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1. Geographical location

Munich, beautifully located on the banks of River Isar in the German state of Bavaria is a cosmopolitan playground. Located at the north of the Bavarian Alps, it is the capital of Bavaria and the third largest city in Germany. It is a mostly flat place about an hour and a half drive from the Alps.



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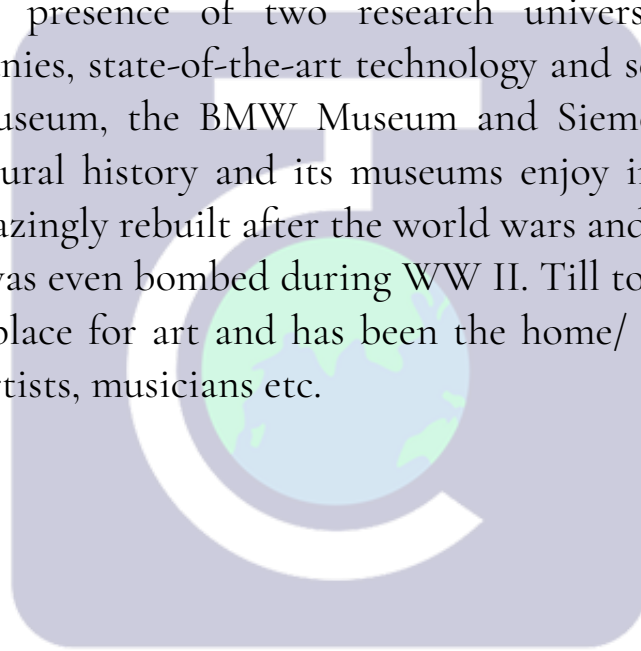
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Closest Cities To Munich Are Augsburg, Germany (56 Kms) | Füssen, Germany (91 Kms); Innsbruck, Austria (98 Kms); Regensburg, Germany (104 Kms); Salzburg, Austria (115 Kms) Ulm, Germany (121 Kms); Ansbach, Germany (148 Kms); Stuttgart, Germany (190 Kms); Zurich, Switzerland (243 Kms) To Name A Few.



3. Significance

In Munich, fine architecture, rich culture, and brass music co-exist with Lederhosen, fashionable streets, beer gardens and amazing food. With the Alps, Italy and the Mediterranean, the Czech Republic, Austria and some of Europe's most beautiful scenery just a short drive away, Munich is Germany's most livable city. Munich is also a key global center of engineering, trade and research exemplified by the presence of two research universities, a number of multinational companies, state-of-the-art technology and science museums such as the Deutsches Museum, the BMW Museum and Siemens Forum. The city boasts of a rich cultural history and its museums enjoy international acclaim. Munich has been amazingly rebuilt after the world wars and many find it hard to even believe that it was even bombed during WW II. Till today, Munich remains Germany's primary place for art and has been the home/ birthplace of various celebrated writers, artists, musicians etc.



4. History

The history of the city of Munich dates back to the 17th century. The earliest date when the city is mentioned in a document is the year 1158 when Duke of Saxony and Bavaria built a bridge on river Isar. Almost 20 years later in 1175, Munich got city status and was fortified. However, unfortunately devastating fire destroyed the city twice in the 17th century (in 1327 and 1429). The city was then rebuilt, fortified and made the capital of Bavaria in 1506. The 18th and the 19th century saw Munich grow as a city. The finest of the architectures were built, railways reached Munich, universities were founded and it became a center of arts and literature. Following the outbreak of World War in 1914, life in Munich became very difficult. Three bombs fell on Munich in 1916. It led to extreme food and fuel shortages. At the end of World War I, Munich became a conservative stronghold and a breeding ground for many extreme political philosophies. It was in Munich that Adolf Hitler joined the Nazi Party and became its leader. Like nearly all of Germany's major cities, Munich too was bombed heavily during World War II. But unlike other German cities, the citizens of Munich chose to rebuild and restore their precious city rather than level it and start again, and today it's hard to imagine the city saw any damage at all.

5. Cultural identity

Munich is a city chockablock with centuries old buildings, churches, numerous museums, beautiful gardens, palaces and art galleries which act as a window into the rich cultural heritage of the city. The cultural diversity of Munich can be seen in its rich cuisine, magnificent architecture, world class art, and the famous Oktoberfest. Music is so important to the people here that the city hall gives permissions to musicians for performing in the streets around Marienplatz every day. Moreover, Germany's most cheerful residents live here.



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6. Natural resources

Karwendel Nature Reserve is a part of the Karwendel mountains and lies at a distance of an hour and a half south from Munich. The park is home to many animal and plant species that are typical of the Alps for example the German tamarisk and golden eagles. The major natural resources in Germany comprise of bituminous coal, lignite (brown coal), natural gas, iron ore, copper, nickel, uranium, potash, salt, construction materials and farmland. Germany imports most of its raw materials.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Allianz Arena

Wish to get a clandestine insight into this extraordinary stadium? Embark on a tour with one of the guides and experience the atmosphere from the point of view of a professional footballer in the players' area and explore tiny exciting details of this architectural edifice. Visit the Middle-tier, dressing rooms, players' tunnel, mixed zone, promenade exterior and much more at this stadium with a huge seating capacity of 75,000. Don't miss out on the major highlight which is the color-changing exterior of the stadium.

Address : Werner-Heisenberg-Allee 25, 80939 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80939

Location : 48.2187997, 11.624707199999989

Contact : +49 89 69931222

Website : <https://allianz-arena.com/de>

Nearest Public Transport : Fröttmaning Subway Station

Entry Fee : Groups of minimum 20 people: €12 per person Each additional person:

Adults: €12 Child (6-13 years): €6.50 Child (0-5 years): Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tours are available between 09:00hrs and 16:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Botanische Staatssammlung

Scattered over an area of 52.4 acres, this enchanting garden situated right in the suburb of Nymphenburg is one of the most visited botanical gardens in the city of Munich. An abode to over 15,000 species of plants, you will find an alpine garden, arboretum, rose garden, and much more. The main motive is to educate the public as well as preserve rare plants and European bee species.

