



OKTOBERFEST GUIDE



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About Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest began as a marriage ceremony between Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese on October 12, 1810. All of the townspeople were invited to attend the festival, which took place in the fields outside of the city gates. Following the wedding the fields were named Theresienwiese after the Princess, and the party was such a hit that the townspeople asked King Ludwig to continue the celebration the following year. 2025 marks the 215th anniversary of the festivities.

Why stop a good thing!?

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YOUR EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME.**

Today the remnants of the gates still stand and the fields, known by locals as the Wies'n, now host the largest beer festival in the world: Oktoberfest! What was a simple wedding celebration has transformed into a 16-18-day festival in which 7 million people from around the world participate, consuming more than 6 million liters of Bavarian beer. That's 1.5 million gallons of beer! Oktoberfest officially begins on the second to last Saturday in September at noon when the mayor of Munich taps the first barrel at the Schottenhamel Tent, crying "O'zapft is" (It's open). The festival concludes the first Sunday of October following German reunification day on October 3. There are 14 main beer tents at the Theresienwiese grounds serving brews by the Maß (1-liter stein). Almost all of them see up to 12,000 people per day. That is a whole lot of beer! Only six breweries are represented at the Oktoberfest grounds, and they are all local - Späten, Augustiner, Paulaner, Hacker-Poschorr, Hofbräu and Löwenbräu.

Everyone has their preferred brew by the end, which one will be yours?



MUNICH

The Heart of Bavaria

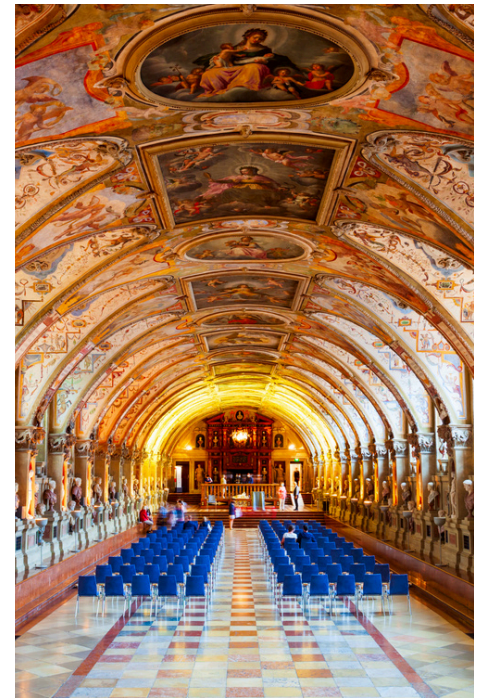
Munich, the capital of Bavaria and the third-largest city in Germany, is a city of contrasts. It blends rich history, vibrant culture, and a cutting-edge economy with a laid-back lifestyle, making it one of the most desirable destinations for travelers from around the world. Situated along the River Isar, Munich offers a unique mix of tradition and modernity, with historic landmarks and modern architectural marvels sharing the same cityscape. It is not just the beautiful landscapes or the architectural grandeur that make Munich special, but also the unique blend of art, history, and festivals that make it a cultural hub.



Munich's history dates back to the Middle Ages, and it has grown into one of Germany's most influential cities. It was founded in 1158 by Henry the Lion, Duke of Saxony, who established a bridge across the River Isar to facilitate the trade of salt, a vital commodity at the time. This development led to the town's growth as an important trade route and market. Munich derives its name from the German word "München," meaning "by the monks," as the city was initially developed around a Benedictine monastery.



The 13th century saw Munich becoming the residence of the powerful Wittelsbach family, who ruled Bavaria until the early 20th century. Their influence shaped Munich's early architectural and cultural developments. By the 1500s, Munich became a center for the arts, thanks to Duke Wilhelm IV, who encouraged artists, musicians, and intellectuals to establish their presence in the city.



The city faced significant challenges during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648) and was heavily impacted by the bubonic plague, yet it continued to prosper after each setback. During the Baroque and Rococo periods of the 17th and 18th centuries, many churches, palaces, and public buildings were constructed, and Munich became known for its artistic and cultural heritage. In the 19th century, under the reign of King Ludwig I, Munich further solidified its status as a cultural capital of Europe. King Ludwig's passion for the arts brought about the construction of many of the city's iconic buildings, including the neoclassical Königsplatz and the Glyptothek, which houses ancient sculptures.

However, Munich's history is not without darker chapters. It played a key role in the rise of the Nazi party in the early 20th century. Adolf Hitler and his followers used Munich as a political base, and it was here that the infamous Beer Hall Putsch of 1923 occurred, an early attempt by Hitler to seize power. During World War II, Munich was heavily bombed, and much of the city was destroyed. Yet, in the post-war era, Munich underwent extensive reconstruction, preserving much of its historic character while modernizing its infrastructure.



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NEUES RATHAUS



ENGLISCHER GARTEN



NEUSCHWANSTEIN



ISAR RIVER

Today, Munich is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Germany and offers a wide variety of attractions. It is perhaps best known for Oktoberfest, the world's largest beer festival. Held annually from late September to early October, Oktoberfest attracts millions of visitors from all over the globe. The festival celebrates Bavarian culture with traditional foods, music, and, of course, beer served in enormous steins. The event dates back to 1810, when the citizens of Munich celebrated the wedding of Crown Prince Ludwig (later King Ludwig I) and Princess Therese. Today, it is a global symbol of Bavarian hospitality and festivity.

Beyond Oktoberfest, Munich's architecture is a major draw for visitors. Marienplatz, the city's central square, is dominated by the Neues Rathaus (New Town Hall), a neo-gothic masterpiece that features the famous Glockenspiel, a mechanical clock with life-sized figures that reenact historical events twice daily. Nearby is the Frauenkirche, with its twin onion-domed towers, one of Munich's most recognizable landmarks. The church has survived centuries of war and is a symbol of the city's resilience.

