Essential Information

Munich, located on the Isar River in the south of Bavaria, is famous for its beautiful architecture, fine culture, and the annual Oktoberfest beer celebration. Munich’s cultural scene is second to none in Germany, with the museums even considered by some to outrank Berlin in quality. Many travelers to Munich are absolutely stunned by the quality of the architecture. Although it was heavily damaged by Allied bombing during World War II, many of its historic buildings have been rebuilt and the city center appears mostly as it did in the late 1800s, including its largest church, the Frauenkirche, and the famous city hall, the Neues Rathaus.

Munich is also a major international center of business, engineering and research exemplified by the presence of two research universities, a number of multinational companies and world-class technology and science museums such as the Deutsches Museum, the BMW Museum and Siemens Forum.

Time Zone
CET (Central European Time) – UTC/GMT +1 hour, daylight saving time (also known as ‘summer time’) from March to October.

Contacts
Tourist Contacts
- Tourist Office: +49 89 233 96 500
- Munich Airport: +49 89 975 00
- Allgäu Airport: +49 83 31 984 200

Currency: Euro, €1 = 100 cents.

The most convenient way to exchange money is to withdraw euros from an ATM – they are plentiful and offer the best rates. Banks have less competitive rates and they may charge a service fee. There are also several exchange offices in the city centre and at the main transportation hubs, but the rates are inexpedient.

Shops, hotels and better restaurants generally accept credit cards (most common are Mastercard, Visa, and American Express). As a rule, cards are not accepted in small convenience stores and kiosks. Note that Germans still generally prefer paying with cash – keep that in mind and always have at least some ‘real money’ with you.

Tax Refunds
The VAT rate is 19% in Germany. The tax refund scheme is quite simple: you must legally reside outside the EU and spend more than €25 on goods that you export within three months of purchase. In the shop, ask for a Tax Free Shopping Check (or Ausfuhrbescheinigung), fill out the form and present it together with the receipt and the actual goods upon leaving the country. Then you need to claim the refund with the store (signed Ausfuhrbescheinigung) or with the Europe Tax Free Shopping company (the address will be on the check).

Prices
- Meal, inexpensive restaurant – €8
- Meal for 2, mid-range restaurant, three-course – €40
- Combo meal at McDonalds or similar – €5.50
- Bottle of water at supermarket – €0.50
- Domestic beer (0.5 liter, draught) – €3.20
- Souvenir t-shirt – €15
- Gasoline (1 liter) – €1.60
- Hostels (average price/night) – €10-20
- 4* hotel (average price/night) – €90-130
- Car-hire (medium-sized car/day) – €50

Tipping
Tipping is not that common in Munich – it is usual just to round up the bill to the nearest euro. Tipping in hotels is always appreciated but not expected.
Electricity
The standard electricity supply is 230 volts, 50 Hz AC. The common socket type is Schuko with two symmetrical round pins and two grounding clips.

Languages
The official language in Munich is, of course, German. As many Munich residents come from other German regions or even from abroad, “Standard German” or Hochdeutsch is the dominant spoken language in Munich. Nevertheless, some residents will use a distinct Bavarian dialect, which can deviate substantially from the German you learned at school. Munich attracts many international tourists, hence English is widely spoken and understood throughout the city in restaurants, cafes, tourist attractions, shops as well as by ordinary citizens.

Mobile Phones
Germany uses the standard GSM/GPRS/3G mobile network. Check your phone for compatibility if coming from the US, the frequencies might not be the same. You should have a tri-band phone to ensure compatibility.

If you are planning on staying longer, you can buy a local sim card to avoid the roaming costs – even though the rates are not that cheap in Germany. The prices and services vary widely, therefore you should consider your needs and choose the provider accordingly. Don’t forget to ensure that your cell phone is unlocked before you leave your home country.

The country code is +49, the city code for Munich is 89.

Internet
Despite the absence of any city-wide Wi-Fi network, free Internet is readily available throughout Munich. Any McDonalds, Burger King or Starbucks offers free connection – and they are plentiful. Cafés, bars and restaurants usually have Wi-Fi as well. Moreover, there are numerous Internet cafés with prices starting at €1 per hour. Hotels, however, usually charge quite a bit for Wi-Fi.

