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Frankfurt has long been known primarily as a transit point for travellers or as a financial centre. However, this German city deserves a different designation, owed not only to its historical roots dating back to the Romans but also to its distinct neighbourhoods that come alive with their iconic architecture. The liveliness in these areas is enhanced by numerous cafes, galleries, and restaurants. Formally known as Frankfurt am Main, this city stands as a diverse metropolis, asserting itself as more than just a stopover — and ultimately appealing to discerning travellers seeking its rich cultural identities.

Home to Germany's only skyline standing along the picturesque Main River, Frankfurt follows Berlin and Cologne in RIMOWA's continuous exploration of its home country. We look to the city's many districts to uncover the spaces that form its energy and shape

its identity, as proudly charted by its locals.

Not least impressive is the 22-hectare jungle at the heart of the city, the sprawling food market dating back over a century and the galleries and museums that have contributed to Frankfurt's reputation as a hub for contemporary art. From the unmissable hotspots to the locals' best-kept secrets, these are Frankfurt's most treasured destinations.

0 Look out for numbered location labels throughout and find them on the map at the end of the guide.

Portikus

When it comes to art in Frankfurt, Portikus is a beacon of sorts. Founded by Kasper König in 1987, and closely affiliated with the esteemed art academy Hochschule für Bildende Künste-Städelschule, the institution has been dedicated to exhibiting and publishing the work of contemporary emerging artists, which extends in the form of a journal, featuring thought-provoking contributions touching on society, politics and culture.





(10 – 11) Frankfurt Hot Spots

Klein- markthalle

Nestled in the heart of the city, Kleinmarkthalle might appear unassuming, but it is undeniably an epicurean paradise. Dating back to 1879, it is among Frankfurt's oldest food markets, now brimming with 156 stalls.





Step inside and sample the city's famous Frankfurt Green Sauce, indulge in fresh local produce, or treat yourself to a fragrant bouquet of fresh-cut flowers. Its international offering is equally tempting.



(12 – 13) Frankfurt Hot Spots

Galerie Bärbel Grässlin

It wasn't until the late 80s that Frankfurt came to be a key player in the art world, and Galerie Bärbel Grässlin played a pivotal role in shaping its ascent. Founded in 1985, the gallery quickly established a roster of German artists who gained acclaim. Its influence has continued to expand, further enhancing its profile through exhibitions featuring international artists.






(14 – 15) *If you had one day in Frankfurt...*

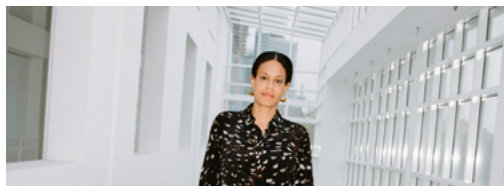
Dr. Mahret Ifeoma Kupka

Q *Where would you have lunch?*

A Emma Metzler at the  Museum Angewandte Kunst. The lunch menu is always surprising and made from local ingredients. In the summer, there's the terrace right next to Metzlerpark.

Q *What area would you spend your time in?*

A On Saturdays, I visit the market in Offenbach and stock up on seasonal fruit and vegetables. I cycle along the river Main to Frankfurt city centre with the best view of the skyline.





Q *Who would you meet and what would you do?*

A I would meet Liberty Adrien and Carina Bukuts at the **1** Portikus-Kunsthalle, then grab a coffee in the **5** Drei Kaffeebar and a visit to **6** Maria-shop. Then I'd go to the Museum of Modern Art to see Susanne Pfeffer. A Pet-nat at **7** Espresso Espresso is followed by a visit to **8** Jean-Claude Maier's gallery at the Bahnhofsviertel.

Q *If you had to live elsewhere, what would you take with you from Frankfurt?*

A How international the city is and the openness of its residents.



Dr. Mahret Ifeoma Kupka is an art scholar, writer and curator. In her exhibitions, lectures, publications, and interdisciplinary projects, she addresses the issues of racism, memory culture, representation, and the decolonization of art and cultural practices in Europe and on the African continent.