Address : Menzinger Straße 61, 80638 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80638

Location : 48.1642725, 11.500686699999996

Contact : +49 89 17861265

Website : <http://www.botanischestaatssammlung.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Botanischer Garten Light Rail Station Botanischer Garten Bus Station

Entry Fee : Day Tickets: €4.50 Concessions: €3 Children and people under 18: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-20:00hrs Sunday closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Munich Residenz

One of the most significant palace museums in Europe, Munich Residenz used to be the royal residence of the Bavarian monarchs and also served as the seat of the Government from 1508 to 1918. Tagged as the largest city palace in Germany, it is definitely worth a visit because of its architectural brilliance and associated history.

Address : Residenzstraße 1, 80333 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80333

Location : 48.1417978, 11.579485999999974

Contact : +49 89 290671

Website : <http://www.residenz-muenchen.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Odeonsplatz Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €7 Senior citizens and disabled: €6 Children under 17: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : April to October: Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs November to March: Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Nymphenburg Palace

Situated towards the west of Munich, Nymphenburg Palace used to be the summer residence of the Bavarian monarchs and 5 generations of Wittelsbach rulers were a part of its construction. Gaze at the interiors that are adorned with

spectacular furnishings, marble tables, mural paintings, and lovely portraits. Don't miss out on the 'Gallery of Beauties' commissioned by Ludwig I, which makes it the city's favorite attraction.

Address : Schloß Nymphenburg 1, 80638 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80638

Location : 48.1582675, 11.503314300000056

Contact : +49 89 17 90 80

Website : <http://www.schloss-nymphenburg.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Schloss Nymphenburg Light Rail Station Schloss Nymphenburg Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €6 Senior citizens and disabled: €5 Children under 17: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : April to October: Daily 09:00hrs–18:00hrs October till March: Daily 10:00hrs–16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. BMW Museum

A mecca for any automobile enthusiast, the BMW museum in Munich gives a detailed account of the evolution of the automobile manufacturer BMW. Located near the Olympiapark, it comprises of the BMW Welt, which is a plant and a museum that proffers a stunning representation of the company, brand, product, and history. Spread on an area of 5,000 square meters, it is an abode to over 125 attractive automobiles, motorcycles, and engines. The BMW museum enjoys rave reviews and is quite entertaining for non-car buffs as well.

Address : Am Olympiapark 2, 80809 Munich, Bavaria, Germany

Zipcode : 80809

Location : 48.1768304, 11.559096599999975

Contact : +49 18 02 11 88 22

Website : <http://www.bmw-welt.com/de/location/museum/concept.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Olympiapark Eissportstadion Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €10 Senior citizens and students/ children less than 18: €7

Group of minimum 5 people: €5 per person Family (max 2 adults and 3 children

under 18 years): €24 Guided Tour admission (90-minute): €12/ person

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Deutsches Museum

Rethink if you feel the word 'museum' is boring, for Deutsches Museum will change your perspective. Tagged as the oldest science museum in the world, it exhibits masterpieces in science and technology and makes for a fascinating and interactive place for young as well as old explorers. Founded in 1903, it entertains approximately 1.5 million visitors per year.

Address : Museumsinsel 1, 80538 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80538

Location : 48.1298707, 11.583452200000001

Contact : +49 89 21791

Website : <http://www.deutsches-museum.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Deutsches Museum Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €8.50 Senior citizens: €7 Youth (6-15): €3 Children under 6:

Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Old Town Hall

Sitting on the eastern edge of Munich's Marienplatz, the Old Town Hall was built in 1470 but was severely damaged during World War II. Rebuilt in the 1970s, the Gothic architectural style of the Old Town Hall is highly talked about especially because of its alluring 55-meter-tall tower that is visible from numerous spots in the city. Today, the Old Town Hall is also an abode to an entertaining toy museum which traces the history of toys from the 19th century.

Address : Altstadt-Lehel, Marienplatz 15, 80331 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80331

Location : 48.1367765, 11.576987499999973

Contact : +49 89 23396500

Website : <http://www.muenchen.de/sehenswuerdigkeiten/orte/120398.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Marienplatz Bus Station

Entry Fee : Museum: Adults: €4 Children: €1 Family Ticket: €8

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. Alte Pinakothek

Located in the Kunstareal area in Munich, Old Pinakothek is a lovely art museum and one among the oldest galleries in the world. Famed for its collection of paintings dating back to 14th and 18th centuries, it houses stunning old masterpieces and organizes temporary exhibitions, special events, and educational programs. Scattered across 2 floors, it boasts of several main galleries and dozens of small rooms displaying 800 to 900 works of art at a given time.

Address : Barer Straße 27, Eingang Theresienstraße, 80333 Munich, Bavaria, Germany

Zipcode : 80333

Location : 48.14829129999999, 11.569984699999964

Contact : +49 89 23 80 52 16

Website : <https://www.pinakothek.de>

Nearest Public Transport : Pinakotheken Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €9 Students: €6 Youth (0-17): Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday: 10:00hrs–20:00hrs Wednesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs–18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Frauenkirche

An architectural gem of Munich, Frauenkirche stands among the most famous landmarks in the city and dates back to 15th century. Both the onion domes and the twin towers are prominently visible from anywhere in the city. This late-Gothic brick edifice has the devil's footprint on the floor of the church. You may climb the south tower which offers a breathtaking view across the rooftops of Munich and on to the Alps.

Address : Frauenplatz 1, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany

Zipcode : 80331

Location : 48.13863099999999, 11.573625399999999

Contact : +49 892 900 820

Nearest Public Transport : Theatinerstraße Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Englischer Garten

More popularly known as the 'English Garden', this 900-acre park is among the biggest city parks in Europe which once served as the hunting ground for the Bavarian army. One among the largest urban parks in the world, head here for a peaceful time alone. The park is an abode to brooks, ponds and 4 big beer gardens and makes for a perfect setting for a nice evening stroll or a lazy Sunday.

Address : 80805 Munich, Germany

Zipcode : 80805

Location : 48.154053, 11.592985499999994

Contact : +49 89 38666390

Website : <http://www.muenchen.de/sehenswuerdigkeiten/orte/120242.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Osterwaldstraße Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Damenstiftskirche Sankt Anna

An 18th-century chapel in Munich, Damenstiftskirche Sankt Anna was completely destroyed in World War II and rebuilt later. Worth noticing are its alluring interiors with beautiful frescoes. The Asam brothers are responsible for its marveling interiors, whereas the credit for its exemplary architecture goes to Johann Baptist Gunetzrhainer.

