

The LC•GC Guide to Munich

The capital city of Bavaria has a wealth of sights and activities to enjoy. Situated near the foot of the German Alps, 'the music metropolis' of Munich boasts numerous museums, beer gardens, world-class shopping and spectacular architecture, as well as perfect spots for skiing and sailing. In this short guide *LC•GC Europe* presents a glimpse of what's on offer in this vibrant city.

PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK

Hofbräuhaus

Am Platzl 9,

Tel: +49 89 22 16 76

www.hofbraeuhaus.de/en

The Hofbräuhaus is considered to be a top tourist attraction of Munich where beer is served by traditionally dressed people and in the litre-sized steins. Customers can enjoy some German specialities while being entertained by live "oom-pah" music, which is performed daily on a stage in the centre of the public beer hall. During the months of March, May and September extra-strong seasonal beers (Starkbier, Maibock and Märzen) are available that compliment the traditional food. Patrons of the bar can also enjoy a relaxing sit-down in the walled beer garden.

Hundskugel

Hotterstrasse 18

Tel: +49 89 264 272

Reportedly Munich's oldest restaurant, this little eatery is not easy to find but is definitely worth seeking out. Situated down a backstreet and on a more intimate

scale than the huge beer cellars, it serves traditional Bavarian food. The inviting exterior and interior means that it is very popular and so table sharing is to be expected. Be advised that booking is recommended.

Augustiner-Keller

Arnulfstrasse 52,

Tel: +49 89 5943 93

www.augustinerkeller.de/english

This famous beer cellar is steeped in history, being described as Munich's beer warehouse from 1812, its history as a brewery can be traced back to the 17th century. There are several different rooms offering a different ambiance, a beer snuggery (Bierstüberl) gives visitors a cosy feeling while the Hunting Parlour is a much larger space often used for business dinners or parties. In addition to these there is a beer hall and visitors can also take advantage of the stocks cellar (open Mon–Sat from 16:00–01:00), with space for 300 guests these two tubes give an indication of how the space was traditionally used. Of course, this establishment features one of the city's oldest beer gardens, which is housed under chestnut trees.



Prinz Myshkin
Hackenstraße 2,
Tel. +49 89 2655 96
www.prinzmyshkin.com

This restaurant offers vegetarian cuisine from all over the world. Although slightly more pricey than some of the beer cellars, it does have a philosophy of only serving top-quality food that contains no preservatives or artificial flavours. Here you can enjoy a range of dishes, from simple appetizers to oven-baked meals and Asian-styled plates to the cakes made at the restaurant's own patisserie. There are also menu options available that do not contain any dairy or egg products.



Loewenbräukeller
Nymphenburgerstrasse 2
+49 89 54 72 66 90
http://www.loewenbraeukeller.com/en/

Located near to the central railway station, Löwenbräukeller is the restaurant and beer garden annex to the massive Löwenbräu Brewery. It opened its doors in 1883 with more than 8000 seats and houses a large restaurant and a casual "Pils-Bar" that is a spot to see and be seen. The size of the building is matched by the size

of the food portions, so be prepared! A must visit while in Munich!

Weisses Brauhaus
Tal 7
+ 49 89 290138 0
www.weisses-brauhaus.de

This no nonsense inn is a thoroughly Bavarian public house. It combines cosy traditional hospitality with old Bavarian cuisine and original Munich specialities, such as the original Munich "Kronfleisch" - pork, veal or beef from the coarse-fibred



muscle of the diaphragm. It is open from 8 am until midnight and is a great setting for all occasions.