FEIN

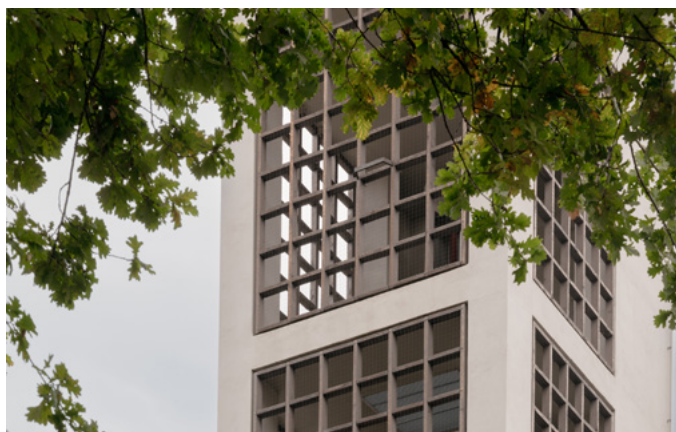
Kiosks, or 'Wasserhäuschen' as they're often called, have largely closed in Germany. In Frankfurt, they continue to flourish – namely FEIN on Petersstrasse. Once an old water house where workers met for a quick break or chat, Elke Löscher transformed the kiosk into a modern café and bar six years ago, all whilst maintaining its traditional charm. One thing about FEIN: every detail is carefully considered, making it the perfect stop for a sweet treat and an afternoon cocktail.





Turm- zimmer

Despite a complex history, the Weißfrauen Diakoniekirche remains a quiet retreat amidst the chaos of Frankfurt's train station district. After being destroyed, the building was given a new lease of life in 1955, ultimately transforming into a church and community space in 2004. Today, it prevails as such, with a tower room designed by Andrea Büttner whose keys can be given by the Diakonisches Werk to anyone looking for a place of rest on a night of inner contemplation.





(20 – 21) *If you had one day in Frankfurt...*

Michael Satter

Q *Where would you have lunch?*

A I think **11** ➤ Muku in Sachsenhausen is one of the best Japanese restaurants in Germany, but I also often go to the beautiful **2** ➤ Frankfurt Kleinmarkthalle. If you are looking for something special, there's **12** ➤ Emma Metzler for lunch. A coffee afterwards at **5** ➤ Drei is a must.





Q *What area would you spend your time in?*

A I like the **13** Museumsufer right on the Main.

Q *Who would you meet and what would you do?*

A I would go for a long walk on the Main with friends. Then to the cinema at the **14** Filmmuseum, followed by dinner at the **15** Apfelwein Restaurant Atschel. Last but not least, to the **16** Mona Lisa Bar for a drink.

Q *If you had to live elsewhere, what would you take with you from Frankfurt?*

A Definitely the second-hand book market at **17** Bockenheimer University and the Muku restaurant. And of course, all my friends.

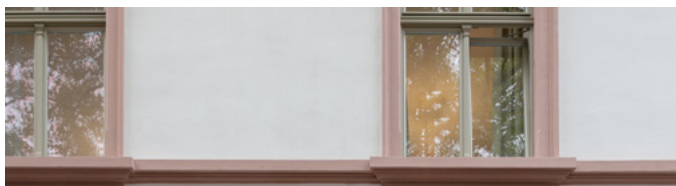


Michael Satter is a designer and creative director who works at the intersection of graphic design, art, music and literature.

(22 – 23) Frankfurt Hot Spots

Ouwe Sauerteig- bäcker

The perfect loaf of bread is no easy feat, yet Ouwe Bakery's sourdough options are top contenders. Rooted in craftsmanship, this newly opened shop on Frankfurt's Rohrbachstrasse keeps it simple: five types, no additives, although the occasional nuts, fruits, or grains are included. Simplicity extends to their operations as well, with its founders Marius Hörle always available behind the counter, and Eike Becher handling the bakery.