Address : Damenstiftstraße 1, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany

Zipcode : 80331

Location : 48.1373575, 11.5692532000000048

Nearest Public Transport : Karlsplatz (Stachus) Subway Station Karlsplatz (Stachus) Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. St. Peter's Church

Designed in Romanesque style, St. Peter's Church is the most ancient Parish Church in the city and known as Alter Peter (Old Peter) by locals. With its origins dating back to the 8th century, it stands among the notable landmarks of the city and is perched on Petersberg, the only noteworthy elevation within the Old Town. Climb 299 steps of the steeple to experience the magnificent scenery from atop.

Address : Rindermarkt 1, 80331 Munich, Bavaria, Germany

Zipcode : 80331

Location : 48.136491, 11.576046799999972

Contact : +49 89 21 02 37 760

Nearest Public Transport : Marienplatz (St. Peter) Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Summer Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs–18:30hrs Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 10:00hrs–18:30hrs Winter: Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs–17:30hrs Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 10:00hrs–18:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Karlstor

Popularly known by locals as “Stachus”, Karlstor is one of three remaining gates to the old city of Munich. Once a part of City Wall, it is now the memento of the city's past. Renamed in 1797, it had 3 towers but post the destruction of the central tower, the remaining 2 sides were renovated by a Neo-Gothic design by the renowned Italian architect, Domenico Zanetti.

Address : Altstadt-Lehel, Karlsplatz, 80335 Munich, Bavaria, Germany

Zipcode : 80335

Location : 48.1390085, 11.566776000000004

Contact : +49 89 21 02 37 760

Nearest Public Transport : Karlsplatz (Stachus) Bus Station Karlsplatz (Stachus) Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 12:00hrs–19:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. St. Michael's Church

Labeled as the largest Renaissance church in Munich, St. Michael's Church was built in 2 stages and stands as one of the finest Jesuit churches in the world. The style of the building has drawn inspiration from the Southern German Baroque architecture. Marvel at the alluring exterior of the church adorned with numerous bronze statues embracing the sculpture of Michael - the Archangel sited amidst 2 main doors. Many dukes and kings of Bavaria are buried in the crypt of the church.

Address : Neuhauser Str. 6, 80333 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80333

Location : 48.1388989, 11.570498700000003

Contact : +49 892 317 060

Nearest Public Transport : Lenbachplatz Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday: 10:00hrs–19:00hrs Tuesday to Thursday, Saturday: 08:00hrs–19:00hrs Friday: 10:00hrs–19:00hrs Sunday: 07:00hrs–22:15hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Theresienwiese

The site of the popular Oktoberfest, Theresienwiese (Theresa Meadow) is an open space in the Munich borough of Ludwigsvorstadt-Isarvorstadt. Other than the Oktoberfest, it hosts various markets and events throughout the year. You will spot statues of Bavarian leaders along with the famous Bavaria statue which resembles the Statue of Liberty with a wreath in her hand and a lion standing beside her.

Address : Theresienwiese, 80336 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80336

Location : 48.1316027, 11.549677599999995

Contact : +49 892 317 060

Nearest Public Transport : Theresienhöhe Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site

Established in March 1933, Dachau Concentration Camp turned out to be the 1st camp initiated by the National Socialist (Nazi) government. Established in March 1933 after Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany, Dachau is a Nazi concentration camp memorial as well as a museum. Thronged by 800,000 people every year, it is a must-see attraction in Munich.

Address : Alte Römerstraße 75, 85221 Dachau, Germany

Zipcode : 85221

Location : 48.270124, 11.468272399999933

Contact : +49 8131 669970

Website : <https://www.kz-gedenkstaette-dachau.de>

Nearest Public Transport : Dachau, Kloster Karmel Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Olympia-Einkaufszentrum

Located in the Moosach district of Munich, Olympia Einkaufszentrum is a huge

shopping mall with more than 130 shops, service outlets, departmental stores and fast food joints. Tagged as the biggest shopping destination in Bavaria, fill your bags as well as your stomach.

Address : Hanauer Str. 68, 80993 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80993

Location : 48.1835265, 11.5332221999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Einkaufs-Center Neuperlach – pep

Located in the east of Munich, this is the second largest shopping mall in the city. Home to 125 specialty stores, name the brand and you will find it here. Make sure you head here with your wallet stacked with cash so that you return with your bags filled with the best of what Munich has to offer.

Address : Ollenhauerstraße 6, 81737 München, Germany

Zipcode : 81737

Location : 48.100867, 11.6445271

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Riem Arcaden

The third largest shopping mall in the city, Riem Arcaden is located in the east and is thronged by numerous shopaholics. Housing 120 shops and over 20 restaurants, you will find everything you need.

Address : Willy-Brandt-Platz 5, 81829 München, Germany

Zipcode : 81829

Location : 48.1318822, 11.6910546999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Chocolate & More

Chocolate & More lives up to the status of being one of the best confectionery shops in Munich. Enter this chocolate heaven and find everything you need to pander to your chocolate craving. Don't forget to take home some sweet taste

from Munich.

Address : Westenriederstraße 15, 80331 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80331

Location : 48.1350929, 11.5778649999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Breiter Hut & Mode

If you are looking at classic German hats and apparel, look no further than Breiter. This shop is a one-stop destination to stock up on German apparel.

Address : Kaufingerstraße 23-26, 80331 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80331

Location : 48.138048, 11.572541

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Maximilianstraße

An exclusive shopping area in Munich, Maximilianstraße is packed with shopaholics and window-shoppers all year round. Be it local or international brands or a plethora of street stores, you will find it here. The best retail therapy you can ask for, be prepared to shop till you drop.

Address : Maximilianstraße, 80539 München, Germany

Zipcode : 80539

Location : 48.1383271, 11.5841295

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

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Munich is home to several professional football teams including Bayern Munich, Germany's most successful club and a multiple UEFA Champions League winner. Further, the city is home to FC Bayern's professional basketball team and a professional hockey team EHC Munich. Munich was one of the cities named for the 2006 FIFA World Cup. Olympic Stadium is a stadium in the city which has hosted many major football matches including the 1974 world cup final and the Euro '88 Final. It hosted the European Cup Finals of 1979, 1993 and 1997.



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9. Spas and relaxation

Grooming and fitness are a way of life in Munich and Germany's most upscale city is a hub for high-end relaxation, wellness and beauty. The city offers a range of beauty and health treatments that can be availed at discounted prices if booked in advance. This selection of the city's top spas will add sparkle and shine to any day.

