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Day 0
SATURDAY
MAY 30, 2026

Travel Day, Fly Out of the U.S.

Flights from the U.S. to Germany typically operate overnight, as eastbound transatlantic journeys often depart in the evening and arrive in the morning, with flight times lasting between 7 and 12+ hours depending on the route.

LEAP will reimburse you some of your departure day expenses including costs for airport parking or rideshares (Uber/Lyft) to your local U.S. airport as well as your May 30th meals based on the standard per diem rates.

- Per diem rate:
 - Breakfast: \$10.60
 - Lunch: \$14.00
 - Dinner: \$27.70

You do not need to keep or submit receipts for meals. NC State will issue reimbursement for the fixed per diem rate regardless of what you actual spend.

Day 1
SUNDAY
MAY 31, 2026

Arrive at Hamburg Hotel – The Cloud One

Welcome to Germany! Today is a dedicated travel day for all participants to arrive and get checked into each of their hotel rooms.

Arrival and Luggage

- Upon landing at Hamburg Airport (HAM), please proceed to *Terminal 1* to collect your checked baggage.
- Once you have your bags, follow the signage to the central arrivals area to choose your preferred transportation to the hotel.
- The Cloud One Hamburg-Kontorhaus Address:
Willy-Brandt-Straße 20-22 (Main Entrance) or Hopfensack 17

Transportation Options to the Hotel

Note: All parking and taxi expenses for participants will be covered by LEAP. Please keep your receipt.

Option 1: Public Transit U-Bahn/S-Bahn (35-45 min.)
 Cost: approx. €4.10, single ticket, Zone AB

Routing - Hamburg Airport

by 3d-berlin



from **Baggage claim (Terminal 1)**
0

to **S-Bahn**
0

107m | 2min

Mode: not barrier-free



Way on smartphone

Ground floor (107m)



1. From the airport: Follow signs for the S-Bahn, train icon. The station is located directly beneath the arrivals area.
2. Board the S1 Train.
 Direction: *Wedel* or *Blankenese* (departs every 10 minutes).
3. Exit at the very first stop, *Ohlsdorf*, to switch to the underground network.
4. Transfer to the U1 Blue Line
 Direction: *Ohlstedt*, *Großhansdorf*, or *Farmsen*
5. Arrival at *Meßberg*: Exit *Meßberg* station

- 6. Walking to hotel: Follow station signs for *Willy-Brandt-Straße* or *Kontorhausviertel*. The hotel is located directly opposite the station exit (1 to 2-minute walk).

Option 2: Taxi or Rideshare (30-35 min).

Cost: approx. €25–€30, most accept cash, debit, or credit cards.

Routing - Hamburg Airport



by 3d-berlin

from **Baggage claim (Terminal 1)**
0

to **Taxi**
Out

125m | 2min Mode: not barrier-free



Way on smartphone

Ground floor (85m)



Environment (40m)





Instructions for the Driver: Ask to be dropped off at *Hopfensack 16/17* or *Willy-Brandt-Straße 20-22*.

Reliable Local Services:

- [Hansa-Taxi](#): +49 (0)40 211 1799 (or via app)
- [Taxiruf-Hamburg](#): +49 (0)40 441 011 (or via app)
- [FreeNow](#): Available via app only

Note for Drivers: If you are renting a car, the hotel offers limited underground parking for €25/24h. Alternatively, public parking is available at the Q-Park on *Rosenstraße*.

Upon Arrival, Check-in at The Cloud One Hotel

- Check-in: 3PM is the earliest check-in time.
- Digital access: To skip the front desk, you may use the Digital Room Key App to access your room via your smartphone.
- Depending on your arrival time, lunch and early afternoon snacks are on your own. There are several cafes within a *5-minute* walk of the hotel in the historic *Kontorhausviertel* district.
- Per diem rate for Sunday travel from the U.S. to Germany:
 - Breakfast: \$10.60
 - Lunch: \$14.00
 - Dinner: \$27.70
- Optional day activities near the hotel:

Free walking tours provided by [Robin & the Tourguides](#)



[German Customs Museum](#) (10-min. walk, €3.00)



Grab a local coffee & Franzbrötchen (1-min. walk)



Rent a "StadtRAD" Bike (€1-3, first 30-min. of ride is free)



Check out the iconic Poggenmühlenbrücke bridge



Download the **StadtRAD Hamburg** app (the city's public bike-share program). There are bike stations practically right outside your hotel.



Dinner

- We will facilitate small group meetups or a short walk to a local restaurant for dinner on your own.

7:30PM to 8:00PM – Trip Briefing

Note: Subject to change based on arrivals. Check WhatsApp for live updates on the day.

- Join us in the lobby for a brief meeting. We will review the week's logistics, safety protocols, and nursery visit details.
- While a digital version will be emailed to you prior to the trip, we will provide printed copies of the full itinerary and travel resources at this time.