(24 – 25) Frankfurt Hot Spots

ON FILM LAB

Passion meets precision at ON FILM LAB, the brainchild of a group of photographers and designers on a relentless pursuit of the perfect image. The analogue photography laboratory quickly became a go-to for both amateur and seasoned image-makers, utilising traditional methods and old-school machines. Beyond the technicalities, community comes first at ON FILM LAB, with an online platform spotlighting the work of artists and offering guidance to newcomers.





(26 – 27) Frankfurt Hot Spots

Palmen- garten



A jungle in the midst of Frankfurt may seem far-fetched. Palmengarten Botanical Gardens makes it a reality. Sprawling across 22 hectares in the heart of the city, you'll find yourself amongst flora from all around the globe — and if you prefer the company of tropical plants, be sure to check one of its 14 modernist greenhouses.



(28 – 29) *If you had one day in Frankfurt...*

Susanne Pfeffer

Q *Where would you have lunch?*

A **21** ▶ Mehlwassersalz would be my choice.

Q *What area would you spend your time in?*

A Bahnhofsviertel since it's the most international quarter of Frankfurt. I very much like lively places with lots of different languages spoken.





Q *Who would you meet and what would you do?*

A I of course love meeting artists from here or elsewhere, listening to their perspectives, discussing their works, thinking together, enjoying some food.

Q *If you had to live elsewhere, what would you take with you from Frankfurt?*

A I think I would get a subscription for a monthly fresh package of all seven herbs for Frankfurter Green Sauce and share those with friends from where I live then. Besides that I think that Frankfurt for me would always be very much connected to my work at **4** MMK. It's not only a fabulous building, it's a very much alive practice as part of contemporary ways of looking at art, lots of things come from there.

Susanne Pfeffer is an art historian and curator based in Germany. She has curated exhibitions for numerous international art institutions and is currently the Director of the Museum of Modern Art (MMK).

MMK

MMK, short for the Museum of Modern Art, is an essential stop in Frankfurt for contemporary art enthusiasts. Affectionately dubbed 'Tortenstück' for its unique triangular design by Hans Hollein, it also holds architectural intrigue. Established in 1981, the museum has grown to become a vital hub for modern art over the years, housing over 5,000 contemporary artworks.





Its artistic reach extends beyond the strikingly post-modern building, with ZOLLAMT MMK and the TOWER MMK ensuring its enduring commitment to experimentation.

Orban & Streu

A bookstore-meets-record store, that's Orban & Streu. But above all, it's a treasure trove of remarkable antiques. Founded in 2004 and conveniently located near Frankfurt's Nordend station, the antique shop is one of the few that remains standing in the German city.





It's living proof of the enduring charm of hand-curated collections, with floor-to-ceiling shelves chock-full of publications related to Frankfurt, sat beside a selection of Suhrkamp paperbacks and classic contemporary literature.

(34 – 35) *If you had one day in Frankfurt...*

Teimaz Shahverdi

Q *Where would you have lunch?*

A My wife runs **22** BADIAS KITCHEN at the Schirn Kunsthalle, so that's my most frequently visited lunch spot. However, when we feel the need to escape, we head to **23** Mr. Lee. If we happen to be running late, we opt for **24** Mians Nudelhaus.





- Q *What area would you spend your time in?*
A All day long at the **25** Sport Club Frankfurt 1880, watching the rugby training.
- Q *Who would you meet and what would you do?*
A I would meet Ingmar Kurth and go for a bike ride around Frankfurt.
- Q *If you had to live elsewhere, what would you take with you from Frankfurt?*
A Frau Gudrun Ford from the Saturday Market at the Konstabler Wache.

Teimaz Shahverdi is a Frankfurt-based artist, designer and curator. 'Teimaz' stands for true, emotional, honest, familial expression of culture.

(36 - 37) Frankfurt Hot Spots

Espresso Espresso

Espresso Espresso is more than just a wine bar; it is a haven for connoisseurs. Situated at the heart of Frankfurt, this establishment offers an extensive selection of wines, special menus curated by internationally acclaimed chefs, and themed parties celebrated by the city's chic locals.

