbing and Balancing

Things don’t just move on the ground. Occasionally the park reaches new highs. For example on the walls of the climbing hall, one of the attractions of the “World of Activity”, which can be climbed inside and out to a height of 16 metres. A little further south, in the high-wire garden, adult and child “acrobats” can try whether they have a head for heights – on rocking bars, bridges, nets and high-wire. And they can enjoy nature: The wind moves, leaves rustle, and the ground smells of moss and soil.

The high-wire garden is an adventure for all your senses: It is about balance, courage and excitement, self-evaluation and dexterity. And it is about teamwork: Some targets can only be reached in co-operation. Falling is impossible: Every visitor will be secured with a rope and will be instructed and supervised by specially trained members of staff.

52 Whirlwind
Get close to the eye of a tornado, along plants full of energy and power. Space gets tighter, the storm gets louder … and all of a sudden: Silence. A lull. You are safe here. But how are you going to get back out again?

53 Roaring Rocks
The garden appears to be insurmountable, the view is blocked and the next stop of the journey unapproachable. The curious globetrotter will nonetheless find ways to climb the mountain and discover its secrets.

54 Flow of Lava
Suddenly lava crosses your way. How majestic it looks! This garden makes the fascinating and destructive power of volcanoes its topic.
As if the 80 gardens were not enough, all over the park further surprises await the visitor: enchanting places and exciting restaurants, oases of calm and of communication, southern and star point with a view onto the fascinating garden show. Things to discover, to marvel at, to relax in and to talk about.

“Around the World in 80 Kitchens”: The Garden Restaurant “Zum Wasserwerk”

The whole building is Mexico, China, Chile or Israel, meeting place of the world and showcase for international cuisine: The garden restaurant “Zum Wasserwerk” situated on the banks of Rathauswettern will be the centre for catering and events during the international garden show 2013 (igs 2013). This is a place for international cuisine: The culinary travels around the globe range from Oriental mazzah to Asian curries to African fufus. The chef experiments with exotic ingredients and typical preparation, it is kosher, vegetarian or molecular. The building itself constantly changes appearances with the changing cultural events – it turns into a yurt or a cook shop, into a variety theatre or into a mini convention centre for local international businesses. A unique spectacular of culture, indulgence and experience on the western boundary of the showground.

The disused waterworks is one of the oldest landmarks of Hamburg’s waterworks: a square, whitewashed building with a hip roof, windows with glazing bars and lanterns on the roof. Built in the typical style of the late 19th century industrial buildings, it supplied Hamburg’s households with about four million litres of water per day until it was shut down in 2008. It will be converted into a restaurant with gardens and a patio until 2013. Situated half-way down the main footpath and the canoeing circuit the garden restaurant “Zum Wasserwerk” is destination and exhibit at the same time: it is a walk-in testimonial to historic industrial culture, a symbol of mankind’s exploration of the forces of nature and nature itself. It forms an holistic piece of art in combination with the igs 2013’s adjacent “World of Water”, which visitors to the café or the restaurant can easily recognize.
58 Less is more
The Taiga: pure space, but also bleakness and boredom. Sharpen your eyes for the hidden beauty of barren landscapes.

59 Amur – Amour
The Amur River, “River of the Black Dragon”, divides Russia and China, two countries that have been in conflict since time immemorial. How can this historic division become a river d’amour?

60 Blue Hole
Spy-hole to earth’s centre: The Russian Lake Baikal is the deepest fresh water lake on earth. And it is particularly clean. Taking a closer look you might even discover the earth’s inner core!
The Boulevard of Roses

The international garden show hamburg’s (igs 2013) “Boulevard of Roses” starts right at the main entrance, parallel to the “World of Ports”. Embedded in the network of footpaths through the allotments at “Grüner Deich”, the boulevard follows a watercourse and leads past the novelties of international rose breeders: Cinnamon and Higdownensis Roses, Shining and Wingthorn Roses, old, new and romantic roses. Even the igs 2013 will come up with its own new variety: We are still looking for a name.

The Wilhelmsburg Chapel in the Park

The Wilhelmsburg Chapel is situated at the centre of “World of Religions”, surrounded by gnarly trees and weather-beaten tombstones: a little gem and more than one hundred years old. It was built in the neo-Gothic style with a ribbed vault, pointed arches and rose windows. The Wilhelmsburg community used the bold nave made from red brick and stone ornaments as a place for gatherings and contemplation until the late 1950s. In 2007 the igs 2013 restored the Chapel extensively and turned it into the river island’s new venue. Private functions, seminars, lectures or exhibitions can be held at the Chapel before and after the garden show.

