Oktoberfest 2015 Travel Guide



September 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, Munich, Germany

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We are pleased to offer our 9th Annual Munich Oktoberfest Experience!

The Munich Oktoberfest is conceivably the greatest festival in the world. For over 200 years the Bavarian people have invited the world to join them at Theresienwiese for this 16-Day Celebration. It is a mix of traditions and frivolity centered around the heart of Bavarian social life, Beer. Our relationship with the Hofbräu München brewery allows us to offer you an experience unavailable to the general public. Our visit is during the busiest time for the city and the festival. You will pass where others will be denied. Along the way you will make new friends and memories that you will share for a lifetime. We hope you will join us!

Our Munich Oktoberfest Experience includes the following:

3-Nights Hotel Accommodation at Hotel Regent ~ Double Occupancy, Bavarian Breakfast Buffet Daily,
City Center Transit/Train Pass, Walking Tour of City and Beer Gardens/Halls
Oktoberfest Table Reservation, Food and Beer at Official Events

2015 ITINERARY

OFFICIAL EVENTS IN RED
(All events subject to variations due to unforeseen circumstances including, timing, weather and overcrowding)
Please respect the group dynamic. Be timely and be helpful to others when you can.

SAT 19 SEP
Travel Day from your point of origin - *We indicate this as part of the itinerary as those travelling from the USA will depart on the 19th and Arrive in Munich on the 20th. Those already in Europe or arriving from other parts of the world should adjust travel plans accordingly as to be at the Hotel Regent for check-in on Sunday, September 20.*

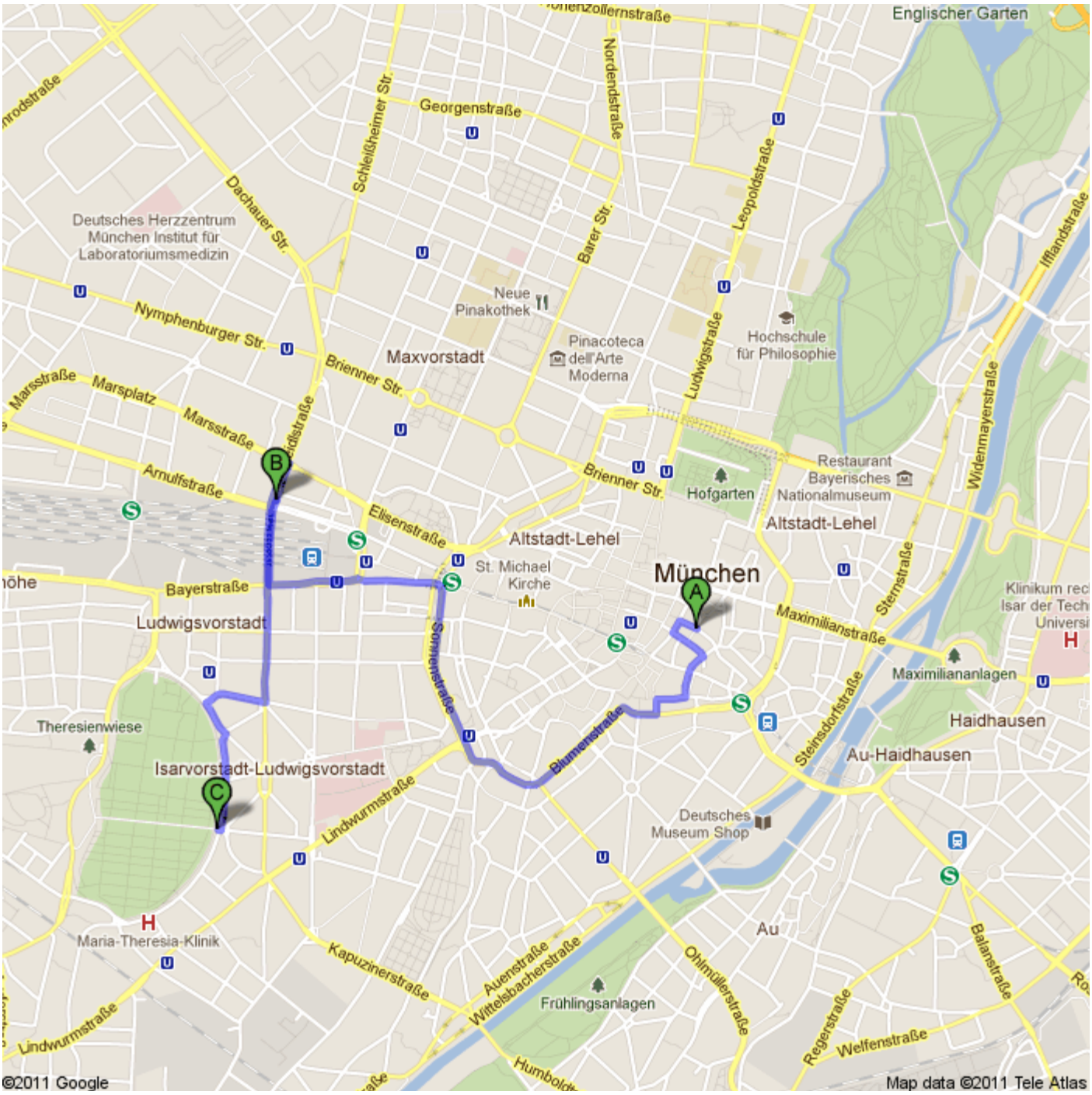
SUN 20 SEP
Check-In Hotel Regent (Hauptbahnhof)
2pm: Meet in Hotel Lobby - (This may be adjusted due to late arrivals)
2:30pm: Walking Tour of Beer Gardens/Halls/ Hofbräuhaus am Platzl (4 to 5 hours)
Evening: Dinner on your own