For history and art lovers, Munich offers an impressive array of museums. The Alte Pinakothek is one of the oldest art galleries in the world, with a vast collection of European paintings from the Middle Ages to the 18th century. The Deutsches Museum, located on an island in the River Isar, is the largest museum of science and technology in the world and is a must-visit for those interested in the development of human knowledge. The Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs, provides a fascinating insight into the life of Bavarian royalty and showcases an exquisite collection of treasures and artworks.

Munich is also renowned for its green spaces, offering an escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. The Englischer Garten is one of the largest urban parks in the world, even bigger than New York's Central Park. Visitors can take a leisurely stroll along its tree-lined paths, visit the Japanese teahouse, or relax in one of the traditional beer gardens, such as the famous one at the Chinese Tower.

The city's proximity to the Bavarian Alps also makes it an ideal base for outdoor enthusiasts. Day trips to nearby castles, such as Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, offer breathtaking views and a glimpse into the fairytale world of King Ludwig II. In the winter, many travelers use Munich as a gateway to the nearby ski resorts.

Munich's food scene also draws in many tourists. Bavarian cuisine is hearty, with dishes like Weißwurst (white sausage), Schweinshaxe (pork knuckle), and Brezn (pretzels) served alongside locally brewed beers. Traditional beer halls, like the iconic Hofbräuhaus, offer a lively atmosphere where visitors can experience the convivial spirit of Bavaria.

Munich's appeal lies in its rich blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. Whether you're interested in exploring its historical landmarks, enjoying the festive spirit of Oktoberfest, or simply relaxing in its parks, Munich offers something for every traveler. Its combination of tradition and modernity ensures that visitors leave with lasting memories of a city that truly has it all.

ALL ABOUT OKTOBERFEST TENTS



What's the deal with Beer Tent Reservations?

Every year, it's a long and competitive process for us to book beer tent reservations, and you don't always get exactly what you want. Every tent has its own system for booking reservations, not to mention they each start the process at different times of the year. You always have to make reservations in groups of 8-10 people, and most of the reservations go to locals who have held tables at the Wies'n for several generations. The whole process lasts about 9 months, and there are no guarantees concerning specific tents and dates.

The big tents (holding 7,000-10,000 people at a time) are the most difficult to get into and often close their doors by noon on Saturdays simply because they're already full. It's nearly impossible to get into a big tent without a reservation on a busy day; however, you can sometimes squeeze in with someone at a table outside and order a beer to establish your spot. If you're already in a tent when the reservation time has expired, you can stay in that tent - you just have to find an opening at a table in a non-reserved section. Weekdays are much less crowded compared to Saturdays and weekend nights.

Each Bucket List Events package includes at least 1 beer tent reservation per person. Most reservations include 2 beers (1 liter each) and 1 food voucher (usually a chicken plate) or something equivalent.

Is there a best tent?

Many people read a stranger's online review and think that they must go to a specific tent. Truthfully, there is no best tent. Each venue has a unique aspect about them, but none of them are any better than the others. Locals prefer the lesser known tents while college kids like the tents with a boisterous reputation. No matter what tent you are in you're going to have the time of your life. Just don't drink too much and take some pictures so you remember it!

Is beer the only thing available to drink?

While beer will be occupying just about every inch of the 420,000 square foot Oktoberfest grounds, there are some wine and champagne options at about half of the tents - just ask. A liter of table water costs about €6. Soft drinks also cost about €6-7 (you'll usually find Coke and Spezi, a Coke/Fanta mix). Be prepared for a lot of carbonated water!

Several beers into Hofbrau heaven The Oktoberfest Funfair lights up the Munich night. Looking to drink beer but don't want the heaviness of a standard German brew, try a "shandy" or "radler." These contain half beer, and half a carbonated lemon drink such as Sprite. You'd be surprised at how popular of a drink this is!



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How strong (alcohol percent) is the beer?

All beer served at Oktoberfest is 13.5% Stammwürze, which equates to around 6% alcohol content. The average American beer is about 3-5%. The beer is often stronger than at home, too, so pace yourself and eat plenty.

What is the drinking age?

16 years old for beer, 18 for liquor

What beer is served at Oktoberfest?

Only beer conforming to the Reinheitsgebot, at a minimum of 13.5% Stammwürze (approximately 6% alcohol by volume) may be served at Oktoberfest. The beer must also be brewed within the city limits of Munich. Beers meeting these criteria may be designated Oktoberfest Beer. The breweries that can produce Oktoberfest Beer under the criteria are: Augustiner-Bräu, Hacker-Pschorr-Bräu, Löwenbräu, Paulaner, Spatenbräu, Staatliches Hofbräu-München

How much beer do you drink at Oktoberfest?

Certainly you should try to not drink too much. But how much is “too much”? We say that up to two Mass beers (two liters) are OK. This can typically be handled by normal folks without any serious problems. With three Mass (three liters) you will quickly approach the borderline. The beers are large and pack a punch.

How much tip is common?

Within Oktoberfest grounds, it varies. If you’ve got reservations and vouchers, the tip is sometimes included. In this case you do not need to give extra tip, or just if you think the service was extraordinary. If tip is not included, the waitress will tell you what the tip is. In fact, it’s not really a tip - it’s more like a “service fee”. It should be not more than 10 to 15% of the beer or food price. And yes, giving a bit of extra tip will ensure that the waitress will always serve you in time and in quality.

Is Oktoberfest safe?

Yes, it’s very safe. But just like any travel/festival experience, be aware of your surroundings. Keep money in a safe place (not in your back pocket). Everyone is really friendly, but of course with so much beer, you’re bound to see some altercations. Security is very present in the tents and police outside the tents.