Internet Resources
- Official Tourist Website (www.muenchen.de)
- Tourist Information Website (www.munich-touristinfo.de)
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Holidays
- 1 January – New Year’s Day
- 6 January – Epiphany
- Good Friday, Easter Monday (Easter)
- 1 May – International Workers’ Day
- Ascension Day, Pentecost Monday, Corpus Christi (calculated in relation with Easter)
- 15 August – Assumption Day
- 3 October – German Unity Day
- 1 November – All Saints
- 25 December – Christmas Day
- 26 December – St Stephen’s Day

Opening Hours
Banks, shops and post offices are open typically from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shops are usually open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and small groceries and tobacco shops close at 10 or 11 p.m. Keep in mind that all shops, banks and offices are closed on Sundays, with the only exception being places related to travelling – gas stations and train stations. Try to avoid shopping for groceries on Saturday – the shops go crazy on this day. Museums are usually closed on Mondays but it is advised to check the opening times of sights individually.
**Public Transportation**

The best way to travel around Munich is the public transportation system, which consists of trams, buses, the S-Bahn (suburban trains) and the U-Bahn (underground trains). There is only one ticket system, called MVV, which means you can use all elements of the public transport system with the same ticket. You can buy individual, group, day and week tickets. The underground stations are signed with a white capital “U” on a blue background; S-Bahn stations are signed with a white “S” on green background. All S-Bahn lines intersect in a tunnel (Stammstrecke) between the stations Donnersbergerbrücke and Ostbahnhof in central Munich.

The Munich MVG website (www.mvg-muenchen.de) maps the U-Bahn, S-Bahn, tram and bus networks, maps of the Park&Ride car parks, and pricing information, as well as timetables and a journey planner. The official urban rail network map is indispensable.

Single trips in a single zone such as the city center cost €2.60, but the four-zone journey from the airport is a whopping €10.40. Thus, if you are staying out late, try to get the schedule of the so-called Nachttram (night tram) in advance or stay put until 5 a.m. unless you want to take a taxi.

**Taxis**

Like everywhere in Germany, Munich taxi cabs can easily be recognized by their beige color and the yellow-black taxi sign on the roof. Taxis can be found at taxi stands throughout the city, at train stations and at the airport. It is also possible to stop a taxi (if it is not occupied) or to call one of the many taxi companies in Munich.

The basic fare is €2.90 with additional €1.60 per kilometer for up to 5 kilometers, €1.40 per kilometer for kilometers 5 to 10, and €1.25 per kilometer for kilometers 10+. Waiting time is €22.50 per hour and there are additional charges for pets (€0.50 per animal) and luggage (€0.50 per piece).

Useful contacts:
- +49 89 21 610 Taxi München eG
- +49 89 450540 IsarFunk
- +49 170 21 46 201 Munich Taxibus Service

**Regional Transportation**

**By plane**

Munich International Airport (IATA: MUC; ICAO: EDDM) is the second busiest airport in Germany and the seventh in Europe. It is located outside of Munich close to the northeastern suburb Freising. The airport is connected with central Munich by the S-Bahn (suburban train) on the S1 and S8 line. Trains run every 5 to 20 minutes and take about 40 minutes to reach the central station. Lufthansa also runs an Airport Bus to/from the main train station that is comparably priced.

Allgäu Airport is located around 110 km away from Munich. However it is marketed as “Munich West” by Ryanair. There are shuttle buses to Munich with timetables aligned to Ryanair’s schedule. The buses arrive and depart from Munich’s Hackerbrücke train station, which is located next to the Munich main station.

**By train**

Munich’s main station (Hauptbahnhof) is conveniently located in the centre of Munich. Deutsche Bahn uses Munich as one of its main German hubs and offers regional and long-distance connections to many German cities. This includes several connections with ICE high-speed trains. Munich has also a high-speed TGV connection with Paris as well as Eurocity connections with many international cities.

If you plan to explore Munich and Bavaria via regional trains, consider getting a Bayern Ticket, which is good on all regional trains within Bavaria, all Munich MVG transportation, and trains to Salzburg for €22 a day (+€4 for each additional person for up to 5 people in total). The Bayern Ticket is good on any weekday after 9 a.m. and on any weekend day (all day). There is also a Bayern Ticket Nacht for night trips, valid from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

**By bus**

The bus service in Bavaria is operated by DBI (www.rvo-bus.de) The tickets can be purchased directly from the driver. Needless to say, bus transportation is not as popular as the trains and the network is not that dense – it is basically extended public transportation from the respective cities.
Driving

It is generally a bad idea to explore Munich by car. Traffic is heavy, especially during rush hour, and parking tends to be close to impossible. Moreover, many landmarks and areas of touristic interest are located in the inner city which is partially closed to car traffic. Parking is particularly scarce and expensive here as well.

