



MADE IN FRANKFURT

The best independent establishments to check out in this underrated European financial capital

Seven Swans

Situated by the Main River in Frankfurt's narrowest building, Seven Swans has retained its Michelin star despite going full vegetarian. Spread across seven floors, the restaurant's vibe is refined yet relaxed, while the organic produce that features on its seasonal menu comes from its own permaculture farm 30km away. Dishes such as peas with poppy seeds and verbena, along with strawberries with cream and elderflower are visually stunning, as are the night-time views of the river. sevenswans.de

The Listener

This light and airy concept store just north of Frankfurt's main shopping drag is perfect for the fashion-forward, boasting a

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

Jazz im Palmengarten

A series of outdoor summer jazz concerts with the botanical gardens as a lush backdrop. 2, 16 and 30 Aug. palmengarten.de

Faces

Visit the Städel Museum for portraits of British artists Frank Auerbach and Lucian Freud, shown together in a single exhibition for the first time. Until 12 Aug. staedelmuseum.de

Rheingau Wine Market

Sample vintage and sparkling wines from the nearby Rheingau region. 29 Aug–7 Sep. frankfurt-tourismus.de

hand-picked selection of high-quality designer clothes, shoes and accessories – with a strong emphasis on denim. You'll find the latest in men's and women's apparel from international brands such as Common Projects, Comme des Garçons and Helmut Lang, as well as German labels including PB 0110 and Goetze. The Listener also stocks a collection of lifestyle products, with offerings from Aesop and Leica, and even has a bar on the first floor. Its frequent launches and events are not to be missed. thelistener.de

Schirn Kunsthalle

The renowned Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt's main destination for modern and contemporary art, is located in the heart of the old town and



“I adore quiet corners such as Lohrpark, which offers views over the city. I also love the homemade pasta at Pasta e Panini, while the Parlour serves up the best cocktails in Frankfurt.”

– Sarah Gehrig, senior events manager and native Frankfurter

hosts regular gatherings themed around ongoing exhibitions. Popular with the artsy set, the parties held here feature live music and plenty of dancing. The next edition is slated to take place on 22 August – following the Schirn Kunsthalle's refurbishment – and marks the launch of award-winning video and installation artist Neil Beloufa's new exhibition, which runs till 29 October. schirm.de

Vetro Vero

Helmed by Deborah Mognol, a German restaurateur with Venetian-Sicilian roots, this sleek and stylish restaurant brings a dose of Italian charm to Frankfurt's fashionable Westend. It serves up modern interpretations of Italian classics – from *vitello tonnato* (cold, sliced veal served with tuna sauce) with pickled red onions



to rack of lamb with anchovies and polenta – with excellent service to boot. The cheese menu is as carefully curated as the wine list, with the latter featuring many locally produced labels. vetroverofrankfurt.de

East Grape

This small but stylish wine bar in the hip Ostend district is run by banker-turned-sommelier Ralf Müller-Arnold, who has lived in the neighbourhood for two decades. On the menu are over 150 wines (around 20 of which are available by the glass), with cuvées, rare and rediscovered grape varieties, as well as vegan and organic options highlighted. A selection of sweet and savoury bites, from charcuterie and cheese to plum cake and chocolates, complement the impressive wine list. eastgrape.de



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Getting there

Singapore Airlines flies to Frankfurt twice daily.



When to visit

Frankfurt is popular for its riverside beaches and alfresco dining during late spring (Apr–May) and especially in summer and early autumn (Jun–Sep), as well as for its Christmas Market in December. Accommodation is at a premium during big trade fairs such as Automechanika Frankfurt (Sep) and the Frankfurt Book Fair (Oct).



From the airport

Take the S8 or S9 train from Frankfurt Airport regional station (Regionalbahnhof). Alight at Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof for transport connections, or at Frankfurt Hauptwache for the city. A taxi from the airport will cost around €40.



Navigating the city

Frankfurt's city centre is highly walkable, but the best way to get around is by U-Bahn (rapid transit system), tram and bus. There's also an expansive network of bicycle lanes.



Apps to download

Call a Bike enables you to rent a bicycle – and drop it off anywhere in the city – using just your mobile phone and credit card. callabike-interaktiv.de

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