61 The Horsemen
Take a rest in the traditional yurts of the nomadic people from Kazakhstan and admire their relentless struggle for survival in Central Asia’s harsh steppe.

62 Pride of the Tsars
Fur, precious stones, pomp and power: Be a king just once! Ascend the decorated throne and take a picture home as a memento of an elated feeling.

63 Timeless
How do aboriginal people treat time? As frantically as we do? Or do Red Indians, Eskimos and Yakuts have a different sense of time?

64 Yearning
Back in Hamburg: What have you brought back from your travels? Here you will find souvenirs, pictures, diaries and much more.
Boulevard of Art

The western entrance of the international garden show hamburg (igs 2013) leads the visitor onto a grand boulevard: Flowers and colours as far as the eye can see. In between: wooden constructions, stone, soil and water, playful artistic interventions in nature, an engraving in fresh mosses here, a miniature bridge made from wooden pieces between two stones over there.

An historic avenue of Caucasian Lime trees is situated at the boulevard’s northern end. Tall and slender the trees follow the imaginary track of the former harbour train. To the left the “World of Religions” opens up with its gardens, buildings and artefacts – grounded and at the same time lifted by the former consecrated cemetery with its old trees and weather-beaten tombstones in the grass.

The Reihersieg Pier

The picturesque trip from the Port of Hamburg (Landungsbrücken) to the international garden show hamburg’s (igs 2013) pier takes about forty minutes. The barge passes wharfs, cranes and the ruins of disused factories on its way towards one of the island’s most fascinating access points: a bend in the river – the Reihersiegknie – with its view of the monumental storehouse Rethespeicher and the Rethe vertical lift bridge diagonally opposite.

The old ferry connection between Hamburg’s North and its southern island will be re-instated until 2012. It will bring visitors to the garden show in a fashion well suited to the river island. From the pier it is only a stone’s throw to the igs 2013’s western entrance. A beautiful promenade along the shoreline of the river island Wilhelmsburg with its old sluice gate.

World of Water

Wilhelmsburg lies at sea level. Without embankments and ditches the river island would be flooded by each high tide. Water can be a danger to us – but water also ensures quality of life.

65 Flotsam
No rain, no plants, everything is dry, only sand. We are on a Desert Playground for children.

66 Blue Mirage
Just why are so many towns situated near water?

67 Spikes and Thorns
Plants grow even where there is just a little bit of water every now and then. They reduce their surface and store water. Or they protect their lives with spikes and thorns. Sometimes they only flower for a very short time as soon as it rains – and afterwards they return to standby mode.
The international garden show Hamburg’s park is being designed by people for people: the participation of Wilhelmsburg’s community during planning and implementation is vital to the IGS 2013. The local residents were already involved in the development of the application for the garden show in 2003. A major event such as the international garden show Hamburg (IGS 2013) can only succeed in cooperation with the local community. Because of this a participation board was set up in 2007, made up of 24 elected residents and seven politicians. This board supports the IGS 2013 and its partner the International Building Exhibition Hamburg (IBA Hamburg) until the opening of both exhibitions in 2013. Its members are informed about all the important projects and decisions, and work as intermediaries between the locals and the IGS and IBA. This productive interchange with the community helps the IGS 2013 and IBA Hamburg to incorporate their views.

Every Six Months: Public Consultation in a Big Way

Since 2007 customary community meetings, held twice a year in the local residents’ hall, follow the same objective. At these meetings the IGS 2013 and the IBA Hamburg inform their guests about the current state of the design using talks and panel discussions. Controversial topics are openly discussed and talked through in–depth with experts and interested individuals. The aim is to obtain the residents’ suggestions for the park and the building exhibition in order to incorporate them into future plans wherever possible. About three hundred people regularly visit the community meetings.

