

# Your ultimate Wiesn Guide

A bisserl was geht oiwei!





# Welcome to Munich

Each year the Oktoberfest Munich, world's biggest folk festival, attracts millions of visitors.

For three weeks people from all around the world will be swaying, dancing and celebrating according to old rites. Naturally, the well-being and comfort will be catered as well. In traditional garb you can enjoy typical Bavarian hospitality and make new friends.

In this guide we collected useful information for you to have a great stay in our lovely Bavarian metropolis. From tips to plan your perfect day to DOs and DON'Ts to the best hotels to sleep in, you will find some useful tips and tricks to make the most of your stay.



# The Ideal Wiesn Day

## 9:00 AM

Take the metro „U4“ or „U5“ to metro station „Schwanthalerhöhe“ for most comfortable arriving. Take a leisurely stroll walk past the „Bavaria“. From here you have a fantastic view over the Oktoberfest and Munich.

## 10:00 AM

Breakfast at „Café Kaiserschmarrn“ in proximity to the „Löwenbräu Festhalle“ is a real insider tip!

## 11:30 AM

Wiesn during lunch time is best spent at the beer gardens. Also highly recommended are the smaller tents.

Insider tip: Ammers Hühnerbraterei  
Wonderful small beer garden, best Augustiner beer from the wooden barrel and delicious organic chicken - a fantastic culinary treat.

A lot of sun, authentic Bavarian lifestyle and live music are a bonus.

## 2:30 PM

A long walk around the Oktoberfest site offers a lot to see!

Always worth a visit: The „Teufelsrad“ and „Beim Schichtl“ - the most traditional showmen of Oktoberfest.

Impressive: A ride with the Ferris wheel. The view overlooking the area and the roofs of Munich - terrific!

## 4:00 PM

Time to head for a seating in the larger tents. At 5 PM it becomes increasingly difficult to enter the tents due to the change in reserved seating. The evening hours provide a wonderful ambience. The younger crowd will stop at the Schotzenhamel Festhalle, Hacker Festzelt, Bräurosl or Winzerer Fähndl. Calmer and more sophisticated atmosphere will be at Marstall, Ochsenbraterei, Augustiner Festhalle and Fischer Vroni.

Without a reservation it is not easy to enter these venues: Nymphenburger Weinzelt, Käfer's Wiesnschänke and Schützenfestzelt.

## 10:30 PM

Let's hit the After Wiesn!  
Various locations throughout the city welcome you to After Wiesn parties. Here is a small selection for some of the best locations:

After-Wiesn at Heart,  
Lenbachplatz 2, 80333 Munich

Après-Wiesn at Park Café,  
Sophienstrasse 7, 80333 Munich

Wiesn-Club, Alte Kongresshalle,  
Theresienhoehe 15, 80336 Munich

# Goldene OktoberfestreGeln

**1** Backpacks and large bags are prohibited at this years Oktoberfest.

We advise to leave at home what you don't need to celebrate.

**2** The capacities of handbags are limited to a maximum of three liters and are not allowed to be larger than 20 cm x 15 cm x 10 cm (7.9 inch x 5.9 inch x 4 inch)

**4** Infants and small children are best kept in a buggy. Larger strollers will be checked by security.

**7** Plan your journey: Use alternatives to „U 4/5“ and to the metro station „Theresienwiese“ since it is highly crowded. It's a 10 minute walk to the fair grounds from the Central Station or get off at the metro station „Schwanthalerhöhe“ as an alternative.

**9** It's coziest when it's not too crowded at Oktoberfest. The „Wiesn-Barometer“ at

[www.oktoberfest.eu](http://www.oktoberfest.eu)

and the official Wiesn-App show the best times for a visit.

**5** Saturdays and on October 3rd, German Unification Day, buggies are prohibited throughout the entire day as well as on all other days as of 6 PM.

**6** Pets and other animals are not allowed at the premises of the Oktoberfest.

**8** Use all entrances around the Oktoberfest premise.

**10** All good things must come to an end. Between 1:30 AM and 10 AM the Oktoberfest area is closed

**3** Absolutely forbidden at Oktoberfest: Aerosol cans with hazardous substances, caustic or coloring substances or objects that can be used as baton-, thrust- or stabbing weapons. Glass bottles are prohibited, too.