“We had such a great experience with Bucket List and their team in Munich! Everything was perfect and all the events, tents, and excursions were awesome!”

Heather Dietrich, 2024 Client



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What do you eat at Oktoberfest?

You have a good choice of dishes. A must-try is the classic “Wiesn-Hendl” (grilled chicken), best enjoyed with French Fries. The slow-roasted, butter-basted chicken is irresistible after a few beverages. Freshly-baked and doughy, salt- strewn pretzels are delicious and extremely popular. Also expect to sample traditional sausages and the seemingly endless dessert options available at Oktoberfest. All the tents have English menus, so feel free to ask your waitress for it.

Can you only get into a tent with a reservation?

No, you can technically get into a tent without a previously reserved spot, especially before the late afternoon shifts (Before 4 PM).

Two people can usually find their way into a tent and find a seat to get a beer. At night it’s often too crowded to order food (unless you have vouchers with your reservation) but don’t worry; there are plenty of vendors serving hearty Bavarian food on the Oktoberfest Fairgrounds.

Is there gluten free beer available?

As of 2024, no tents offer a gluten free option for Oktoberfest beer. However, there are gluten free food options in each tent.

What time do the tents close?

Almost all of the large tents close at 10:30 PM, with the exception of Kafer, Marstall, and Weinzelt.

How much does a liter of beer (the “Maß” Oktoberfest Beer) cost at one of the tents?

The price for a liter of beer ranges between €15 and €18 per liter (about \$17-20).

How can we add additional beer tent reservations?

It is sometimes possible for us to include a beer tent reservation in your package for an additional charge - just ask! It should be noted, however, that scheduled package activities cannot be substituted for additional beer tent reservations. There is usually a drastic price difference, and reservations are subject to availability. Some guests have also requested specific tents, and while we will always do our best to accommodate, this cannot be guaranteed.

Do we have to stay for the entire reservation?

A reservation is for a predetermined set of time, and your spot at a table is reserved until you want to depart. You can attempt to reenter the tent after departure, but it’s not guaranteed that your spot will still be available - they are in high demand!

“My daughter and I did the Munich Oktoberfest tour. Every person we interacted with were extremely professional, helpful and fun. I would highly recommend them for your next travel adventure. I will be searching their website for our next event. Thank you Bucket List for making my dream trip a reality.”



Todd Yieter, 2024 Client





Frequently Asked Questions About Oktoberfest



Where does the Oktoberfest happen?

The Oktoberfest takes place in Munich, Germany, on the ground known as "Theresienwiese," which is also called "Festwiese" by the locals. Half of the year, the grounds are simply a public park. Around June, the tents and fun fair foundations begin their staggered process of construction with a completion date of late September, just in time for the beginning of the festival. This area hosts a space of 420,000 sq ft and is easy to get to from central Munich.

2. When does the Oktoberfest happen?

The Oktoberfest begins in September and ends in October on the first Sunday in October, or on October 3, whatever is later. It lasts for at least 16 days.

The next Oktoberfest dates are:

- 2025 - September 20 - October 5
- 2026 - September 19 - October 4
- 2027 - September 18 - October 3



3. Oktoberfest starts in September...why's it called Oktoberfest?

The first Oktoberfest was celebrated in Munich in 1810 in honor of Prince Ludwig's marriage to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. The festivities began October 12, 1810, and lasted for almost a week, until October 17. The public celebrations ended with an exciting horse race. After such a spectacular party, the happy couple decided that the same type of festival should be continued annually. In the following years, the galas were repeated every October, prolonged and, eventually moved forward into September primarily because of the weather.





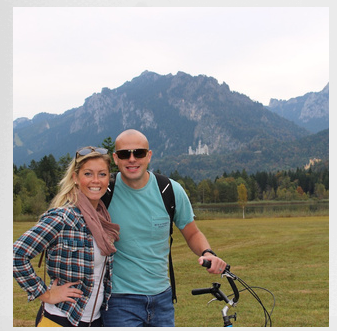
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OKT 2016



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4. What's the average age of Bucket List Events clients?

What's the average age of Bucket List Events clients? Hard question to answer, but most of our clients are between the ages of 28-55. But it varies with each group. We often have guests that are 60+ years of age as well as kids with their families and college students. We don't have an age limit; you just have to be ready to have a good time!

5. Do we have to dress up in Bavarian attire?

Absolutely not, but we highly recommend it. It's part of the cultural experience! Many locals and visitors of all ages choose to suit up in Trachten, traditional garb for the fest, with men sporting the suspended the leather trouser lederhosen and women the traditional Bavarian Dirndl.

6. I do not speak any German. Will this be a problem?

This will not be a problem. The language sections of the travel guidebook usually contains the German translations for relevant dialogue, so you are able to sneak by if needed. Again, most tents also have English menus, so ask for them if you are not comfortable ordering in German.

7. Are there ATMs at Oktoberfest?

Yes, there are several ATM options on the Oktoberfest grounds, located away from the tents near security stations.

8. Do we bring our own steins / can we keep our steins?

Make this one easy on yourself and do not try to enter or exit the grounds with a glass stein, It won't go well and you will end up lighter in the wallet.

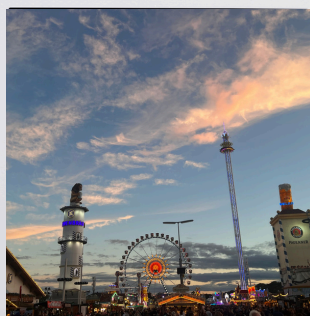
9. Is smoking allowed at Oktoberfest?

The short answer is no inside of the tents, but yes on the grounds. Most tents will also have a designated smoking balcony located upstairs.