Little–ones Are Welcome: the Park as a Kinder Garden

Whereas the grown–ups prepare for the “Leap across the Elbe”, the little–ones try to jump ditches: Since 2008 the IGS 2013’s interactive project “MeinPark” (MyPark) invites 42 elementary pupils of the neighbouring comprehensive school Wilhelmsburg to participate in the design of the park. The intention is to create a park that is well used, cared for and protected by children and youths. The first and second year pupils take on the role of guardians of the international garden show Hamburg (IGS 2013) and grow with their park: in the exhibition year 2013 they will be ten to thirteen years old. As the children continuously inspire the park design, the IGS 2013 can react flexibly and suitably to the changing requirements of the budding experts for play. In 2013 a park that covers the majority of these children’s’ requirements will have developed after a maturing period of more than four years.
A first major event took place in the winter of 2009: Already in the previous autumn the little gardeners and their teachers explored the park and discovered that the slippery old bridge across the ditch Groß-Sander frightened them. It will be re-built already in the spring of 2009. In addition the young landscape designers measured the neighbouring areas of the park, pruned shrubs and cut down three small pine trees.

**Dialogue of Religions**

The customary interreligious dialogue is a very special way of learning from each other. In accordance with this, the igs 2013 has initiated a special task force with the five major faith groups for the “World of Religions”: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism. The group has been meeting regularly since June 2008 in order to design the “World of Religions” in the western part of the park.

To start off with the group learned about the diverse religious holidays: Nobody wanted to work at Easter or on the day of breaking the fast at the end of Ramadan, on Vijayadashami, on Vesak, Yom Kippur or to exclude others because of these. The igs 2013 now keeps an interreligious diary.

Water is life. It has its own specific meaning in every religion. Designing a water feature at the centre of the “World of Religions” was welcomed unanimously.

The garden design is challenging: the deep shade produced by the many trees is in strong contrast to the flowers’ need for light and sunshine – but trees are also natural creations and play an important role in various religions – sometimes they are even considered holy.
Ambassadors for a Green Borough

Big ideas need big idealists: Now that the projects are getting more detailed, the international garden show hamburg (igs 2013) tries to engage people, who stand for these targets. For example hip-hop artists. Or spiritual dignitaries, entrepreneurs, artistic directors, scientists, journalists! All these people have something in common: Their heart beats for a green, equal and likeable Hamburg.

They are prepared to engage: putting their business connections, their jobs as politicians, sportsmen or managers, their charm and their drive on offer. Professions and characters of these various ambassadors are as varied as the garden show itself: an ever-changing display of robust old fir trees and exotic plants living of thin air, wild plants and medicinal herbs, flowers of paradise and delicate orchids.

A Network of Floral Designers

On top of this the igs 2013 is setting up a green network of landscape architects and garden designers, professionals from local authorities, landscaping firms and nurseries. The igs 2013 will be honouring their contribution to a green Hamburg with a green trade fair and an opportunity to present their businesses. The show will celebrate the culture of modern gardens as a result of professional and artistic design and will highlight the vital role of landscape architecture for sustainable urban development. Hamburg’s parks and green open spaces are seen as models for inventiveness and competent solutions among professionals.

From the Region – for the Region

Hamburg is surrounded by five major cultural landscapes: the landscape of hedgerows in neighbouring Schleswig-Holstein, the landscape of tree nurseries and rose breeders in and around Pinneberg, the flower and vegetable producers in the Vier- und Marschlande area, the vast heath land of Lüneburger Heide to the South and the fruit producers in the area Altes Land.

Together with the interregional initiative “Aus der Region – für die Region” (From the region – for the region), a federation of regional authorities, producers and distributors from Northern Germany, the igs 2013 will promote regional produce. The objective is to support local businesses and to protect the climate. If transport is shortened, unnecessary CO2 emissions can be avoided: An apple from Cape Town will have produced twelve times as much CO2 as an apple from the area Altes Land by the time it has reached a fruit bowl in Hamburg.
77 Water Galore
Whether it is a surge from the North Sea or too much water from Saxony upriver: Water at one’s feet can quickly turn to water round one’s neck.

78 Rising Water
Climate Change: The polar icecap is melting; the sea level is rising. Coastal areas will have to adjust their protections constantly. How does that change the landscape? How do nature and mankind cope?

79 Splish Splash
Play with water at the water: A pond with a raft and lots of reeds to hide in – a children’s playground.

80 Mist and Fog
And in the end... the jungle. Water is everywhere, on the ground, on leaves and tree trunks and in addition water from above! Lush plants, flowers, liana – it is a green and colourful mix and sometimes it is a bit foggy.
Map of the igs 2013 showground