9:00PM – Group Disperses

- We encourage everyone to get plenty of rest tonight to adjust to the time zone and prepare for an early start tomorrow.

Day 2
MONDAY
JUNE 1, 2026

Tour Nurseries in Pinneburg and Hamburg, GE

6:00AM to 8:15AM - Breakfast

- Buffet breakfast at the Cloud One Hotel, covered by LEAP.

8:30AM - Boarding Bus

- Please meet on the bus, outside the hotel entrance.

8:45AM – Bus Departure

- The bus departs promptly for the *Pinneberg* region.

9:20AM to 11:00AM - Nursery Visit #1 | J. Clasen

- Location: *Johannes Clasen Baumschulen, Rellingen.*

11:20AM to 12:45PM - Nursery Visit #2 | Baumschule Spitzmann



- Location: *Baumschule Spitzmann Rellingen.*

1:00PM to 1:45PM - Lunch at Ellerhoop Arboretum

- Lunch is served at Dielen-Café in Münsterhof in the arboretum, covered by LEAP.
- Menu: Seasonal soup, fresh bread, soft drinks, coffee/tea, and a classic "Rote Grütze" (red berry compote with cream) for dessert.
 - Note: Vegan, GF, and dairy-free options available.
- Admission: Fees have been waived for our group.

2:00PM to 3:45PM - Nursery Visit #3 | Kordes Liners

- Location: *Kordes-Jungpflanzen, Bilsen.*

5:00PM - Boarding at *Überseebrücke*

- Drive straight from nursery to harbor for dinner provided by LEAP.

5:30PM to 7:30PM - Private Elbe and Harbor Dinner

- Dining: A full dinner will be served (*vegan, GF, and dairy-free options available*), covered by LEAP.

8:10PM - Return to The Cloud One Hotel & Group Disperses

Day 3
TUESDAY
JUNE 2, 2026

Depart Hamburg, Drive to Oldenburg, GE

6:00AM to 8:15AM - Breakfast and Check-out

- Buffet breakfast at the Cloud One Hotel, covered by LEAP.
- Please check out of your room and settle any personal incidentals at the front desk. Your room and VAT tax are covered by LEAP.

8:15AM - Board Bus

- Load luggage and board the bus for our trip to Oldenburg.

8:30AM - Depart for Oldenburg

- Travel Note: This is a direct 2.5-hour drive to our first nursery site; there is no intended scheduled rest stops, so please plan accordingly.



- The bus is equipped with a bathroom.

11:00AM to 12:30PM - Nursery Visit #4 | zu Jeddelloh Pflanzen

- Location: *Wischenstraße 7, Jeddelloh.*
- Facilities will be available for a quick break before we begin the guided tour.

12:30PM to 1:30PM – Catered Lunch at zu Jeddelloh

- Lunch is on-site at the nursery, covered by LEAP.
- Menu: Soup and sandwiches catered by PartyService Gabriel.
 - Note: *Vegan, GF, and dairy-free* options available.

1:35PM to 3:10PM - Nursery Visit #5 | Heinje

- Location: *Diderk Heinje Pflanzenhandel, Jeddelloh 1.*

3:40PM to 5:15PM – Check-in at Aspire Hotel Oldenburg

- Location: *Europaplatz 4-6, Oldenburg.*
- Group disperses to settle into hotel rooms and refresh before dinner.

5:15PM - Departure for Grower Dinner

6:00PM to 8:00PM – Networking and Dinner

- Location: *The Pavilion, Bruns Rhododendron Park Nursery.*
- Menu: Catered by Meyerjeurgens, covered by LEAP.
 - Note: *Vegan, GF, and dairy-free* options available.

8:15PM - Return to Aspire Hotel and Group Disperses

Day 4
WEDNESDAY
JUNE 3, 2026

Leave Hotel, Tour in Oldenburg, GE

6:30AM to 8:45AM - Breakfast

- Buffet breakfast at Aspire Hotel, covered by LEAP.

8:45AM – Board Bus



- Please meet on the bus, outside the hotel entrance.

9:00AM – Bus Departure

9:20AM to 10:30AM - Nursery Visit #6 | Renke zur Mühlen

- Location: *Neuenkruger Str. 16A, Bad Zwischenahn.*

11:00AM to 1:00PM - Nursery Visit #7 | Baumschule Hemmje

- Location: *Am Dillfeld 5, Westerstede.*

1:15PM to 2:15PM – Catered Lunch at Ehlers Nursery

- Lunch is on-site at the nursery, covered by LEAP, before our tour begins.
- Menu: Soup and sandwiches catered by Partyservice Gabriel.
- Note: *Vegan, GF, and dairy-free* options available.