10. Is there handicap seating available?

Yes, each tent will have a limited amount of handicap seating that can only be arranged directly with the tents.





Okt 2018



Okt 2024



Okt 2019



Okt 2013



11. Where can we purchase Lederhosen or Dirndl?

Considering the amount of stores in the vicinity of your hotel, where can't you purchase an outfit? Whether it's in the train station or a pop-up vendor just outside the tents, the pricing is pretty consistently in the 150-200 euros. If you prefer shopping a wider variety of options, we recommend heading down to the Marienplatz where there is an endless series of options, including Oktoberfest pop-up shops. This is an easy walk from your hotel. We don't recommend purchasing cheap Amazon costume versions online, as that's the one thing the locals look down upon. It's better to dress in regular clothes than to buy a flimsy costume version online!



12. How many people attend Oktoberfest?

In 2024, over 7,000,000 people attended over three weeks.

13. What else is there to do at Oktoberfest besides drinking?

As expected, the focus at Oktoberfest is the drinking, eating, cavorting and singing. It is this tradition, atmosphere and spectacle that makes it so special. To break up proceedings, you can amble through the fairground that surrounds the beer tents, where there are seemingly endless rides and carnival games in which to partake. However, if you are visiting at the right time, you may be coinciding with some of the special events that take place. On the opening weekend, the Costume and Riflemen's Parade sees some 7,000 costumed performers and musicians, thoroughbred horses, oxen and associated farmyard animals walk through the centre of Munich to celebrate the Oktoberfest opening weekend. If the weather holds, an open-air concert featuring 400 musicians will take place on September 25 at the Theresienwiese



"I could not have imagined a better experience for our first time in Germany attending Oktoberfest. We had a blast! Make sure and do their bike tour to Neuschwanstein Castle! It's breathtaking. Thank you so much for the experiences and the memories!!!"

Kelly Jarmen, 2023 Client





Okt 2024



Okt 2019



Okt 2022



Okt 2014

When are the Oktoberfest parades?

There are two parades that take place opening weekend. On opening Saturday, the parade of the Oktoberfest Landlords takes place, and then the Rifleman and Costumes parade take on the next day (Sunday)

Can I bring a bag onto the Oktoberfest grounds?

A small clutch is allowed but anything larger will need to be checked at the front gate. Be prepared to add 30 minutes to the end of your night if you check an item.

How is the bathroom situation at Oktoberfest?

There are enough facilities in the tents, but in a tent with thousands of people drinking thousands of liters of beer, there also is a clear need for these! For men, this usually means a wait between 5 and 10 minutes in the line. For women, this usually means a wait between 10 and 20 minutes in the line.

What's the difference between a small tent and a large tent?

The easiest way to sum it up is that large tents are “drink first, eat second” and the small tents are “eat first, drink second.” Both have plenty of beer and music, but the large tents are more of a party and the small tents prioritize with meal above all.



“My friend and I used Bucket List for the Oktoberfest tour, and it was well worth it. We got multiple festival trips, a Munich tour, and a tour of Neuschwanstein Castle and the Bavarian countryside. The team gave great suggestions for what else to explore, so we could make the most of our free time. Everyone was super friendly and knowledgeable. The team is genuinely interested in making sure everyone has a great experience. Highly recommended!”

- Brett Pelaez, 2023 Client



THE OKTOBERFEST TENTS

Experience the highlight of the festival with us

When you think about Oktoberfest, you are picturing a large crowd of people standing on their seats with a stein in hand. That vision is the inside of the large tents of Oktoberfest, usually the highlight of any trip to Munich.

A rowdy session inside the large tents is the cornerstone of our Oktoberfest experience. Our tent access varies with each day of the festival, but we are confident that all of our reservations will offer an amazing and authentic experience.

Below are the details of the large tents on the Oktoberfest grounds. Read about these pillars of the World's Largest beer festival.



Armbrustschützenzelt

Beer Served: Paulaner

Seating Capacity: 5,820

Seating Outside: 1,600

Beer Alcohol: 6.0%

Unique Trait: The tent name translates to crossbow, and the tent is used for the German Crossbow Championships



Augustiner

Beer Served: Augustiner

Seating Capacity: 6,000

Seating Outside: 2,500

Beer Alcohol: 6.2%

Unique Trait: The beer comes from wooden barrels, and the tent manages its own butcher's shop



Fischer-Vroni

Beer Served: Augustiner

Seating Capacity: 3,162

Seating Outside: 700

Beer Alcohol: 6.2%

Unique Trait: The only tent that serves fish as the main course, composed on fresh Steckerlfisch daily

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Hacker-Festzelt

Beer Served: Hacker-Pschorr

Seating Capacity: 6,838

Seating Outside: 2,540

Beer Alcohol: 6.0%

Unique Trait: The tent has arguably the most famous decor, known affectionally as "Bavarian Heaven."



Hofbrau

Beer Served: Hofbrau

Seating Capacity: 6,018

Seating Outside: 3,022

Beer Alcohol: 6.3%

Unique Trait: Catering to the most international crowd, the tent is known for it's hop decor and tent mascot figure, Aloisius



Kafer Wiesn-Schanke

Beer Served: Paulaner

Seating Capacity: 1,500

Seating Outside: 2,022

Beer Alcohol: 6.0%

Unique Trait: There is a bottle of champagne on the menu for \$40,000, and several are sold each festival.