Driving may be an option for visiting some of the attractions in suburban Munich, like the Bavaria Film Studios or for making day trips to cities and lakes outside of Munich. Don’t forget to fit your car with the green Umweltplakette (ECOVignette). You will need it to drive in some areas of town. You can get it on the Umweltplakette website (www.umwelt-plakette.de) for the price of 29.90 €.

Munich has four ring roads: the A99, the Frankfurter Ring, the Mittlerer Ring and the Altstadtring, which can be used in order to avoid getting stuck in inner city traffic. During rush hours these rings are, however, often congested too.

- Maximum speed in towns and cities – 50 km/h
- Maximum speed on highways – 100 km/h
- Recommended speed on motorways (Autobahn) – 130 km/h, no maximum speed.
- Blood alcohol limit – .05 bac (0.5 pro mille)
- It is compulsory to wear a seat belt.
- Children can sit in the front seat after reaching the age of 12 or a height of more than 150 cm. With no exception, kids under 12 years of age and 150 cm must always sit in a child car seat.
- Using a mobile phone without a hands-free device is forbidden.

Parking

Prices for parking on streets range from €1 to €2.50 per hour, usually from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. There may be additional restrictions e.g. for the maximum duration. Throughout the city center there are “blue zones”. Wherever you find blue lines on the ground, you can park your car for a maximum time of 2 hours (hourly rate €2.50).

The meaning of other colours is as follows: dotted blue line – space for disabled drivers. You will need a special card in your car which indicates that you are allowed to park in those areas. yellow line – reserved for taxis, do not park here red line – never park here, not even for a short time, since it is strictly forbidden and may likely result in towing your car. orange line – this is reserved for deliveries, do not park here.

The best options are public parking garages which are widely available in the center. However, it can take some time to find a free parking spot. Parking garages are indicated with blue rectangular signs with a white capital “P”. A green sign indicates that there are free spots while a red sign indicates that the car park is full. The city has a car park routing system which shows you where to find a parking garage.

Walkability

Exploring the city on foot is an incredibly pleasant experience in Munich. There are many large pedestrian zones, and pedestrians have the right of the way at crossings (and the drivers really stop). Walking is truly one of the best ways to enjoy Munich’s beautiful and relatively compact city centre.

If you know how to ride a bike, consider it here – the city infrastructure makes it easy and streets are always full of cyclists. There are several inexpensive rentals in the centre.

Munich is a fairly accessible city. The municipality does a good job in optimizing access to sights and museums. The public transportation network is widely barrier-free - detailed information can be found on the official website (www.mvv-muenchen.de) The uneven streets in the centre and crowds of people are the primary nuisances.
Visitors can count themselves lucky (or possibly unlucky) since Munich is home to everything quintessentially Bavarian. Munich is well-known specifically for Weißwurst, a breakfast sausage that is traditionally eaten as a late breakfast along with a Weissbier (white beer), which outside Bavaria usually goes by the more descriptive name Weizenbier, ‘wheat beer) and available in restaurants until noon (and not a second later!). Weißwurst are prepared in hot but not boiling water for about ten minutes and served with a brown, grainy, sweet mustard. If you are able to just enjoy one meal in Munich, you should try Schweinsbraten (roasted pork) or Schweinshaxe (roasted pig’s knee).

If you only fancy a snack, almost every butcher sells Leberkässemmeln, a white roll filled with a thick warm slice of ”Leberkäse” which, despite its name, contains absolutely no liver nor cheese, but consists of a mixture of veal, pork, spices and a hint of lemon zest baked in an open pan and traditionally served with a sweet and grainy mustard. They tend to be very cheap (around €1.50), filling and quite delicious.

Don’t miss some of the truly marvelous Bavarian/Austrian style cakes and tortes by the slice in any of the countless bakeries and cafes. Regardless of where you enjoy them, they are all traditionally made with fine quality, all natural ingredients. The same applies to the amazing range of bread which can be bought at any bakery. Not to be missed as a snack are the soft pretzels (“Brezn”).

If Bavarian food doesn’t sound appetizing, you’re in luck because Munich is home to plenty of other international restaurants including, among others Afghan, Chinese, French, Indian, Nigerian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Greek, Lebanese, Kenyan, Serbo-Croatian, Pakistani, Spanish and Turkish, as well as typical American fast food.

Despite all the local dishes which are meat-based, it is possible to get vegetarian food in some of the main restaurants and indeed there are some vegetarian and vegan restaurants in Munich (one of which is very upscale).