2:15PM to 3:45PM - Nursery Visit #8 | Ehlers

- Location: *Ehlers Baumschulpflanzen, Westerstede.*

3:55PM to 5:00PM - Nursery Visit #9 | Stöckmann

- Location: *E. A. Stöckmann, Bad Zwischenahn.*

5:10PM to 7:00PM - Dinner at Park der Gärten

- Admission: Covered by LEAP
- Group disperses to enjoy time at one of Germany's largest public gardens.
- Dinner is on your own this evening, located within the park, called Parkgastronomie.
- Per diem rate for dinner: \$27.70.
- You may spend more than \$27.70, but NC State will only reimburse \$27.70. Receipts do not need to be kept or reported.

7:15PM – Board Bus and Depart

- Gather at the designated meeting point for the return trip to Oldenburg.



7:45PM - Return to Aspire Hotel Oldenburg and Group Disperses

Day 5
THURSDAY
JUNE 4, 2026

Finish Touring Oldenburg, Depart to Hamburg, GE

6:30AM to 8:30AM - Breakfast and Check-out

- Buffet breakfast at Aspire Hotel, covered by LEAP.
- Please check out and settle any personal incidentals. Your room and VAT tax are covered by LEAP.

8:30AM – Board Bus

- Load luggage for the return trip to Hamburg.

8:45AM – Bus Departure

9:30AM to 11:00AM - Nursery Visit #10 | Baumschule Martens

- Location: *Bredehorner Str. 21, Westerstede.*

11:20AM to 12:50PM - Nursery Visit #11 | Bruns Pflanzen

- Location: *Johann-Bruns-Allee 1, Bad Zwischenahn.*

1:00PM to 2:00PM - Lunch at Fährkroog Dreibergen

- Restaurant in historic inn located directly on the shores of *Lake Zwischenahner Meer* known for their local smoked freshwater eels.
- Lunch is covered by LEAP.

2:30PM to 3:30PM - Nursery Visit #12 | Hinrichs

- Location: *Hinrichs Pflanzenhandel, Edewecht.*

3:30PM - Depart for Hamburg

- 2.5-*hr* drive back to the city, there are no intended scheduled stops.

6:00PM – Check-in at The Cloud One Hotel

- Location: *Willy-Brandt-Straße 20-22.*



- Check-in: 3PM is the earliest check-in time.

Dinner on Your Own

- Per diem rate for dinner: \$27.70

Day 6
FRIDAY
JUNE 5, 2026

Depart for Hamburg Airport (HAM), Fly Back to U.S.

6:30AM to 10:00AM - Breakfast Buffet

- Buffet breakfast at the Cloud One Hotel, covered by LEAP.

12:00PM – Check Out Deadline

- Please ensure you have checked out of your room by noon.
- Settle any personal incidentals at the front desk. Your primary room and VAT tax are covered by LEAP.
- Per diem rate for the rest of the day:
 - Lunch: \$14.00
 - Dinner: \$27.70

Departure

- Participants are responsible for coordinating their own transportation to Hamburg Airport (HAM) or their next destination.

Transportation Options to the Airport

Note: All parking and taxi expenses for participants will be covered by LEAP. Please keep the receipt.

Option 1: Public Transit, U-Bahn/S-Bahn

- Cost: approx. €4.10, single ticket, *Zone AB*.
- Total travel time: *35–40 minutes*
- 1. Enter *Meßberg* Station: Locate the station entrance directly outside the hotel.
- 2. Take the *U1 Blue Line*
Direction: *Norderstedt Mitte*
- 3. Disembark at *Ohlsdorf* station to switch to the *S-Bahn network*.



4. Board the *S1 Train*: Follow signs for the S1 line
Direction: *Hamburg Airport*
 - a. Important: Ensure you board the front section of the train labeled "Airport," as the train splits at *Ohlsdorf* (the rear cars head to *Poppenbüttel*).
5. Arrival at airport: The train arrives directly beneath the terminal arrivals area. Follow signs upward to the check-in counters at *Terminal 1 or 2*.

Option 2: Taxi or Rideshare

- Cost: approx. €25–€30
- Total travel time: *30–35 minutes*
- Payment: All taxis accept cash, debit, or credit cards.

How to Catch a Ride: You can ask the hotel front desk to call a taxi for you, or use one of the reliable local services below:

- [Hansa-Taxi](#): +49 (0)40 211 1799 (or via app)
- [Taxiruf-Hamburg](#): +49 (0)40 441 011 (or via app)
- [FreeNow](#): Available via app only

Travel Reminders

- Flight Arrival: Most airlines recommend arriving at Hamburg Airport 2 hours prior to departure for European flights and 3 hours for international flights.
- Luggage: Double-check your room and the hotel storage area for all personal belongings and souvenirs before departing.
- Most flights depart Germany and arrive back in the U.S. on the same day due to the time difference.