- **Just Pure DaySpa:**

Address : Siegesstraße 13, 80802 München, Germany

Location : 48.1597515,11.587482399999999

Contact No : +49 89 38356999

Website : <http://justpure.com/>

- **Sai Spa München – Haidhausen:**

Address : Orleansstraße 45, 81667 München, Germany

Location : 48.1274732,11.602399399999967

Contact No : +49 89 44429166

Website : <http://www.sai-spa.de/>

- **Aiyasha Medical Spa KG:**

Address : Perusastraße 5, 80333 München, Germany

Location : 48.1395539,11.576731999999993

Contact No : +49 89 21024550

Website : <http://aiyasha-spa.de/>

- **Blue Spa Lounge & Terrasse:**

Address : Hotel Bayerischer Hof, Promenadeplatz 2-6, D-80333 München

Location : 48.1404254,11.5730559999999951

Contact No : +49 89 21200

Website : <http://www.bayerischerhof.de/>



10. Events calendar

Month

Events

Starkbierzeit

Starkbierzeit (Strong Beer Festival) is a two-week celebration for the love of strong Bavarian beer. This is the time for noisy parties in beer halls and lots of entertainment.

Auer Dult Festival

Held thrice a year for 9 days each, Auer Dult is a traditional event attended by large number of people from Munich and outside. It is also a very kids friendly fest with lots of rides and activities like horseback riding, puppet show etc.

Maibaumaufstellen


A folk festival held in the city on 1st May with traditional dance and music.

Filmfest

It is the biggest summer film festival in the country which goes on for 8 days and attracts more than 50, 000 movie lovers every year. The festival

showcases feature films and feature-length documentaries. Munchener Frühlingsfest

Also called the Munich Spring Festival, Munchener Frühlingsfest is a mini version of Oktoberfest with beer tents and fun rides at Theresienwiese. Auer Dult Festival



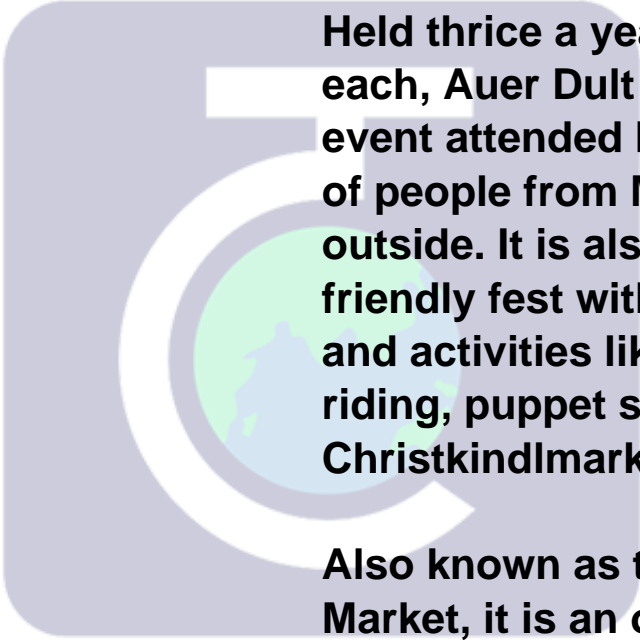
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The largest Volksfest in the world, Oktoberfest is a 16-day folk festival held annually from mid-September to early October. It is attended by over 6 million people from around the world. It is the busiest time of the year and prices of lodging shoot up to double. Oktoberfest

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Christkindlmarkt

Also known as the Christmas Market, it is an open-air European-style Christmas market. People enjoy shopping antiques, tasting good wine, relishing great food and soaking in the festivity.

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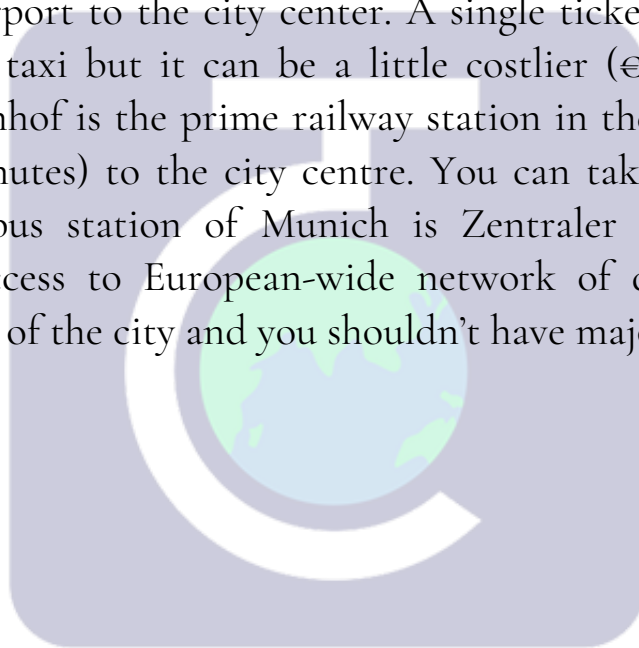
11. Key local guides and tours

Munich has many layers of history and its charms are abundant. Having a friendly guide by your side just helps to make the most of your stay in the city. Munich has a variety of tours to be offered to the tourists. Segway tours, hop on hop off tours, walking tours and food tours are the most famous ones.



12. Transportation hubs

Airport Munich Airport, Flughafen München is the international airport of Munich. It is also the 2nd busiest airport in the country in terms of passenger traffic. Various bus routes connect the airport to the city center as well as surrounding cities. The airport is 40km from Munich centre and it takes approximately 45 minutes to reach. The S1 and S8 S-Bahn trains run every 20 minutes from the airport to the city center. A single ticket for 1 person at €11. You can also hire a taxi but it can be a little costlier (€50). Railway Station München Hauptbahnhof is the prime railway station in the city of Munich. It is located close (10 minutes) to the city centre. You can take a taxi for €30. Bus Station The main bus station of Munich is Zentraler Omnibusbahnhof. It operates a direct access to European-wide network of destinations. ZOB is directly in the center of the city and you shouldn't have major issues commuting.