# The Westin Grand Munich

## Wiesn experience at it's best

Experience a taste of tradition in one of our Bavarian rooms while staying in Munich during the festive fifth season. After a rejuvenating night in the Heavenly® Bed above the rooftops of the city you can relax in the beer garden of Paulaner's Restaurant to get in the right mood – the subway train U4 will take you to the Oktoberfest in 15 minutes only.

You are looking for some relaxing time after an exciting day at the fairground? Enjoy the 1,500 square meters of wellness and spa area or relax at the Westin Club on the 23rd floor. Here you will have one stunning view over the rooftops of Munich.



# Paulaners Restaurant



## Traditional & contemporary

Experience a typical Bavarian ambiance with easy-going atmosphere and regional dishes. Feast on good, wholesome Bavarian specialties and get to know and love Bavaria at its most delicious side.

The glistening copper pots and rustic arches are impressive eyecatchers. Warm colours and congenial décor also help provide a truly cosy atmosphere. You and your guests can relax in real comfort in the main room of Paulaner's or retreat to one of the more intimate side rooms, such as the quiet "Festanstich", the cosy "Schwemme" or the completely separate area known as the "Stüberl".

# Aloft Munich

## Design Hotel at central station

Get energized at the Aloft Munich and its stylish rooms. The central location directly opposite of the main train station makes it the perfect Oktoberfest hotel.

At the lounge you are able to have a small break with cold drinks and snacks, while the WXYZ Bar is setting the mood for your stay at the Oktoberfest with freshly mixed cocktails and live music.



# Sheraton Arbellapark



## Welcome Home

The subway train U4 will take you to the Oktoberfest in just ten minutes. The stylish and modern rooms offer a great view on the city of Munich.

The Restaurant „Zur Rostigen Kuh“ provides sustenance with modern Alpine cuisine as well as a hearty and light atmosphere. The ideal foundation for an exciting day at the Oktoberfest.

# Sheraton Westpark



## Top-Location at Munich Westend

Just a 15 minutes walk to the Oktoberfest - the ideal location for an Oktoberfest hotel. Alternatively the subway will take you there in just two stops.

You will find the best fish as well as the most delicate meat at the on-site restaurant Westend Factory. A selection of finest beer specialties is on the menu as well. At the Sheraton Club you can chat with your friends about your stay at the Oktoberfest with your friends while enjoying cold drinks and little snacks.

# FourPoints by Sheraton

## Closer you can't get

Of all Oktoberfest hotels the Four Points by Sheraton Munich Central is located closest to the fairground. In less than five minutes you will get to the main entrance of the Oktoberfest. In just about the same time you will get to the pedestrian zone in order to discover all aspects of Munich during your stay.

A comfortable bed, delicious breakfast as well as freshly brewed coffee will provide some relaxing compensation for the eventful day at the Oktoberfest.



# DOs



## Have fun

Oktoberfest is there to have fun - party with friends, party with strangers, drink another Mass beer. Get to know new people, dance and have a good time.

## Wear a garb

A real garb is essential for an authentic Wiesn-Feeling. The perfect „Dirndl“ reaches down to the knee. The lederhosen for men is more appealing the older and more worn it is.

Real Wiesn enthusiasts wear a belt with their initials.

## Drink beer

You can't go wrong with another beer! Important:

Don't order beer, order „a Mass“.

Never order a small beer - real Bavarians order „a Schmaumige“ or „an Schnitt“ (beer with a lot of head).

## Eat the grilled chicken with your fingers




You have to try the chicken at Oktoberfest! Traditionally it's recommended to eat with the fingers. Cleaning tissues are provided.

## Buy a gingerbread heart

It is, admittedly, a bit cheesy: The delicious hearts with colorful sugar writing are part of real visit to the Oktoberfest. Declaring your love to your „Spatzer!“ (Bavarian for „darling“) was never easier.