PLACES TO VISIT

Nymphenburg Palace
Eingang 19,
Tel: +49 89 1790 80

Nymphenburg Palace was originally designed as the summer residence of Bavarian Elector Ferdinand Maria's wife Henriette Adelaide of Savoy who was pregnant with the son and heir to the throne, Max Emanuel. Initially the building was a cubic pavilion situated outside of Munich in the countryside,

but the size of the palace has increased dramatically over the course of 200 years. Housed within the rococo and baroque-styled palace is the magnificent hall, the Steinerner Saal, that was created by Johann Baptist Zimmermann and François Cuvilliers the Elder, which spans over two floors and is opulently decorated. The Amalienburg hunting lodge is another

of the impressive and lavish rooms created by François Cuvilliers the Elder; this is the only lodge of the palace that is opened in the winter. Guided tours aren't usually offered but you can purchase an audio-guide that is available in German, English, Italian, Spanish and Russian.

Frauenkirche — Cathedral Church of Our Lady
Frauenplatz 1,

The Metropolitan Church of the Archbishop of Munich-Freising is a landmark of the city. Dominating the skyline, it is easy to find and offers an impressive gothic entrance from the 15th century. The original architect, Jörg von Halspach, is reported to have dropped



dead after laying the last brick and is buried on site. It was seriously damaged by Allied bombings, which left the skeleton structure and not really much else intact. However, it was drastically restored in several stages from 1947, finally being completed in 1994.

As an interesting side note, there is a large footprint on the stone floor as you enter the building, which is said to be the Devil's (the Teufelstritt). There are two versions of the story, one states that the Devil was ridiculing the windowless building and stomped his foot with glee. The other version claims that the Devil challenged von Halspach to make a nave that had no windows, which he accepted. Once the job had been completed the architect led the devil to the one spot in the building where you could not see the 66-foot high windows (hidden behind pillars) and the Devil, angered that he had been tricked, stomped his foot in rage leaving his footprint behind!

Tierpark Hellabrunn — Hellabrunn Zoo
Tierparkstr. 30,
Tel: +49 89 6250 80

The Hellabrunn zoo was founded in 1911 and is claimed to be the World's first Geo-zoo, which means that the animals

live according to their geographical distribution. It was shut in 1922 but was re-opened under the management of Heinz Heck, who wanted to show the animals in more open grounds rather than separated into their zoological taxonomy. Heck made a name for himself by successful breeding programmes at Hellabrunn and also, with the help of his brother, the breeding back of extinct species such as Aurochs and Tarpan. After WWII, the zoo had to start up again for a third time. The site now houses large indoor enclosures and a centre for animal welfare, nature conservation and the protection of species that was built in 2007 to inform visitors of the worldwide activities of the zoo. Opening hours for the zoo: Oct.–Mar. 09:00–17:00, Apr.–Sep. 09:00–18:00. Admissions for adults is €11 and for children (4–14 years) €4.50 other concessions are available but valid ID is required.

Neues Rathaus — the new Town Hall
Marienplatz 8,

Built from 1867–1909 in a Flanders Gothic style, this building features a striking 300-foot long façade embellished with elaborate ornamentation. Its tower is home

to the carillon (Glockenspiel) that demonstrates parts of Munich's history. The upper tier of the clock shows figures jousting, which represents the joust arranged for the marriage of Duke Wilhelm V and Renata of Lothringen. The lower level features figures performing the "Schäfflertanz", a traditional dance of Munich. Visitors can enjoy the clock's display everyday at 11:00 and then again at 12:00, between March and October the clock also chimes at 17:00.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Bayerisches National Museum
Prinzregentenstr. 3,
Tel: +49 89 2112 40 1
www.bayerisches-nationalmuseum.de/Engl/b.htm

The Bavarian National Museum is regarded as one of Europe's major art and cultural museums. It focuses mainly on the artefacts from Southern Germany and in particular Bavaria. It is composed of three stories and houses furniture, pottery, cribs, sculptures, musical instruments and much more ranging from the Middle Ages to Rococo and Renaissance periods. Adults tickets are €5 and €1 on



a Sunday (it is free for people under 18), however entrance prices do not apply for special exhibitions. Opening hours are from Tuesday to Sunday 10:00–17:00 and on Thursday it has extended hours until 20:00.