13. Transportation cost

The best way to travel around the city is via public transportation system consisting of underground trains (U-Bahn, marked with capital white U), suburban trains (S-Bahn, marked with capital white S), trams and buses. There is a common ticketing system (MVV). This means you can use any mode of transportation with essentially the same ticket. Buses Public buses are available all around the city. A round sign with green H inside a yellow circle indicates a Haltestelle, a bus stop. Trams The tramway network for the city of Munich comprises of 13 lines and 165 stops. It interconnects with the MVG's bus network, the Munich U-Bahn and the Munich S-Bahn. Taxis Like any other city in Germany, Munich taxis can easily be identified by their typical beige color and the yellow-black taxi sign on the roof. You can find one at taxi stands spread across the city, at train stations, as well as at the airport. The basic taxi fare in the city is €3.30 with additional €1.70/km for up to 5 km and €1.30 for every kilometer more than 10. Note: The same ticket is valid for all public transportation. An information office of the Munich public transportation network (MVV), where English is spoken, is located at the Marienplatz Basement. Cycling has a strong presence in the city and is recognized as a good alternative to motorized Transport. City Tour Card The City Tour Card offers discounted travel on public transport in MVV network as well as discounts on over 70 tourist attractions in Munich and around. More information on City Tour Card can be obtained online at: <http://www.mvv-muenchen.de/en/tickets-fares/tickets/day-tickets/citytourcard/>

14. Baggage allowance

There is no set limit on the amount of luggage you can bring on public transport in Munich. You can take baby prams without any charge on all means of public transportation. One pet per person is allowed for free on metro, buses and trains for more than one pet one needs to buy a ticket.



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15. Must try food and local savouries

Renowned as one of the finest culinary destinations across the entire Europe, Munich is a gastronomic mecca. It is one great city in terms of cuisine; loaded with the essential ingredients of Bavarian kitchen and the traditional dishes of Germany. The most popular local snacks in Munich are Currywurst (grilled or fried sausage with ketchup and curry powder) and Döner Kebab (Chunks of meat and vegetables wrapped in flatbread). Other than these, you must definitely try Pretzels which is nothing but a pastry sold on the streets. It is often topped with cheese and tastes great. In Munich, you will find Pretzels everywhere. However, the ones sold by 'Rischart', 'Wimmer' and 'Müller-Höflinger bakery' are the most popular. Leberkässemmel is to the locals in Munich what hotdog is to New Yorkers. It is available in most bakeries, butcher shops and supermarkets. So far as desserts go, Prinzregententorte is hands down the most popular dish. It is a Munich chocolate cake, easily available at most bakeries and coffeehouses. Those with a sweet thought must also definitely try Pfannkuchen (doughnut filled with jam) and Spritzkuchen (coiled doughnut with icing). The best places in Munich for affordable yet delicious eats are Biergartens. There are many of these in the city but Englischer Garten and Viktualienmarkt are the most well-known.

16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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Food -

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- **Hofbräuhaus:**

Address : Platzl 9, 80331 München, Germany

Location : 48.1376098,11.579925300

Contact No : +49 89 290136100

Website : <http://www.hofbraeuhaus.de/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-23:30hrs

- **Augustiner am Dom:**

Address : Frauenplatz 8, 80331 München, Germany

Location : 48.1382069,11.573942200

Contact No : +49 89 23238480

Website : <http://augustineramdom.de/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Nuernberger Bratwurst Gloeckl am Dom:**

Address : Frauenplatz 9, 80331 München, Germany

Location : 48.13813,11.574139999

Contact No : +49 89 2919450

Website : <http://www.bratwurst-gloeckl.de/en/home/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 10:00hrs-01:00hrs Sunday 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Hard Rock Cafe Munich:**

Address : Platzl 1, 80331 München, Germany

Location : 48.1377763,11.579454400

Contact No : +49 89 2429490

Website : <http://www.hardrock.com/cafes/munich/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 12:00hrs-00:00hrs Sunday 10:00hrs-00:00hrs-

- **Ratskeller:**

Address : Marienplatz 8, 80331 München, Germany

Location : 48.1374612,11.57648119999999

Contact No : +49 89 2199890

Website : <http://www.ratskeller.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Michaeligarten:**

Address : Feichtstraße 10, 81735 München, Germany

Location : 48.11539,11.638329999

Contact No : +49 89 43552424

Website : <http://www.michaeligarten.de/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 11:00hrs-22:30hrs Saturday and Sunday 10:00hrs-22:30hrs

- **Zum Flaucher - Biergarten:**

Address : Isarauen 8, 81379 München, Germany

Location : 48.1087851,11.5575622000000

Contact No : +49 89 7232677

Website : <http://www.zum-flaucher.de/>

- **Zum Dürnbräu:**

Address : Altstadt-Lehel, Dürnbräugasse 2, 80331 München, Germany

Location : 48.1363527,11.5801272999999

Contact No : +49 89 222195

Website : <http://www.zumduernbraeu.de/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **P1:**

Address : Prinzregentenstraße 1, 80538 München, Germany

Location : 48.1441559,11.5849223999999

Contact No : +49 89 2111140

Website : <http://p1-club.de/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Thursday 23:00hrs-04:00hrs Friday and Saturday 23:00hrs-05:00hrs Sunday and Monday closed

- **Jennifer Parks:**

Address : Ludwigsvorstadt-Isarvorstadt, Holzstraße 14, 80469 München, Germany

Location : 48.1301684,11.567785500000014

Contact No : +49 176 20078461

Website : <http://jennifer-parks.com/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday 20:00hrs-01:00hrs Friday and Saturday 22:00hrs-03:00hrs

- **Harry Klein:**

Address : Ludwigsvorstadt-Isarvorstadt, Sonnenstraße 8, 80331 München, Germany

Location : 48.1376083999999,11.5644005999999

Contact No : +49 89 40287400

Website : <http://harrykleinclub.de/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday and Thursday 23:00hrs-05:00hrs Friday and Saturday 23:00hrs-07:00hrs

- **MMA – MIXED MUNICH ARTS:**

Address : Maxvorstadt, Katharina-von-Bora-Straße 8A, 80333 München, Germany

Location : 48.1436286,11.566899799999987

Contact No : +49 491 7656592687

Website : <http://www.mixedmunicharts.de/>

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

- **Ksar Club:**

Address : Ludwigsvorstadt-Isarvorstadt, Müllerstraße 31, 80469 München, Germany

Location : 48.1307562999999,11.5699976999999

Contact No : +49 89 55298479

Website : <http://www.ksar-barclub.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday 20:00hrs-03:00hrs Friday and Saturday 20:00hrs-04:00hrs Sunday closed

- **Cohibar City:**

Address : Altstadt-Lehel, Herzog-Rudolf-Straße 2, 80539 München, Germany

Location : 48.1388991,11.5835932999999

Contact No : +49 89 22880289

Website : <http://www.cohibar-city.com/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday and Thursday 20:00hrs-02:00hrs Friday and Saturday 20:00hrs-04:00hrs



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17. Average meal cost

- Meal for one at an inexpensive restaurant: €12
- Meal for one at a mid-range restaurant: €25
- Meal at McDonalds or equivalent: €7
- Budget breakfast: €5-7
- 1 pint draught beer: €4



18. Shopping

As you'd expect from a chief European destination, Munich does not disappoint when it comes to shopping and entertainment. The city has various traditional streets and shops selling local delicacies and souvenirs alongside luxury designer boutiques and huge shopping malls. For a rather luxurious shopping experience, look no further than the street connecting the central square Marienplatz with Odeonsplatz. Maximilianstraße is another exclusive shopping area in Munich.