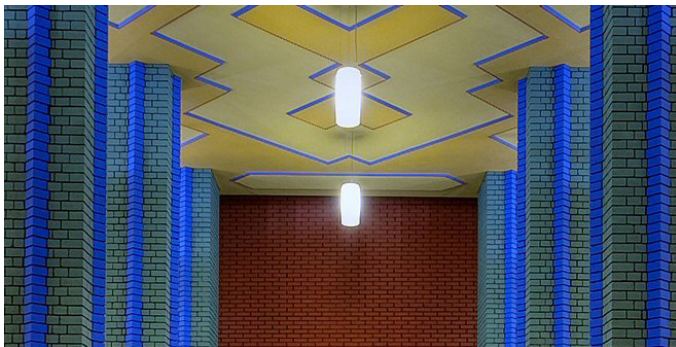




It stands out as one of the few places where you can spend your night and wake up to enjoy a delicious breakfast the next morning. The versatility of Espresso Espresso is precisely what makes it a must-visit for anyone in Frankfurt.

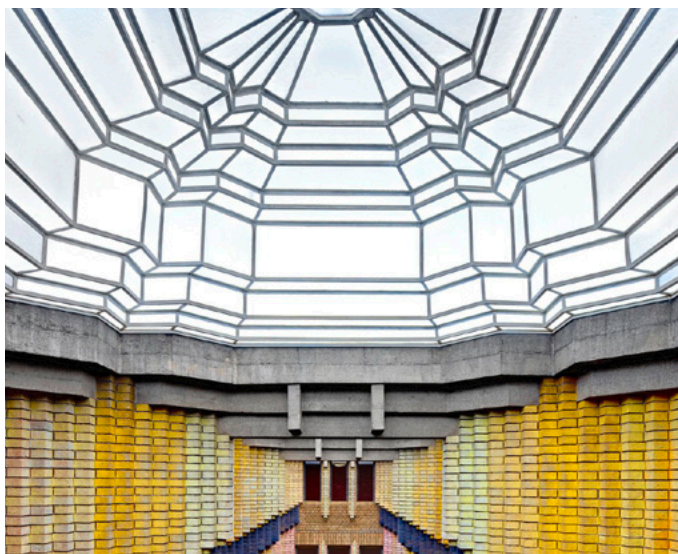
Peter Behrens Bau

Upon its completion in 1924, the Peter Behrens Bau may not have carried the same namesake, but it held equal significance, housing one of the world's leading chemical corporations. Today, it's its structure that holds weight, considered a masterpiece of expressionist architecture.





Designed by the architect Peter Behrens, the angular building marked the beginning of a new approach to industrial architecture at the start of the 20th century. It is distinguished by its tower and bridge, as well as its interplay with colour.



Pauls- kirche

As the meeting place of the first ever all-German Parliament, St. Paul's Church is regarded as a place of historic significance. Despite several transformations over the years, it remains as such. A landmark in the heart of Frankfurt, prized not only for its place in history books but for its soaring spires, ornate details and red sandstones — as an emblem of 19th century neo-gothic and neo-classical architecture.





(42 – 43) *If you had one day in Frankfurt...*

Sara Ellinger & Sebastian Schramm

Q *Where would you have lunch?*

A Definitely **12** Muku in Sachsenhausen for the best Ramen and Japanese tapas in town—some might even say worldwide. For high quality regional and seasonal food, we would go to **14** Emma Metzler.

Q *What area would you spend your time in?*

A For a nice day to stroll around we would stay in our neighborhood Nordend-Ost. For a wild night, we go to the Bahnhofsviertel to find ourself between the red-light district, culture and big city craziness.