Kufflers Weinzelt

Beer Served: Paulaner

Seating Capacity: 1,500

Seating Outside: 540

Beer Alcohol: 6.2%

Unique Trait: The wine menu is bigger than the beer menu

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Löwenbräu-Festzelt

Beer Served: Löwenbräu
Seating Capacity: 5,700
Seating Outside: 2,800
Beer Alcohol: 6.1%

Unique Trait: Upon arrival to the tent, you are greeted by a talking lion welcoming you to one of the larger tents at Oktoberfest



Marstall Festzelt

Beer Served: Spaten
Seating Capacity: 3,200
Seating Outside: 882
Beer Alcohol: 5.9%

Unique Trait: Offers a more expansive dining menu, as well as non-beer alcoholic drinks for an additional fee



Oschenbraterei

Beer Served: Spaten
Seating Capacity: 5,900
Seating Outside: 1,646
Beer Alcohol: 5.9%

Unique Trait: The name says it all - the Oxen menu is what the tent is most known for at Oktoberfest.



Paulaner Festzelt

Beer Served: Paulaner
Seating Capacity: 6,385
Seating Outside: 1,980
Beer Alcohol: 6.0%

Unique Trait: The bright yellow interior boasts some of the best views of the band.

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Pschorr-Festzelt Brauerosl

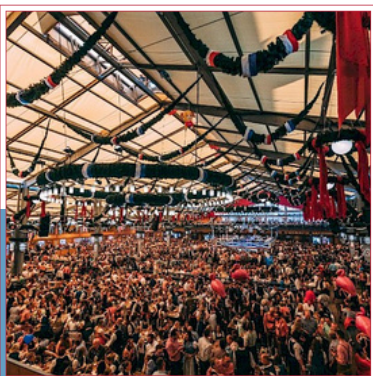
Beer Served: Hacker-Pschorr

Seating Capacity: 8,250

Seating Outside: 1,200

Beer Alcohol: 6.0%

Unique Trait: Known for its theme days, one of the few tents that changes personalities throughout the festival.



Schottenhamel Festhalle

Beer Served: Spatan

Seating Capacity: 6,288

Seating Outside: 2,742

Beer Alcohol: 5.9%

Unique Trait: The entire festival does not begin until the first keg is tapped at the Schottenhamel tent on the opening Saturday.



Schutzen-Festzelt

Beer Served: Löwenbräu

Seating Capacity: 4,923

Seating Outside: 1,235

Beer Alcohol: 6.1%

Unique Trait: Known to be the celebrity tent, including recent visits by Usain Bolt, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and President Clinton

"Our experience with Bucket List Events could not have been better! Everything from the transfer to/from the airport, hotel accommodations, excursions, getting to the Oktoberfest tents and our table reservations went flawless. We had a group of 10 traveling together and everyone thought they did a fantastic job and we all had a once in a lifetime experience. I would not hesitate to recommend them to anyone wanting to attend Oktoberfest! I hope to book another future Bucket List event in the future."

Connie Patzer, 2024 Client



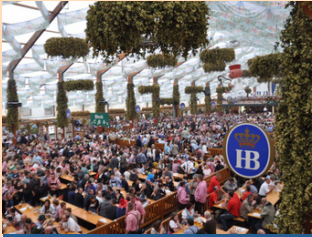
"We had a fabulous trip. I missed my flight to Munich and Toby assured me my travel partner would be able to check into the hotel without me. Smooth sailing. I had a ton of questions leading into and during the trip. Toby was always quick to reply and have excellent service. Our beer tent reservations were simple and a great time. Our third reich tour was great and Jules was extremely knowledgeable of German history. Overall a 5* trip. Would highly recommend and love to do this event again.."

Jim Dallman, 2024 Client



OUR STAFF'S **TOP 10** FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT **OKTOBERFEST**

There really is nothing like Oktoberfest – a festival every traveler should experience at least once in their life. It's kind of like being at your favorite local bar with friends, complete with a live band and a few good beers...except a thousand times bigger and far more engaging. We're confident that you'll want to relive the experience back home.



#1 - THE ATMOSPHERE

Simply put, it's absolutely contagious. Outside the tents, the Theresienwiese (the local name for the Oktoberfest grounds) is packed with people and rich spirits. It's one big fairground full of rides and food stalls. You will see entire families of all generations wearing Lederhosen and Dirndls. In fact, the Oktoberfest atmosphere isn't just confined to the festival ground.

Everywhere across the city the feeling in the air is absolutely electric. The inside scene inside the tents engulfs all those around, and you find yourself completely wrapped up with the party antics, dancing with the strangers around you. In no time, you are fully immersed in the party. And it is like this day and night for nearly three weeks



#2 - THE BEER

Granted, beer is kind of a big deal. Oktoberfest beer is ridiculously delicious. There are so many distinctive offerings at the festival, and all of them are strong – you're unlikely to find anything below 7% alcohol content or a beer not served in a sizeable glass. It should also be noted that all of the beers consumed come from local Munich breweries, so the freshness of your beverages is incredible. So enjoy yourself, sample everything the city has to offer and take part responsibly.

Oktoberfest Breweries: Augustiner, Hacker-Pschorr, Hofbrau, Lowenbrau, Paulaner, Spaten



#3 - THE FOOD

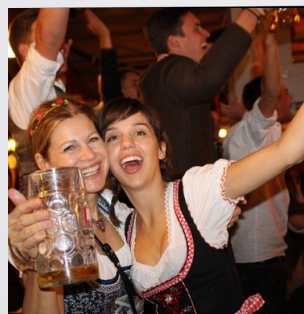
It's not just about Bratwurst and Schnitzels. If you have a sweet tooth there's the stall with all sorts of chocolate covered fruit - apples, bananas, strawberries, pineapple. Then there's the chicken...oh the chicken. It is the opinion of our staff that this is the second best thing to consume at Oktoberfest after beer for sure. The standard 1/2 chicken is absolutely the best chicken you will taste in your entire life. It's so succulent, so juicy, so tender and you will love the salty skin with that yummy marinade. Don't forget those massive pretzels with incredible dipping sauces. So maybe skip breakfast and save room for the smorgasbord of culinary wonders