19. Tourist benefits

In Germany, the VAT rate is 19%. If you are a non EU citizen, you are eligible for a VAT refund provided you spend a minimum of € 25 on goods that you export within 90 days of your purchase. All you are required to do is look for stores with tax free shopping signboard, get the VAT refund form from the store at the time of your purchase, fill it out and get it stamped from the customs authorities on your final departure.



20. Essential local apps

Munich Amenities Map is a useful app to locate essential amenities in Munich such as bank machines, metro entrances, public toilets etc.



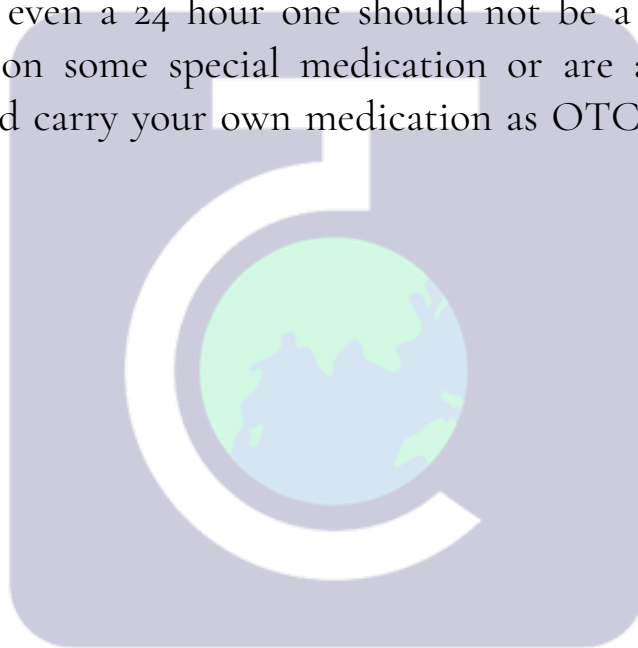
21. Driving

The legal driving age in Munich is 18. However, drivers must usually be over 21 (sometimes even older) to rent a car in the city. Before driving in Europe, you'll need an International Driving Permit (IDP) in addition to your driving license. While driving, it is compulsory to wear a seatbelt. Also make sure you do not cross the cobblestone bike path. People in Germany take biking very seriously and it may cause a quarrel on the street. Maximum driving speed in the city is 50 kms/ hr



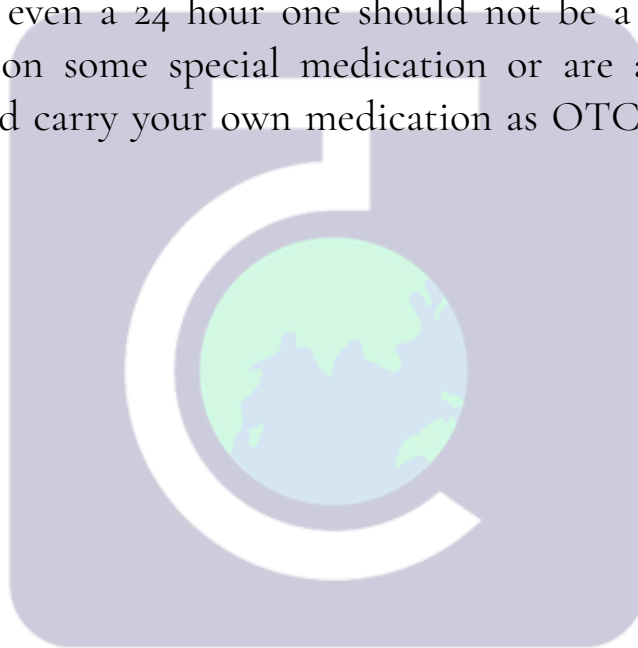
22. Travel essentials

Like most of continental Europe, Germany is on the 220-240 Volts. Electrical sockets (outlets) in the country are of "Type E" French style CEE 7/5 Schuko. If the plug of your appliances does not match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter during your stay in Munich. Most battery chargers have a built-in voltage converter, but you will need a socket adapter anyway. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Munich, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.



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24. Local currency

The official currency of Germany is Euro (€). 1 USD = €0.90.



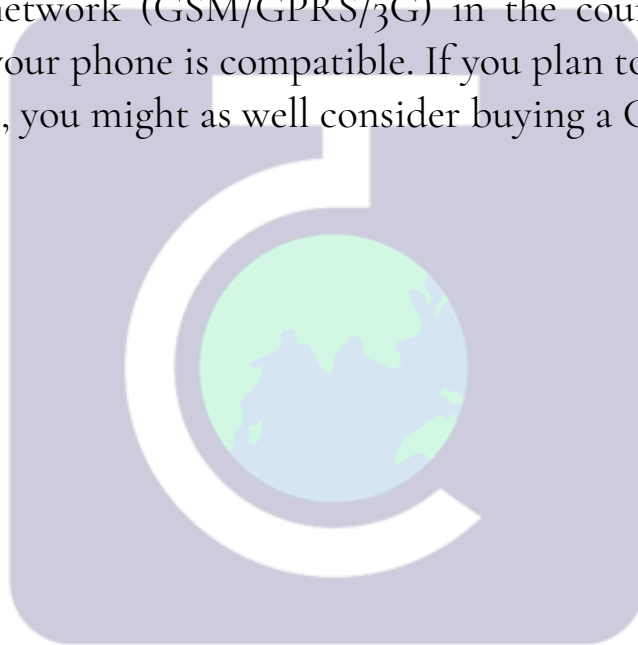
25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

For international money transfers and currency exchange, you must check out exchange bureaux located in the various banks. ATM machines are scattered all around the city and it is not difficult to find one for cash withdrawals. Credit card charges and ATM withdrawals will most likely incur a 1.55.0% conversion factor plus a small % as ATM withdrawal fees. Major credit cards (including VISA, MasterCard, American Express etc) are accepted but not everywhere. It is advised that you must always carry some cash handy for small purchases.