Munich also has numerous fresh markets, which can be a tasty, expedient and inexpensive alternative to restaurants (see the Buy section for market listings). There are also numerous small stands throughout the pedestrian zones selling fresh fruit, snacks, ice cream in spring and summer, and roasted chestnuts during fall and winter.

If you happen to be unfortunate enough to miss Oktoberfest, you can experience a sanitized, safer version at any of Munich’s many beer gardens. The Hofbräuhaus is probably the most famous beer hall, but there are countless beer gardens scattered around the city. For competent beer drinkers, try the Starkbierfest, which takes place after Lent lasting until before Easter. The beer is darker and stronger than normal (more so even than Oktoberfest beer).

The coffee culture is also very strong, especially during the summer months, but is often overlooked by most visitors.

**Beer gardens and beer halls**

Usually located under large chestnut trees (Kastanienbäume) for shade. Often there are rows of fold-away tables and self-service. If you see tablecloths on some tables there is normally table service only there. In a traditional Bavarian beer garden, you are allowed to bring your own food. Only beverages (usually one litre steins of local beer or Radler, which is a half and half mix of beer and lemonade) are to be bought at the beer garden. Many locals still cling to this custom, though food is available as well. Try Riesenbrezn (big pretzels) and Steckerlfisch (cured fish). Beer gardens are usually visited by a mixed crowd of people (locals, tourists, families, younger, elderly, straight, gay etc.) which creates the special atmosphere of a beer garden; people normally don’t go there alone. If you don’t manage to find a free table, don’t hesitate to ask if you may join someone. No local would refuse this request. Beer gardens are family friendly, with children’s play areas on site. Well-behaved dogs are welcome as well, on a leash.

**Legal Age**

In Germany, it is legal to consume undistilled alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) from age 14 as long as they are accompanied by their legal guardians. At age 16, unaccompanied consumption of undistilled alcoholic beverages is permitted. The consumption of distilled liquors is allowed after reaching age 18. Smoking is banned in restaurants, bars and cafés and also in the Oktoberfest tents.

You must be at least 18 years old to get into most clubs and discos in Munich. Always have your passport or ID card with you, and a driver’s licence may be okay, too. Some clubs have “Ü30-Parties”, where you should be over 30 to get in, but usually you have no problems if you are over 25. In most places, it is OK to wear jeans and sneakers. Haidhausen is the popular nightlife district, home to Munich’s “Kultfabrik” and ”Optimolwerk” clubbing neighborhoods.
EVENTS DURING THE YEAR

March
- Starkbierzeit (Strong Beer Festival)

May
- Maibaumaufstellen (1st May) – folk festival with dancing in traditional costumes.
- Jewish Culture Days Munich

June
- Filmfest (www.filmfest-muenchen.de)
- Tollwood (www.tollwood.de)

July
- Open Air Kino (www.kinoopenair.de)

September to October
- Oktoberfest (www.oktoberfest.de)

Useful tips:
- You should try to get in the tents before 10 a.m., especially on weekends. During the week, most tents are open all day; however it is not easy to get a seat if you are in a large group, and as a general rule, you won't be served if you haven't got a seat. It is not recommended to leave the tent if you want to get in it later the day.

- Accommodation will be hard to find and prices can easily double during Oktoberfest.

- Smoking is forbidden inside the tents, but some tents feature designated, secluded outside smoking areas. Think twice if you want to go out for a cigarette as you may not get in again.

- The central subway station “Theresienwiese” (subway lines U4 and U5) is very crowded and will sometimes be closed because of this. As an alternative, go to the subway station “Goetheplatz” (lines U3 and U6). It’s crowded too, but you will still have some air to breathe there. Just follow the crowd when you get out of the station.

- In most beer tents, the bar closes at 10:30 p.m. while the tent closes at 11:30 p.m. You should have finished your beer before then since security will ruthlessly clear the area.

- Tents usually open at 10 a.m. (9 a.m. on weekends). The first day is tapping day (in German "Anstich"). There is no beer served before noon and since the tents will surely be crowded by then, it will take some time until everyone is served.

- If you are with small children, try to avoid the weekends. Every Tuesday from 12 to 6 p.m. is family day with discounts on many rides.