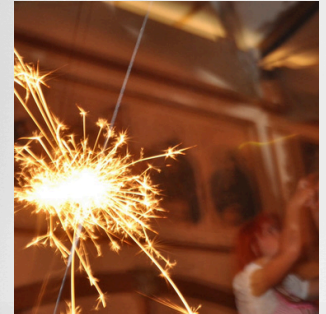
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CLOSING NIGHT PARTY

OKTOBERFEST **TOP 10**



#4 - MUNICH

Munich itself is a great city to explore with an amazing array of food markets, pubs, and shopping. There are also incredible museums, the beautiful Marienplatz, and historical attractions, including site of the 1972 Summer Olympics and the Dachau Concentration Camp, located just outside the city. Munich is also home to FC Bayern Munich, who are annually among the best professional soccer teams in the world. Everything is extremely accessible by public transportation, no matter where you want to go.



#5 - THE ATTIRE

Dressing up at Oktoberfest is part of the fun. Germany is a bustling, multicultural and thoroughly modern nation, but there are some perceptions of Germany that will never die. The traditional Bavarian attire is a common sight around Oktoberfest and you should never pass on an opportunity to join in the festivities with some lederhosen-clad visitors and local milkmaids. Men wear Lederhosen, while women wear Dirndls. It's like being at one giant costume party, with outfits ranging from basic to very very fancy. We love watching entire families walking past wearing Oktoberfest costumes - even the little children and babies. When you put on your Oktoberfest costume, it's like getting into character, ready for a day of heavy beer drinking. We recommend you get into the spirit of things and buy yourself a Dirndl or a pair of Lederhosen! You will feel left out otherwise.



#6 - THE MUSIC

We can all admit it - we LOVE cover bands. There is something about hearing an old rock and roll song, or a unique version of some 80s new wave hit that ignites a wave of nostalgia in our souls. Along with the clothing, Oktoberfest's music is among the things that are most important to the festival's image. What would Oktoberfest be without hulking brass bands playing oompah music to the masses as they saunter around the site and take in the amazing atmosphere? The bands play all day, every day - and their set list is compiled of more songs you will know than you won't. There is a fun blend of German and English classics, and quite frankly, the crowd's reactions to their favorite German anthems might be most entertaining part! The energy is absolutely contagious, and since everyone is singing along, you can sing as loud as you want without being embarrassed.



#7 - THE FUN FARE

Roller Coasters and rides may not be everyone's idea of post-session fun, and they probably aren't compatible with stomachs filled with bratwurst. However, our German friends seem to have a slightly different view of life and have laid down one of Europe's largest funfairs for your pleasure. The Oktoberfest funfair is a thrilling and unmissable staple of the festival that will surely capture any and all visitors at one point or another. We recommend a ride on the calm ferris wheel that takes you high above the fairgrounds. Whether it's day or night, you get a unique view of the festival below, as the neon lights flash and the food stands cook up a storm

OKTOBERFEST TOP 10



#8 - DANCING IN THE TENTS

There really isn't any method to it, but you have to do it at some point. Why? Because everyone else is. Imagine every song being like the 7th inning stretch at a baseball game. You rise on the benches, you toast, and you sing. It's always a sight to see when you look out into a crowd of thousands of people on their feet bouncing to the music. You can't even see the tables beneath them!

However, make sure you do not hop on a bench without someone on the other end, otherwise you will likely be shot into the air like a slingshot.



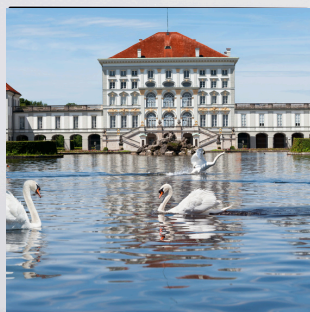
#9 - NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE

Located in Germany near Hohenschwangau and Füssen in southwest Bavaria, the majestic Neuschwanstein castle was built by Ludwig II of Bavaria as a retreat and an homage to Richard Wagner, the king's inspiring muse. Although photography of the interior is not permitted, it is the most photographed building in Germany and is one of the country's most popular tourist destinations. It's worth the full day excursion to view this incredible attraction, which is a feature of each standard package.



#10 - THE ENGLISH GARDENS

In the center of Munich you'll find Englischer Garten. Dwarfing New York City's Central Park, this massive public park has earned a reputation as one of the largest urban public parks across the globe. Inside the park, you'll find a Japanese teahouse and garden that was built for the 1972 Summer Olympics, as well as the Schönfeldwiese – a meadow in which nude sunbathing is allowed. If that doesn't take you by surprise, the surfers will. The stream that runs through the park has served as a prime – although unexpected – place for expert surfers to test their skills on the artificially-pumped waters. This is also home to one of the largest beer gardens in the world



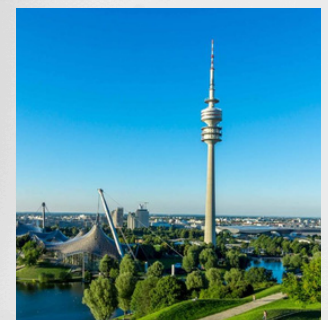
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BUCKET LIST EVENTS PACKAGES



LOCAL HOTEL BY THE OKTOBERFEST GROUNDS

- Hotels are located within five blocks of the festival grounds
- Air conditioned hotel rooms
- Daily breakfast at hotel
- 3, 4, and 5 Star options available



OKTOBERFEST LARGE TENT RESERVATION

- Every package comes with at least one large tent reservation
- Bookings of 4 or more nights have two reservations
- All reservations include standard vouchers (Usually 2 beers and 1/2 chicken meal)
- Most package reservations take place during the evening