26. Staying connected

There is no city-wide Wi-Fi network in Munich per se but you can get free Wi-Fi in most hotels and restaurants. There are 4 major mobile network providers in the city: ● Telekom ● Vodafone ● E-Plus ● O2 If you want to buy a SIM card, you can visit big supermarkets or drugstores and look for the providers listed above. You can compare their plans and pick the one that suits you best. There is a standard mobile network (GSM/GPRS/3G) in the country and you should check beforehand if your phone is compatible. If you plan to stay in Munich for a longer period of time, you might as well consider buying a German SIM card.



27. Time Zone

Munich follows CET (UTC/ GMT +1 hour). Daylight Saving Time is in effect from March till October.



28. Languages

The official language of Munich is German. Most widely spoken dialect is Austro – Bavarian language, with its variety Upper Bavarian (Oberbayrisch). Munich attracts many international tourists. No wonder, English is widely spoken and understood throughout the city. Except for some of the city's administration offices, English is understood at almost every restaurant, shop, hotel and tourist attraction.



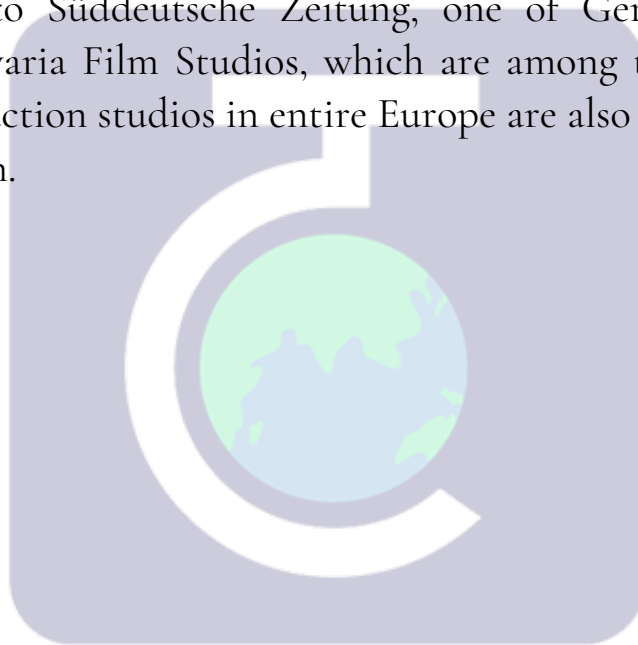
29. Political Scenario

Munich, the capital of the state of Bavaria, is the seat of the Bavarian Prime Minister and other state ministries. Bavaria holds elections every 4 years to elect right-of-centre Christian Social Union (CSU) and form the state government.



30. Economic Scenario

Munich is the economic centre of southern Germany. Munich has the strongest economy and the lowest unemployment rate of any German city with more than a million people. Munich is also a centre for biotechnology, software and other service industries and it is also the European or German headquarters for companies like McDonalds and Microsoft. It is also the biggest publishing city in Europe and home to *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, one of Germany's largest daily newspapers. The Bavaria Film Studios, which are among the biggest and most renowned film production studios in entire Europe are also located in the suburb of Grünwald, Munich.



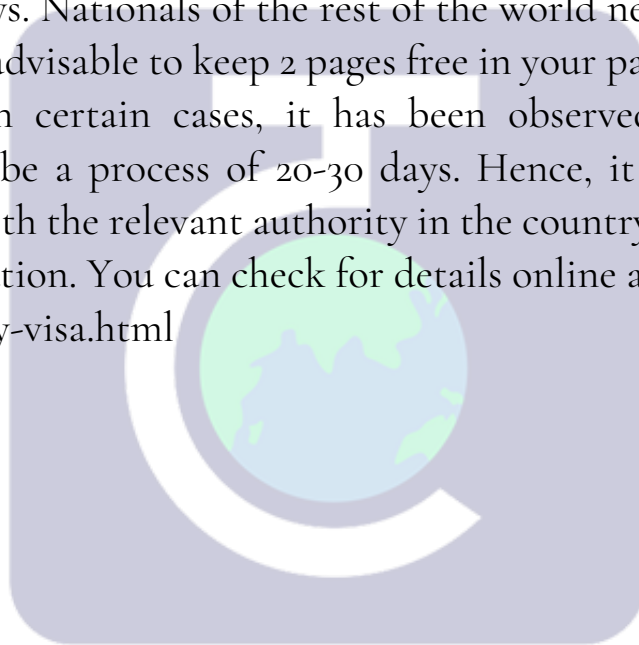
Index**31. Religious belief**

The predominant religious faith in Munich is Catholicism, followed by Islam. About 45% of the total population of Munich is not affiliated with any religious group.



32. Visa requirements

If you have a Schengen visa, you can stay (but not work) in Munich for 90 days. EU nationals with residence permit may stay for as long as they like and can enter with a valid EU identity card too. However, registration at Bürgeramt office is mandatory for stays exceeding a few months. Nationals of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA and a few others can visit Munich with a valid passport for a period of 90 days. Nationals of the rest of the world need to apply for a visa to visit the city. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. You can check for details online at: <http://www.inside-munich.com/germany-visa.html>



33. Essential vaccination

Before your visit to Munich, make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines like measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox, polio and seasonal flu). Depending on the duration of your stay and the country you are traveling from, you might need vaccines for Hepatitis A and B.



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

Crime figures in Germany in general and Munich in particular are significantly lower than most of Europe. You should not face any problems, although it is good to exercise a little caution in crowded/ unlit areas. It is advised that you keep your eyes on your belongings at all time. In case of an emergency, Munich has implemented Europe's wide Emergency Number 112 which then transfers you to police, ER or the fire department.