November
- Jewish Culture Days Munich
- Christkindlmarkt (Christmas Markets) – usually start at the end of November.
- Tollwood (www.tollwood.de)

Free Things To Do
- Carillon at the New Town Hall – chimes every day at 11 a.m. and at noon.
- Cathedral of Our Dear Lady
- St Peter’s Church Tower
- Field Marshals’ Hall
- Residenz
- Theatine Church
- The Victuals Market
- English Garden

Shopping

The most typical souvenirs one can get in Munich are beer mugs, soccer memorabilia for the fans and porcelain – Nymphenburger Porzellan manufactures pieces inspired by real historical models. For other shopping, pick up a free copy of the Haben & Sein magazine (also online) to get the latest shopping information.

- Maximilianstrasse / Residenzstrasse / Theatinerstrasse – these streets around the Opera are where you can buy high-end luxury goods.
- Kaufingerstrasse / Neuhauserstrasse – the primary shopping zone for mid-priced goods. Numerous department stores, chain and the few remaining independent boutiques line the corridor. The side streets are less crowded and offer some less homogenized shopping. Plenty of restaurants, open air cafes and beer gardens offer the weary tourist a rest.
- Hohenzollerstrasse – a collection of clothes shops and – especially during the summer in the months approaching the Oktoberfest – numerous shops selling comparatively cheap traditional German clothing (Lederhos’n and Dirndl).

Markets
- Viktualienmarkt – a famous market in the city centre where you will find any imaginable sort of fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, spices, and so on. Also plenty of places to get a quick bite to eat as well as its own little biergarten when the weather’s warm enough.
- Elisabethmarkt – A smaller and less touristy (i.e. cheaper) market, it has cute stalls, a good selection of fruits, vegetables and delicacies, a quaint biergarten seasonally and an original feel. It is located at the tram stop Elisabethplatz on the tram 27. This is a good starting point to explore the less commercial parts of Schwabing, where you will find many interesting boutiques and designers on Elisabethstrasse between Elisabethplatz and Leopoldstraße.
- Olympiapark – Fine weekly flea market throughout the year, breaking only when there are Olympic Stadium events. It takes place in the nice tree-shaded parking lot of the stadium on Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Christmas Markets – During Christmas time, there are many of these Christkindl Märkte, or Christmas Markets, including the large Tollwood, but also smaller markets, where you can buy Christmas ornaments, gingerbread (Lebkuchen), souvenirs, and the typical Glühwein. Although pronounced glue-vine, it is mainly hot red wine with spices and a secret flavouring.

- Münchner Freiheit – an artisan market at the subway stop in Schwabing.
- Marienplatz – a bigger market, very commercial, it stretches across the shopping street, so you can mix Christmas market shopping (and eating) with "normal" shopping. If you walk south towards Sendlinger Tor, you’ll find more traditional woodcarvers’ stands.
- Chinesischer Turm at Englischer Garten has a nice Christmas market in a pretty park surrounding. Highly recommended if there’s...
THINGS TO DO

- Snow! It can be conveniently reached from the U-Bahn/bus station Münchner Freiheit – take bus line 54 to the stop Chinesischer Turm.
- Wittelsbacher Platz – Close to Odeonsplatz, there is a medieval Christmas market where you can buy medieval clothes, food and drinks, swords, bows and arrows and watch medieval dances and music performances.
- Residence courtyard – A Christmas town with fairytale stories for kids.

DOs and DO NOTs

- DO avoid Munich during Oktoberfest if you’re not into beer festivals – the whole city goes crazy.
- DO book your accommodation well ahead if visiting the city during any festival.
- DO always carry around at least some cash, credit cards are not accepted as widely as in surrounding countries.
- DO NOT linger in the bike lines – they’re very frequented and you could get hit if you’re not careful.

Safety

Munich is a very safe city for its residents and travelers; it is one of the safest German cities overall and violent crime is extremely rare. Take the usual precautions (such as don’t leave your camera unattended, and don’t flash around a big fat wallet) and you will most likely not encounter any crime at all.

Munich is an open-minded, international city with a large number of immigrants and expatriates living in the city (23% of residents are migrants of one kind or another), so you are very unlikely to encounter any problems because you are a foreigner. Gay and lesbian travelers should not experience any issues: Munich has a large gay and lesbian community, and the Rosa Liste, a gay rights party, has been part of the city government since 1996.

Be warned, however, about testing your maximum level of alcohol intoxication, made easy by the local beer culture, the accessibility of alcohol, and the fact that you’re allowed to drink in public. Being drunk will raise your chances of injuring yourself or becoming a victim of a crime.