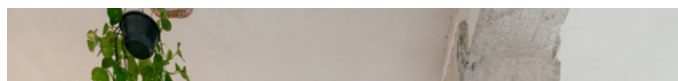
- Q *Who would you meet and what would you do?*
- A We would meet Nadja and Eklil Qani at Nonot Studio, a Design Studio in Bahnhofsviertel, to chat about cultural topics. In the evening we would have an aperitif and dinner at 29 Okay Baby, a pop-up bar and restaurant.
- Q *If you had to live elsewhere, what would you take with you from Frankfurt?*
- A A pot of Grüne Soße and a bottle of Apfelwein. Never heard of it? You only get it here.

Sara Ellinger and Sebastian Schramm co-founded ON FILM LAB, an independent company that develops analog photography film in Frankfurt.

(44 – 45) Frankfurt Hot Spots

MOMI

Renowned for her attention to details at FEIN, Elke Löscher knows what makes a spot worth the trek to Frankfurt's budding Gutleutviertel district.

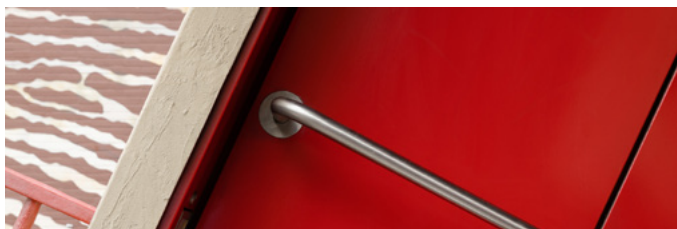




MOMI, a newly opened shop serving up delectable sandwiches and homemade cakes, stands in the neighborhood as a testament to her forward thinking approach, having completely renovated the 160 square-metre space into a modernist haven, complete with a venue for future concerts and exhibitions.

Bockenheimer Warte

Few subway stations merit a visit just for their artistic flair, but Frankfurt's Bockenheimer Warte warrants a stop — and it won't be at all difficult to spot. Inspired by René Magritte, its entrance is surrealism come to life, featuring a tram seemingly thrust into the sidewalk as designed by architect Zbigniew Peter Pininski in an eccentric response to the city's then-frowned upon urban expansion.





(48 – 49) *If you had one day in Frankfurt...*

GGVYBE



Q *Where would you have lunch?*

A Frankfurt has a large East African community. We love to eat lunch at one of the many black-owned restaurants in the city, like **32** Meaza's Place or **33** African Queen.

Q *What area would you spend your time in?*

A We like spending time at the **34** Bethmannpark near Berger Straße/Bornheim. It's a cute, romantic park with beautiful flowers and a Chinese garden next to it. We highly recommend grabbing some ice-cream at **35** Antipodean Gelato around the corner!





Q *Who would you meet and what would you do?*

A Of course, we enjoy meeting up with our GG VYBE members. We love spending time together outside of work and business.

Q *If you had to live elsewhere, what would you take with you from Frankfurt?*

A USB-Sticks with our favorite tunes, so no matter in which city we settle down in, we are ready to keep the dancefloor jumping.

GG VYBE is a Frankfurt-based female DJ collective that organizes various events around the city. The crew focuses on providing more space, light, and shine to minorities in the music industry and club scene.

Frankfurt map



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Website	
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24	Mians Nudelhaus
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25	Sport Club Frankfurt 1880
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Website	lsc1880.de

26	Peter Behrens Bau
Address	65929 Frankfurt
27	Paulskirche
Address	Paulsplatz, 60311 Frankfurt am Main
28	Okay Baby
Address	FLEMINGS SELECTION HOTEL Eschenheimer Tor 2 60318 Frankfurt am Main
Phone	okay-baby.de
29	MOMI
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30	Bockenheimer Warte
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31	Meaza's Place
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Website	
32	African Queen
Address	Schloßstraße 113, 60329 Frankfurt am Main
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Website	african-queen-restaurant.de
33	Bethmannpark
Address	Friedberger Landstraße 8, 60316 Frankfurt am Main
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34	Antipodean Gelato
Address	Bornheimer Landstraße 18, 60316 Frankfurt am Main
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