## Put your apron on right

The bow has a huge meaning for the men, it signals your relationship status:

-  Bow on the left - The lady is single, go for it!
-  Bow on the right - Hands off! The lady is taken.
-  Bow in the middle - not sure- Let's see!

## Pay the lavatory attendant

A small tip for the lavatory attendants is very welcome. After all they make sure everything stays clean.



# DON'Ts



## Dancing on the tables

Prohibitions should be adhered to at the Oktoberfest, penalties are high and security doesn't like to argue. Dancing on the tables is forbidden due to security reasons. However, dancing on the ale-benches is always allowed and just so much fun too.

## No-Go:

### Plastic garbs and beer hats

The true tourist will be identified as such by wearing plastic-look garbs, beer hats and „I survived Oktoberfest“ shirts.

## Chug a Mass

There are often videos of guests standing on the table, downing a full Mass beer with the crowd cheering on.

Little known fact:

Beer tent owners will not tolerate this behavior, guests downing a Mass will be asked to leave immediately.

## Bribing doormen & security

Careful - Trying to gain entrance with a tip can lead to horrendous fines.

Better:

Be there early and use the side entrances.

## Smoking in a tent

As of 2010, smoking in tents is forbidden and monitored, the penalties are very high.

## Keeping seats or tables for friends

Will not work, waiters and security will not allow this to happen. Do not attempt to start an argument, this will always backfire.

# Oktoberfest-AbC

## A for „Anzapfen“

„Ozapft is!“ which means „It’s tapped“  
The mayor of the city of Munich calls these words out every year, tapping a barrel and the Oktoberfest is officially open.

## B for „Bandl“

Everyone needs a „Mass-Bandl“. It is a small ribbon for marking your beer. Possibility of mixing beer mugs up: Impossible.

## C for Champagne

You can get it at the Weinzelt and Käfer Wiesn-Schänke. Munich’s High Society is a bonus!

## D for „Diridant“

Stands for currency of all kinds. You will need a lot of that at the Oktoberfest.

## E for End

„Aus is‘ und gar is‘ und schad is‘, dass wahr is!“ Everything comes to an end. Everyday at 11 PM most tents close. Last orders can be placed at 10:30 PM.

## F for Flirt

„Obandln“, how people from Munich say, means flirting. It’s equally a part of the Oktoberfest like beer, garbs and roast chicken.

## G for „Glupperl“

The „Glupperl“ is a clothes-pin and a must-have at the Oktoberfest. Every guest should wear one with his name or nickname on it.

## H for „Holz vor der Hütt’n“

A slang term for a full cleavage. Because a beautiful Dirndl just looks perfect with a nice décolleté.

## I for „Italienerwochenende“

The second Oktoberfest weekend is well-known for lots of Italian guests.

## J for „Janker“

Every real Bavarian has one: The Bavarian janker is the ideal jacket for colder days.

## L for „Lederhose“

The best ones are made of chamois or buckskin.

## M for „Mass“

A Mass is the well-known liter of beer at the Oktoberfest. The price of a Mass beer rises slightly every year due to increasing expenses for the innkeepers. Well pronounced it is „Mass“ not „Maas“.

## N for „Noagerl“

Broadly translated it means dregs. Real Bavarians and passionate Wiesn enthusiasts leave the last flat sip in the glass.



### **O for „Ox am Spieß“**

Ox on a spit. A real classic at the Ochsenbraterei tent is the full ox roast. Every year 116 oxen are prepared and eaten.

Highlight:

Every day a new ox spit is hooked in at 9 PM.

### **P for „Promis“**

When Oktoberfest is calling a lot of celebrities follow: Actors, models and sportsmen. Best chance to meet them at Käfer's Wiesn-Schänke, Weinzelt or Marstall.

### **Q for Qingdao**

In Qingdao (China) every year one of the greatest Oktoberfests („Qingdao International Beer Festival“) outside of Munich takes place.

### **R for „Rauchverbot“**

Smoking is forbidden in all Bavarian restaurants as of October 1st 2010. Naturally, it is prohibited in the tents as well.