This applies especially during Oktoberfest, the world’s biggest alcohol-related event. Always use your common sense and be wary of friendly strangers – they might not be what they seem, and tourist scams are quite common during the event. Unaccompanied women should exercise greater caution as well. It is not reasonable to stay long into the night; daytime or early evening is definitely safer. The atmosphere of the tents varies a great deal – choose one that has the vibe that suits you best.

Don’t walk on the bicycle paths. Cycling is popular in Munich and sooner or later, one of the bikers could crash into you if you don’t keep out of the way. When using escalators, people in Munich usually stand on the right and walk on the left. Standing on the left side will certainly irritate people and flag you as a tourist (or a fool). Use your common sense while entering subway trains – don’t block the train doors – take a step back and let people get off first. Drinking alcohol on trains, trams and buses is no longer permitted, although this new rule has so far been only lightly enforced.
MARY'S SQUARE / Marienplatz
Munich's largest square, influenced mainly by the Neo-Gothic style. Named after the golden statue of Mary in the middle.
Marienplatz 22, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13723, E11.57538

CATHERDAL OF OUR DEAR LADY / Frauenkirche
A 15th century majestic cathedral and seat of the Archbishop. Beautiful architectural gem and an absolute must-see.
Frauenplatz 1, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13859, E11.57361
Phone: +49 892 900 820
Opening hours: Open daily from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Longer opening hours on Thu (8:30 p.m.) and shorter on Fri (6 p.m.).
Cathedraltours: Tue, Thu, Sun at 2 p.m. (May – Sep). The Tower is closed due to construction works.
Admission: Free admission.
**St. Peter's Church / Peterskirche**
The oldest church in all of Munich with origins dating back to the 8th century. The tower offers one of the best views of the city.

Rindermarkt 1, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13648, E11.57607
**Phone:** +49 89 21 02 37 760

**Opening hours:**
Church tower:
summer: Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sat, Sun, holidays: 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
winter: Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sat, Sun, holidays: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Admission:**
Free admission to the church.

Tower:
Adults: €1.50
Students: €1
Children (0-6): free

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**New Town Hall, Munich / Neues Rathaus**
A true Neo-Gothic masterpiece and a breathtaking sight. A must-see even if you aren't into architecture.

Marienplatz 8, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13741, E11.57609

**Opening hours:**
Tower:
Nov – Apr: Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sat – Sun: closed
May – Oct: Mon – Fri: daily 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**Admission:**
Adults: €2.50
Children (6-18): €1
Children under 6: free

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**Carillon at the New Town Hall / Glockenspiel am Rathaussturm**
One of Munich's trademark sights. Watch the picturesque figures act out two stories from the past as the bells ring.

Marienplatz 8, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13752, E11.57550
**Phone:** +49 89 23 300

**Opening hours:**
The glockenspiel plays daily at 11 a.m., noon and from March to October at 5 p.m. It also plays at 9 p.m.

**Admission:**
Free admission.
**Munich Residenz** / Residenz
A marvellous palace and the former residence of the Bavarian kings. Tons of things to do and a must-see!
Residenzstrasse 1, 80333 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.14041, E11.57832
**Phone:** +49 89 29 06 71
**Opening hours:**
Museum + Treasury:
Apr – Oct 15: daily 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (last entry at 5 p.m.)
Oct 16 – Mar: daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (last entry at 4 p.m.)
All the buildings are closed on Jan 1, Shrove Tuesday and Dec 24, 25 and 31.
The Residenz does not provide regular guided tours. However you can borrow the free audio-guide available for the Residenz Museum and for the Treasury.
**Admission:**
Residenz Museum, Treasury:
Adults: €7
Disabled, Seniors (65+): €6
Youth (0-17): free
Combination ticket "Residenz Museum + Treasury"
Adults: €11
Disabled, Seniors (65+): €9
Youth (0-17): free
Court Garden: free admission

**Kaufinger Street** / Kaufingerstrasse
Munich's busiest street which invites you to take a stroll. A lively promenade, lined with brand shops, restaurants and cafés.
Kaufingerstrasse, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13761, E11.57340

**BMW Museum**
The car lovers' Mecca. But even if you do not fancy cars, make sure to check out the amazing exhibitions and architecture.
Am Olympiapark 2, 80809 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.17647, E11.55914
**Phone:** +49 18 02 11 88 22
**Opening hours:**
Museum:
Tue – Sun, holidays: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (last entry at 5:30 p.m.)
Closed on Dec 24-26, 31 and Jan 1.
Building:
Mon – Sat: 7.30 a.m. – midnight
The museum provides two guided tours. The 90-minute tour is provided daily from 10:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and the 180-minute tour is provided on Tue and Fri at 11:15 a.m. in English.
**Admission:**
Museum:
Adults (18+): €9
Students, Children (0-17), Seniors: €6
Tour admission:
90-minute – €12/person
180-minute – €19/person