OKTOBERFEST SMALL TENT RESERVATION

- Every package comes with at least one large tent reservation
- Includes 2 beers and the meal
- Usually takes place on the date of your arrival
- Most package reservations take place during the evening



ROUNDTRIP AIRPORT TRANSFERS

- Private transfers from the Munich Airport to your Bucket List Oktoberfest hotel
- Airport is 45 minutes from the city center
- A driver will be waiting for you outside of baggage claim, ready to take you to the start of your adventure



LOCAL TOUR OF MUNICH

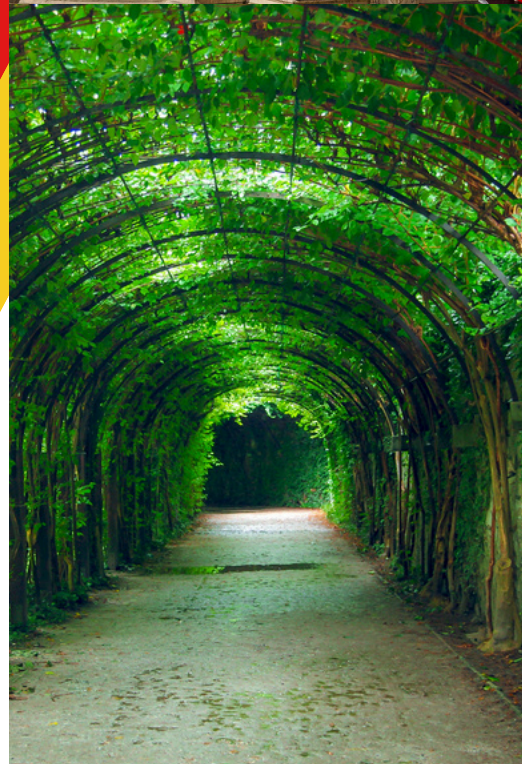
- Choose from popular options, including:
 - Munich bike tour
 - Neuschwanstein Castle day trip (pictured)
 - Eagle's Nest
 - and many more!



ON-SITE STAFF AND LOCAL GUIDES

- Each scheduled event comes with a Bucket List Event guide or escort
- German speakers are provided when needed
- Our main hotels have daily office hours where our staff is available to assist you with any questions

SALZBURG, AUSTRIA ADD-ON



Did you know that the Alps are visible from downtown Munich on a clear day?

Located just 90 miles from Munich, the city of Salzburg, Austria, situated in the foothills of the Austrian Alps, is the perfect addition to any Oktoberfest trip.

Known as the birthplace of Mozart and the setting for the 1965 film *The Sound of Music*, Salzburg is one of Europe's most charming cities. Come explore with us!

OUR PROGRAM

- 4-star hotel stay
- Daily hotel breakfast
- One way transfer to/from Munich and Oktoberfest
- City bike or walking tour
- Alps day trip excursion

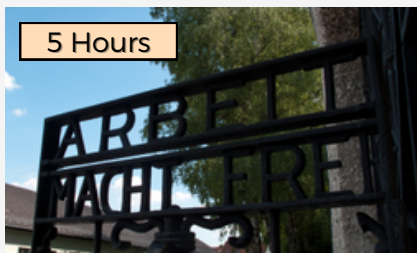
LOCAL TOUR OPTIONS



4 Hours

LOCAL BIKE TOUR

Munich is a city built around bike travel, so exploring it via bicycle is a time honored tradition. Over three hours, explore some of the highlights of the city including the English Gardens. If you can ride a bike, you can participate, as the tour is very low impact. Includes a stop for lunch.



5 Hours

DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP MEMORIAL

A visit to the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site offers a profound, humbling opportunity to learn about the resilience of the human spirit in the face of unimaginable adversity. As Germany's first concentration camp, Dachau honors the victims and educates future generations.



On your own

HOP ON / HOP OFF BUS

Explore Munich at your own pace with a convenient hop-on, hop-off bus tour, allowing you to discover the city's top sights with flexibility and ease. Enjoy seamless access to Munich's rich history, beautiful architecture, and vibrant culture, from Marienplatz to the English Garden, with informative audio guides on board.



2 Hours

THIRD REICH WALKING TOUR

Uncover the complex history of Munich as the birthplace of the Third Reich on a guided tour that sheds light on the city's pivotal role during World War II. With expert insights, this tour offers a powerful perspective on Munich's past, helping you understand the impact of history while exploring significant landmarks and memorials.



2 Hours

OLD TOWN WALKING TOUR

Learn about Munich's hidden gems and rich history on an engaging walking tour led by a knowledgeable local guide. Experience the city's iconic landmarks, charming streets, and fascinating stories up close, making your visit truly memorable and immersive.



9 Hours

EAGLE'S NEST

Perched atop a rugged mountain with panoramic views of the Bavarian Alps, the Eagle's Nest offers an unforgettable experience. The Documentation Center offers insight into World War II history while the ascent to the top includes the most breathtaking landscapes in Germany.



9 Hours

NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE TOUR + OBERAMMERGAU

Nestled in the Bavarian Alps, Neuschwanstein Castle is an iconic fortress that inspired Disney's Magic Kingdom. Built by King Ludwig II, the Castle combines stunning architecture with sweeping views. This daytrip also includes a stop in nearby Oberammergau where guests may tour the village or ride the Alpine Coaster. **Please note that this tour includes some unavoidable inclines and stairs.**



BUCKET LIST EVENTS

SINCE 2003

ABOUT US

We're a small company with big dreams. Based in Austin, Texas, Bucket List Events was founded by avid sports fans and global travelers who wanted to build a company from the ground up just to make sure we could attend the world's most exciting events every year.