### **S for „Schleife“**

The Dirndl Schleife (=bow) of a woman shows her relationship status. Left means single - right is taken and bow in the middle: Let's see.

### **T for Taxi**

Getting a taxi is a tough challenge at Oktoberfest, especially between 10 PM and 0 AM as everyone wants to leave at this time.

Better:

Take the metro!

### **U for „U-Bahn“**

The Munich U-Bahn (=metro) is one of the easiest ways to get to the Oktoberfest.

The metro station „Theresienwiese“ is very crowded. Leave at central station or „Schwanthalerhöhe“ and take a short walk to the Oktoberfest.

### **W for „Wiesn-Hit“**

Every year there is a new hit single at the Wiesn. The last year it has been „Hulapalu“ by Andreas Gabalier.

Highly recommended: Try to learn the lyrics.

### **X for „Ex“**

(=to drink in one go) Don't do it - you will get kicked out of the tent. This behavior is not tolerated by the innkeeper, security and waiters.

### **Y for YMCA**

Worth seeing and peaceful: The Gay-Wiesn - Christopher Street Day of Oktoberfest on first Sunday at Bräurosl and the second Monday at Fischer Vroni.

### **Z for „Zelte“**

(=tents) At Munich's Oktoberfest there are 14 large tents and 19 festive tents of the Munich breweries. Recommended are the small tents where you can meet locals.

# Wiesn-Facts & Numbers

## Bier abundance

During Oktoberfest every year 7,500,000 Mass are consumed - enough to fill three Olympic swimming pools.

## Visitors from all over the world

An average of 5,900,000 people visit the Oktoberfest every year, which is roughly the population of Switzerland

- 60 % Munich people
- 12 % Bavarian people
- 9 % Preissn (=all other Germans)
- 19 % from all over the world

## Energy consumption

For operating the Wiesn every year, 3,000,000 kilowatt hours are consumed - enough to power 750 homes for a year.

## I muas biesein!

(=I need to take a pee!) Everything that goes in has to come out sooner or later. For that there are 1,500 toilets and 1,5 kilometres urinal available.

## What pretty waiters!

Every year 8,000 permanent and 5,000 temporary employees take care of the guests.

## Nah - I'm done for today

860 people had to be observed through alcoholic intoxication last year.

## Popular souvenirs

Security takes up to 130,000 traditional beer mugs from guests outside the tents on their way home into safekeeping.

## Strange outfits

In 2010 policemen picked up a 71 year old man with a bulletproof vest, handcuffs and shin guards. This strange outfit was preemptively secured.

## I'm so hungry!

Alongside the huge thirst comes a big appetite.

Consumption last year:  
530,000 roast chicken  
122 oxen  
51 veals

## Oh no! I think I've lost something

Every year up to 3,646 things are lost and found at Oktoberfest. Over the last years for example:

- 900 IDs
- 400 keys
- 230 glasses
- 3 wedding rings
- 3 Dirndl
- 2 Lederhosen
- 1 Federal Cross of Merit
- 1 wood sign „Sauerkraut“
- 1 wheelchair
- 1 pug
- 1 riding whip
- 1 set of teeth
- 1 bedlinen from from the police labor union



White  
blue  
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Theresienhöhe

Hans-Fischer-Str.

TAXI

Bavariestr.

Oide Wies'n

Käfer  
Wies'n-  
Schänke

Schützen-  
festzelt

Winzerer  
Fähndl

TAXI

Pöckstr.



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Pöckstr.



Strabe 5

Kufflers  
Weinzelt

Matthias-Pschorr-Strabe

Löwenbräu

Strabe 4

**Legende**

Lagerplatz für Gepäck

Geldautomat

Erste Hilfe

Zentrales Informationszentrum & Fundbüro

Bavariaring

Mozartstr.

BUS  
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Goethe-  
platz



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Hackerbräu

Hofbräu

Armbrustschützen

Marstall

Wirtsbudens tr.

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Augustinerbräu

Ochsenbraterei

Fischer Vroni

Straße 3

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Schauftellerstr.

Familien-Platz



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Böcklerstr.

Kühnstr.

Beschmerstr.



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