**The Victual's Market** / Viktualienmarkt
Welcome to Munich's most popular open-air market – with about every product you can imagine in stock. Also the site of folklore festivals.
Viktualienmarkt, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13568, E11.57636
**Opening hours:**
Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
During the following hours, the stalls and shops are open but some open earlier or close later.
Closed on Sundays and holidays.
**Admission:**
Free admission.
**ACTIVITIES**

**The Karlstor / Karlstor**
Close to Munich's busiest square is the memento of the city's past – one of the three preserved city gates.
Karlsplatz, 80335 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13901, E11.56676

**Court Brewery, Munich / Hofbräuhaus München**
One of the oldest breweries in Munich that managed to branch even beyond Germany's borders. Serves its own kind of beer.
Platzl 9, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13749, E11.58009
Phone: +49 89 29 01 36 10
Opening hours:
Mon – Sun: 9 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

**Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site / KZ-Gedenkstätte**
Dachau
The first established concentration camp and a haunting memorial of Europe's darkest days. A must-see when visiting Munich.
Alte Römerstraße 75, 85221 Dachau, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.26834, E11.46865
Phone: +49 8131 699 71 25
Opening hours:
Open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
Closed on Dec 24.
Admission:
Free admission.

**Nymphenburg Palace / Schloss Nymphenburg**
The summer residence of Bavarian rulers and a very impressive sight with vast gardens and marvellous interior.
Schloß Nymphenburg, 80638 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.15823, E11.50331
Phone: +49 89 17 90 80
Opening hours:
Nymphenburg Palace + Marstallmuseum + Museum of Nymphenburg Porcelain:
Apr – Oct 15: daily 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (last entry at 5:40 p.m.)
Oct 16 – Mar: daily 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (last entry at 3:40 p.m.)
Closed on Jan 1, Shrove Tuesday, Dec 24, 25 and 31.
No regular guided tours are available in the Palace, however you can pay for the audio-guides.
Admission:
Palace:
Adults (18+): €6
Disabled, Seniors (65+): €5
Youth (0-17): free
Marstallmuseum and Museum of Nymphenburg Porcelain:
Adults (18+): €4.50
Disabled, Seniors (65+): €3.50
Youth (0-17): free
Combination ticket “Nymphenburg”
Apr 1 – Oct 1:
Adults: €11.50, Disabled, Seniors: €9
Oct 16 – Mar 31:
Adults: €8.50 / Disabled, Seniors: €6.50
Old Town Hall / Altes Rathaus
A fine staple of Gothic architecture, unfortunately damaged in WWII. If you ascend it, a beautiful view is waiting for you.
Marienplatz 15, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13679, E11.57697
Opening hours:
The Town Hall now houses a Toy Museum which is open daily from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Admission:
Adults: €4
Children: €1
Family ticket: €8 (incl. children under 15)

Old Pinakothek / Alte Pinakothek
One of the oldest art galleries in the world. Houses a stunning exhibition of Old Masters, for example Rembrandt or Raphael.
Barer Straße 27, Eingang Theresienstraße, 80333 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.14828, E11.56997
Phone: +49 89 23 80 52 16
Opening hours:
Tue: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Wed – Sun: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Closed on Mondays, Shrove Tuesday, May 1 and Dec 24, 25, 31.
75-minute guided tours available from 10:15 a.m. until 4 p.m. (6 p.m. on Tue).
Admission:
Adults (18+): €9
Students, Seniors (65+), Military, Disabled: €6
Youth (0-17): free
Day Pass: €12 (Three Pinakothek museums, Museum Brandhorst and Sammlung Schack)
The ticket is valid for the permanent collection and the special exhibition. Admission on Sundays: €3 and reduced €2. Prices subject to change especially during special exhibitions.