But our mission isn't about us—we are in the business of bringing together family, friends, and like-minded travelers to make memories that last a lifetime and, of course, check things off your bucket list!

We strive to provide affordable access for our clients to the most epic experiences in the world. And to do it all with that extra kick of local knowledge you can't get anywhere else. It's a big job, but someone's gotta do it.



Bucket List Events Founders
Brian Peters and Toby Atkins

OTHER EVENTS

We run similar events all around the globe. Here are some of the upcoming programs over the next few years.

- 2026 Winter Games - Milan, Italy
- The Masters - Augusta, GA
- Macy's Thanksgiving Parade - New York
- Kentucky Derby - Louisville, KY
- Wimbledon - London, England
- US Open Tennis - New York, NY
- CMA Awards - Nashville, TN
- Oktoberfest - Munich, Germany
- 2028 Summer Games - Los Angeles

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WHY BUCKET LIST EVENTS?

We are the experts! With over a decade of experience in Munich, we will be able to assist with any questions you have about the region

- We believe in quality over quantity, and enforce a limited headcount for all of our activities
- We've got the inside scoop on the best restaurants, attractions and ways to maximize your experience in Munich
- We have the experience: The original version of the company was founded in 2003, and members of our team have been providing access to these events continuously since then. We have helped more than 5,000 clients check Oktoberfest off their bucket list.
- Our hotels locations are among the best in the city for the festival
- From the day you book until the day you depart Munich, we are a resource to help prepare you for Oktoberfest
- Our on-site staff is there not only as guides, but as your party partners
- When you travel with Bucket List Events, you travel like a local
- We value your feedback: We're no corporate behemoth. The packages we offer are designed the way they are because that's exactly how we would want our loved ones to experience these awesome destinations. And they're constantly changing in response to feedback from travelers like you. We celebrate every 5-star testimonial we receive...and we've received quite a few.
- We will be there with you: The person you work with to book your event will be the same person you meet at the event. There's no middlemen. Nothing is lost in translation. When you call or email us, you are working directly with the person who will be fulfilling your experience.

"Our experience with Bucket List Events could not have been better! Everything from the transfer to/from the airport, hotel accommodations, excursions, getting to the Oktoberfest tents and our table reservations went flawless. We had a group of 10 traveling together and everyone thought they did a fantastic job and we all had a once in a lifetime experience. I would not hesitate to recommend them to anyone wanting to attend Oktoberfest! I hope to book another future Bucket List event in the future."

-Connie Patzer, 2024 Client



"We had the BEST time in Oktoberfest thanks to Bucket List Events. Toby was very helpful in the planning process, as my group of 8 we had a lot of questions. Once we arrived each day we were in touch with Bucket List staff in our hotel. They walked groups of us into the festival and right into the tents. Everything was as described. The staff went above and beyond to create an incredible experience. We highly recommend!"

-Robert Stecklow, 2024 Client



RECENT CLIENT TESTIMONIALS



Location of the hotel, which was a short walk to both the train station and Oktoberfest. The best part was the staff, they were knowledgeable, friendly, accommodating, and great fun to be with! Ein Prosit!

Dale Menke, 2024 Client



The Bucket List staff were so supportive and helpful they turned our vacation into a trip of a lifetime. The Small Tent and Large Tent Oktoberfest events were awesome experiences and the tour guides made everything run smoothly throughout the entire evening.

Aimee Leombruno, 2024 Client



Bucket List Events reserved a hotel in easy walking distance and they escorted us each night from the hotel to the Oktoberfest and back. Quick and efficient access into the Oktoberfest Tents and ensured everyone had fun! They were very knowledgeable on Munich and provided guidance on other local sites and restaurants in walking distance. I would highly recommend Bucket List!

Scott Simmons, 2024 Client



Had such an amazing week at Oktoberfest with Bucket List Events. There was never a dull moment, and all the sponsored event were so much fun. Kudos to Sarah and Nataliya for making our beer tent nights spectacular! Two big thumbs up

Don Rickard, 2023 Client



The tour guides were fantastic, informative, efficient and fun to have a beer with too. Connor and his team know what they're doing and know how to facilitate anything you need to have a good time. If you're planning on a first-time trip to Oktoberfest in Munich and you want the absolute best white-glove experience, I cannot recommend Bucket List highly enough. You will not be disappointed.

Luke VanVoorhis, 2024 Client



The whole Oktoberfest experience went way above our expectations. Everything was just the right amount of excitement for us. The local guides were super knowledgeable and helpful, definitely made navigating the festival much easier. The hotel accommodations were fantastic, an easy walk to the fairgrounds and a very nice hotel. The four days that we spent flowed so smoothly. We'll definitely be coming back to Oktoberfest with Bucket List Events, 11/10.

Tony Sarracino, 2024 Client



Every detail was handled flawlessly, travel plans, hotels, tours, beer tents were just amazing! The tour guides and Oktoberfest handlers were the best of the best, they ensured we had a great time with everything we did!

Chad Goudie, 2024 Client



This is my 2nd trip with Bucket List. Toby and his team are top notch, they are super responsive and the experience at Oktoberfest is 2nd to none. If you want to attend Oktoberfest or any of their other events, this is the only way to travel.

Aaron Evans, 2024 Client



10/10 recommend working with Bucket List! We used them for Oktoberfest and they were amazing. They worked with us to schedule events that we didn't know we needed to do and gave great recommendations for some additional things we wanted to do. Ciaran and Dara were excellent Oktoberfest drinking buddies! Thanks for the epic memories!!

Christina Lynch, 2023 Client



My wife Sam and I did Oktoberfest event with Bucket List. They did an awesome job from picking us up airport, arranging the hotel, arranging the beer tents, making sure we get there okay, to making sure we got back to the airport. Highly recommended

Jeff Dunkleman, 2022 Client