35. Embassy/Consulate

A lot of countries around the world have their embassies and consulates in Munich so that visitors can seek assistance from their home country while they are abroad. You can find more information about the embassy/ consulate of your country online at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/germany>



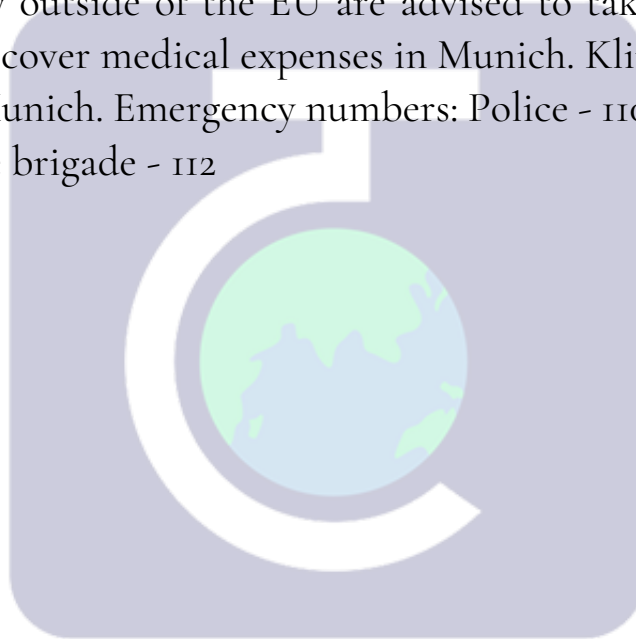
36. Accessibility

By and large, there is barrier-free access to physically challenged in Munich. Tourists with disabilities should not have major troubles while traveling in public transport or at key sightseeing places. On the platforms and at every underground platform, there are tactile guide rails for the blind. There are separate parking facilities and special disabled-friendly public toilets for the disabled around the city.



37. Emergencies

Having a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will provide you access to Munich's public healthcare system at highly reduced cost. Since the EHIC won't cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, it is advised that you have adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. Visitors who come from a country outside of the EU are advised to take out a valid, private medical insurance to cover medical expenses in Munich. Klinikum Großhadern is a major hospital in Munich. Emergency numbers: Police - 110 Medical emergency/accident services; fire brigade - 112



Index**38. Do's and Don'ts**

Dos ● Do carry your passport ● Do carry your ID at all times ● Do visit at least one of Munich's beer gardens ● Do keep cash handy ● Do Learn some basic German ● Do eat pretzels, strudels and German tortes ● It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. ● It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Don'ts ● Avoid dark/ unlit places, especially if you are alone ● Do not spit on roads ● Be aware of undercover customs officers at Munich airport



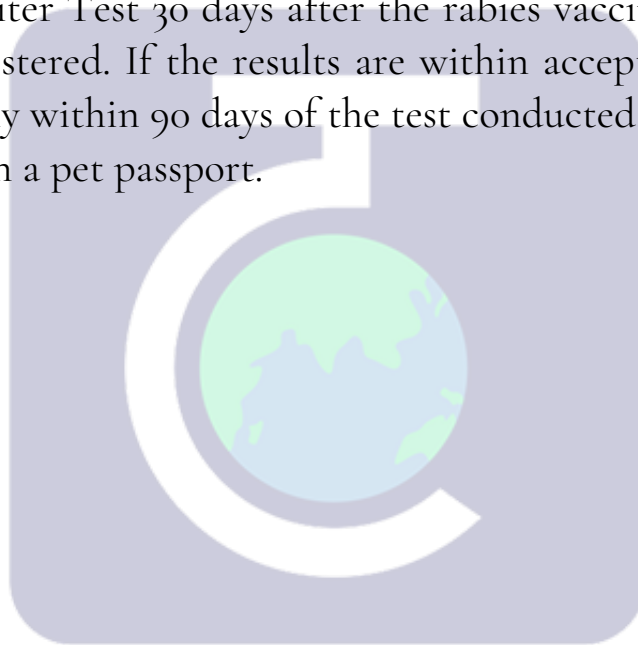
39.Tipping basics

VAT and service tax are generally included in restaurant bills all across the country. Still, it is typical to add 5-10% to the total or round it up. It is common to tip taxi drivers 10% over the fare.



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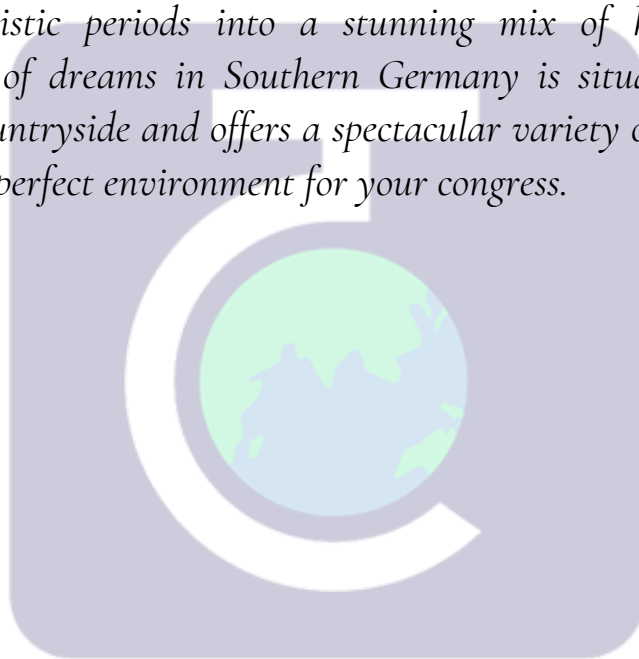
Germany is a pet-friendly country. There are, however, certain rules and regulations that you must adhere to before bringing pets into the country. i) Pet Microchip Your pet should be microchipped with an ISO 11784 pet microchip ii) Proper Vaccination After the microchip, your pet will need a rabies vaccination, especially if you're traveling with them from a rabies-free or rabies-controlled country. iii) Blood Titer Test 30 days after the rabies vaccination, a Blood Titer Test must be administered. If the results are within acceptable limits, your pet can travel to Germany within 90 days of the test conducted. Pet owners from EU are required to obtain a pet passport.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Beautiful cobbled streets, cultural attractions, quirky boutiques, extensive art collections, buzzing nightlife, music festivals, traditional delicacies and what not Munich has a lot to keep the tourists busy. The city is a perfect mix of historic and modern. Its ancient and new world architecture can be seen in its numerous castles, buildings and churches. The city also has a good number of parks, museums and palaces to entertain its guests. Munich combines various stylistic periods into a stunning mix of historical and modern architecture. The city of dreams in Southern Germany is situated in the midst of a beautiful pre-alpine countryside and offers a spectacular variety of culinary, artistic and cultural highlights – a perfect environment for your congress.



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