Treasury of the Residenz / Schatzkammer Der Residenz
Overflowing with riches from both close and distant countries, the treasury is not to be missed. Highlight: Bavarian crown jewels.
Residenzstrasse 1, 80333 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.14029, E11.57894
Phone: +49 89 29 06 71
Opening hours:
April – Oct 20: daily 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (last entry at 5 p.m.)
Oct 21 – Mar: daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (last entry at 4 p.m.)
Admission:
Adults (18+): €7
Disabled, Seniors (65+): €6
Youth (0-17): free

English Garden / Englischer Garten
A beautiful and vast park right in the city. You can stroll around the park, take a dip in the lake or even surf on the river!
GPS: N48.15365, E11.59313
Opening hours:
Always open.
Admission:
Free admission.
German Museum / Deutsches Museum
The largest science museum in the world and an absolute must-see. Set a day aside and explore the vast exhibitions.
Museumsinsel 1, 80538 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13007, E11.58371
Phone: +49 89 21 791
Opening hours:
Open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (last entry at 4 p.m.)
Closed on Jan 1, Mar 4, Apr 18, May 1, Jun 25, Nov 1 and Dec 10, 24, 25, 31.
Guided tours without reservation available in German only. If you want a tour in English, then book it at least 6 weeks ahead.
Admission:
Adults (16+): €8.50
Seniors: €7
Youth (6-15): €3
Family: €17
Tour: €3
Free for children under 6 years.

St. Ludwig’s Church / Ludwigskirche
A monumental Neo-Romanesque church which inspired many others. Don’t miss the second largest altar fresque in the world.
Ludwigstrasse 22, 80539 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.14879, E11.58136
Opening hours:
Times of masses:
Mon – Fri: 7 p.m.
Sat: 6 p.m.
Sun: 10 a.m., 11:30 and 7 p.m.
Admission:
Admission on Sundays: €3

Beer & Oktoberfest Museum / Bier- und Oktoberfestmuseum
Learn about the history of beer and the most famous beer festival in the world. Afterwards, you can grab a drink in the bar.
Sterneckerstraße 2, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.13529, E11.58026
Phone: +49 89 24 23 16 07
Opening hours:
Tue – Sat: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Closed on public holidays.
Guided tours are available for groups of at least 8 people on request (in German/English).
Admission:
Adults: €4
Reduced: €2.50
Family: €6
Admission + Tour: €5
Admission + Tour + Beer tasting: €9.50

Antiquarium
A majestic, beautifully painted Renaissance hall built to house the collection of the Bavarian dukes. A true architectural gem.
Residenzstraße 1, 80333 Munich, Bavaria, Germany
GPS: N48.14104, E11.57765
Phone: +49 89 29 06 71
Opening hours:
Antiquarium is a part of the Residenz Museum complex and has the following opening hours:
Apr – Oct 15: daily 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (last entry at 5 p.m.)
Oct 16 – Mar: daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (last entry at 4 p.m.)
Admission:
The Residenz Museum admission gives you permission to enter the Aquarium.
Adults: €7
Disabled, Seniors (65+): €6
Youth (0-17): free
**Teresa Meadow / Theresienwiese**
The main site of the internationally famous Oktoberfest. Many markets and festivals are held here during the year.

GPS: N48.13204, E11.54899

**Opening hours:**
Always open.

**Admission:**
Free admission.

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**Five Courts Shopping Mall / Fünf Höfe**
An island of everything modern right in the city centre. Shop for the famous brands or visit one of the art exhibits.

Kardinal-Faulhaber-Straße 10, 80333 Munich, Bavaria, Germany

GPS: N48.14063, E11.57469

**Phone:**
+49 89 2444 9580

**Opening hours:**
Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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**St. Michael's Church / Michaelskirche**
A Jesuit church that contains the royal tomb of the Wittelbach dynasty. It also has the second largest vault in Europe.

Maxburgstraße 1, 80333 Munich, Bavaria, Germany

GPS: N48.13964, E11.57073

**Phone:**
+49 892 317 060

**Opening hours:**
Church:
Mon: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tue – Thu, Sat: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Fri: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sun: 7 a.m. – 10:15 p.m.

Chapel:
Mon – Sat: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Admission:**
Free admission.

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**St Anne's Church / St. Anna Damenstiftskirche**
An 18th century church, completely destroyed in WWII and rebuilt on the same place. There are beautiful frescos on the inside.

Damenstiftstraße 1, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany

GPS: N48.13736, E11.56925

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**The Maximilianeum / Maximilianeum**
Home of the Bavarian State Parliament and a grandiose architectural gem from the 19th century. Surrounded by a peaceful park.

Max-Planck-Strasse 1, 81675 Munich, Bavaria, Germany

GPS: N48.13641, E11.59420

**Opening hours:**
Individual visitors can attend committee or plenary sessions without prior registration if seats are available. A presentation of a valid ID/passport will be required. Tours of the building are not possible without an invitation by the Landtag Office.