Deutsches Museum
Museumsinsel 1,
Tel: +49 89 2179-1
www.deutsches-museum.de/en/information/

The Deutsches Museum houses 50 exhibition sections covering a vast selection of subjects from aeronautics to textile technology. Tours and demonstrations for individuals or families are in German only and are free of charge except for the Planetarium and the general tour. Specialist tours are available in other languages and you



can take a general tour for €3, covering several exhibitions and lasting about 2.5 hours. There are interactive elements to some of the exhibits. but as there are so many things to see it is advisable to get there early. Admission is €8.50 for adults and €3 for children between the ages of 6 and 15 years. It is open daily from 09:00–17:00.

Bier and Oktoberfest Museum

Sterneckerstr. 2,

Tel: +49 89 2423 16 07

www.bier-und-oktoberfestmuseum.de/english/dahoam.html

This museum is housed within a 14th century building that has been sensitively restored and several ceiling paintings have been uncovered that date back to 1340. The history of the building is only one of the delights on offer here, however, the rest is based on taste. Visitors can learn about the history of beer with the culinary-guided tour that includes beer sampling and at the end of the tour a meal ready to be enjoyed. There are also beer tasting and beer brewing courses available and the museum bar and restaurant that seats up to 120 is ideal for parties. The museum is open Tuesday to Saturday from 13:00–18:00 and the

restaurant is open from 18:00–24:00. Tickets cost €4 for an adult.

SHOPPING

Viktualienmarkt

The Viktualienmarkt is a bustling, colourful food market at the end of the pedestrian zone off the Marienplatz. It has existed on the site since 1807 and is one of the city's major attractions. At the heart of the market is a traditional maypole surrounded by a beer garden. It is an excellent place to find fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses and sausages. Stalls are generally open between 10:00 and 18:00 Monday to Friday and 10:00 until 15:00 on Saturday, however, these times may vary from stall to stall.

Kaufingerstr./Neuhauserstr.

www.shops-muenchen.de

This pedestrian only area starting at Karlsplatz and ending in Marienplatz is where you will find the familiar high street stores as well as a few smaller boutiques. You can find plenty of clothes shops, jewellers, perfumeries and there are also plenty of places to eat and drink, so a whole day could get you lost wandering around this area

of Munich. Be careful though it can be extremely busy at peak times!

Riem Arcaden

Willy-Brandt-Platz 5,

Tel: +49 89 93 00 60

<http://www.riemarcaden.de/website/>

The Riem Arcaden is a large indoor shopping mall at Munich Messestadt, which is the business/exhibition centre district of Munich. It takes about 20 minutes on the subway to get there from the city centre. With over 120 shops and restaurants, ranging from department stores to independent shops, all arranged over three floors, there is something for every palate.

GETTING AROUND

Public Transport

Probably the best way of getting around Munich is on public transport. There are buses, trams, the S- and the U-Bahn within Munich, as well as the Deutsches Bahn if you would prefer to travel further afield. The city also puts on night services on a Friday and Saturday evening. There are plenty of choices for tickets depending on what you require and these can be purchased from service points, customer

service centres, info points and several private sellers (such as kiosks). For more information on public transport including timetables and route maps please visit the website: www.muenchen.de/verticals/Traffic_Transport/227515/index.html

Bicycles

There are plenty of rental places to get a bike for your stay in Munich and with extensive bike lanes it is an easy way to get around the city.

Mike's Bike Tours and Bike Rentals

tel. +49 89 2554 39 87

Radius Tours & Bike Rental

tel. +49 89 5502 93 74

Munich Walk Tours

tel. +49 89 2423 17 67

rent-bike.de/rent a bike Munich

tel. +49 89 5796 62 01

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tel. +49 89 6924 69 9

Internet Resources

www.muenchen.de

www.fodors.com

www.mytravelmunich.com

www.lonelyplanet.com

<http://en.wikipedia.org>

www.discover-munich.info