



Celebrating 100 Years of Ray Conniff

Useful tips and scheduled itinerary of the Fan Convention 2016 In Hamburg, Germany

(June 10-12)

Arrival by plane:

After you collected your luggage, leave the arrival zone and look for this sign:



It will lead you to trains. The trip to Central Station ("Hauptbahnhof") will cost you € 3.20. This will be the only ticket you have to buy during your stay. Tickets are available from vending machines. The operating instructions for the touchscreens are in English as well. As this is the final stop of line S1, take the next available train. The trip will take 24 minutes. Arrival platform is No. 1. Follow the signs leading to "Kirchenallee", then go about 50 metres along the building, turn left into the great hall, and go along the fast food restaurants and shops.

Arrival by train:

Look for the exit in the great hall of the central station saying "Spitalerstraße/Glockengießerwall". Cross the street and turn right. You will find the "[Intercity Hotel](#)" about 100 metres distant at the corner of "Glockengießerwall" and "Rosenstraße", opposite the Art Galleries ("Hamburger Kunsthalle").

Get-together on Friday, June 10:

We'll meet at 5pm for a welcome drink and finger food. Clemens will bring his camera. If you want to say a few words about Ray Conniff and how he enriched your life, please feel free to do so. We intend to put these video messages on the internet for the documentation of our convention.

Dinner on Friday, June 10:

We have tables reserved at a nearby restaurant.



View from "Galatea"

"[Galatea](#)" is the only Italian ship restaurant in Germany. It is located at Ballindamm (just around the corner). It is firmly anchored and should please even those who easily get sea-sick. We ordered [set menu No. 7](#) which will be served at tables on big plates so that everybody can help themselves. We will send you the chef's suggestions and will ask you for your choices by email. At the restaurant you only pay your drinks. The amount for the meals will be collected in advance (see note at the end).

Saturday, June 11:

After breakfast, the participants will split into two groups.

Tour of group 1:

A walk through the centre of Hamburg: 1) Saturn (they say, it is the largest technical department store in the world), 2) "[Chile-Haus](#)" (it belongs to the UNESCO heritage), "[Manufactum](#)" (a very unusual little department store inside the Chile-Haus), 3) "[Europa-Passage](#)", 4) Jungfernstieg (Hamburg's famous street where you can e.g. find an Apple Store and the elegant department store "Alsterhaus", 5) Alster Pavillon (a famous place for lovers of Swing Music – and ice cream), 6) "[Hanse-Viertel](#)" (famous for lobster, shrimp, fine food), 7) Rathaus (Town Hall)

Lunch and further activities:



←ZAR

Tour of group 2:

At around 12:30 pm at “ZAR” (“Zum Alten Rathaus”, meaning at the old town hall) both groups will meet for a light two course meal, soft drinks and coffee will be included. The restaurant is famous for local slow food, which does not mean the service is slow. After lunch, group 2 will do exactly the same as group 1 in the morning, only backwards. This means, in the late afternoon you will have time to freshen up at the hotel, relax or go shopping. OK, here is what we planned for the other group:

Trip by underground from central station to “Landungsbrücken”. Trip through Hamburg harbour to “Finkenwerder”. Please note that this is not a guided harbour boat trip but a trip on a ferry boat. The fare is included in your public transport ticket. After this boat trip there will be a short walk along the historic [“Speicherstadt”](#) through the new HafenCity. There is plenty to see. Suggestions will follow.

Dinner on Saturday, June 11:



View from “Kehrwiederspitze”

Arrival at the [“Kehrwiederspitze”-Restaurant](#) from 6:30 pm. You will get a welcome drink and small snacks. Dinner will be a three course meal. It will be served from 8 pm. We have a reservation of the complete restaurant upstairs. The room offers a gorgeous view of the harbour, St. Michael’s cathedral and (hopefully) big ocean vessels. We may also use the terrace if the weather is fine. We negotiated a set price for the meals, all drinks (except strong spirits) are included. The nearest underground station is “Baumwall”. From there you can see the restaurant (and the new “Elbphilharmonie”). It is just 4 stops from the central station.

For those who arrive on Thursday:

We would recommend you go to “Isemarkt” on Friday morning. It is the longest farmers’ market in Europe. It is located under the viaduct of the underground so that you can enjoy it even when it rains. The nearest underground stations are “Hoheluftbrücke” and “Eppendorfer Baum”.



The market closes at 2 pm. There are many nice restaurant for lunch in Eppendorf.

And a suggestion for later: If you haven’t been there already, try a guided tour in English of the city hall, then enjoy an Alsterboat trip from Jungfernstieg. More tips as soon as we know who will arrive a day before the convention.

For those who will stay until Monday or Sunday night:

The 2016 Convention will officially end after breakfast on Sunday morning, but some people would like to spend Sunday with other fans, too. Please note that shops are closed on Sundays (with the exceptions of those in the main hall of the central station and those at the airport). The art galleries opposite the hotel are well worth a visit, and so is [“Miniatur Wunderland”](#) in the HafenCity. More tips as soon as we know who will be staying.

Of course, nobody is obliged to join the groups on Saturday. These are just offers. E.g., feel free to go on a hop-on-hop-off tour instead. The buses leave outside the central station in Kirchenallee. If you need more suggestions, please contact us.

On a less pleasant note, we would like to inform you that we made advance deposit payment for the restaurants and would like to collect money from you as soon as you have registered. (Of course, you can also pay on arrival, but a money transfer would be appreciated.) You can pay by PayPal, using this email address: mthoenicke@web.de or arrange money transfer to this account:

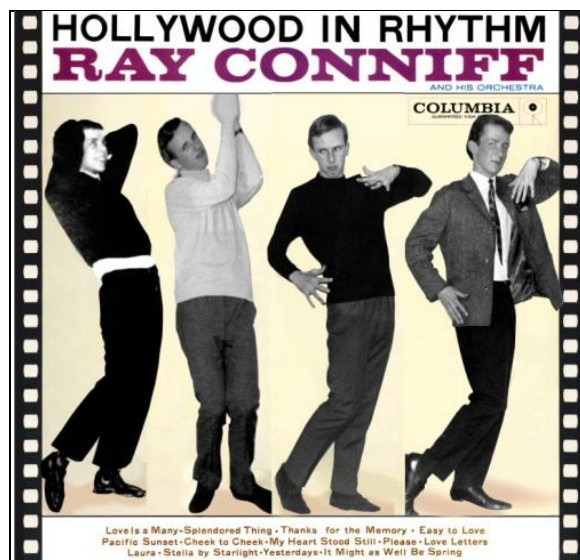
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We calculated the amount of € 160 per person, inclusive of three meals, of which some include drinks as well (see above). Please take into consideration that you will get a free ticket for public transport during your stay. Of course, we will also have a souvenir CD available. It will be a little different this time.

Should you have any questions or suggestions, please write to Manfred. Remember that trouble-free booking / cancellation of the hotel is possible until April 15. After that date we must let restaurant owners know the exact number of participants, their menu wishes etc.

We hope to see you all in June. Best wishes,

Clemens, Ingo, Irmgard and Manfred



Ah yes, before I forget, here is a request from us, the organisers, challenging your creativity: Please recreate a cover of any Ray Conniff album or do something funny with it and send us your picture a month before the convention. Thank you. Above are three examples.