MON 21 SEP
4:00pm: Meet in front of Hofbräu Tent at Oktoberfest
5:00pm: VIP Table Reservation at Hofbräu Oktoberfest Tent Complete with Beer & Food

TUE 24 SEP
FREE DAY for: Return to Oktoberfest, Visit Beer Gardens and Beer Halls, Day Trip to Castles, City Sightseeing, Shopping, Museums, etc

WED 25 SEP
Check-Out Hotel Regent
Depart on your own to other destinations

MUNICH = MÜNCHEN



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Theresienwiese (Wiesen) (Oktoberfest)

DIRECTION KEY

NORTH =NORD
SOUTH = SÜD
EAST = OST
WEST =WEST

LEFT =LINKS
RIGHT =RECHTS

DOWNTOWN = ZENTRUM

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QUICK REFERANCE MAP OF OKTOBERFEST

The map shown below is a guide to the layout of the tents within the Wiesn'. Bear in mind that when we are talking about a "Beer Tent" we are actually referring to a construction of iron and timber which in some cases can hold about 10,000 people. This is not something from a boy scouts camping trip but a very serious building on which construction starts around mid-July.



1 Marstall Following a fall from grace in a tax evastion scandal, Festwirt Sepp Kratz's famous Hippodrom has exited the festival. This new entry in 2014 will retain an equine theme and serve Spaten beer. As the newest "Big Tent", this is the hot ticket.
2 Armbrustschützen This tent hosts the Oktoberfest crossbow competition. It's been running since 1895.
3 Hofbräu Hofbräu is known as being the greatest of all the Oktoberfest tents. It's got the highest count of girls, drunken people from all over the world, and basically all of the extremes you could possibly imagine.
4 Hacker The ceiling of the Hacker tent is done out like the sky with pale blue background and fluffy white clouds. It is "Bavarian Heaven".
5 Schottenhammel This tent is where Oktoberfest gets kicked off. Dieter Reiter the mayor, will tap the first keg of beer and shouts "O'zapft is!" and then it begins.
6 Winzerer Fähnd'l This is a typically Bavarian decorated tent which lends itself to quite a cozy atmosphere.
7 Schützen This is another tent serving Löwenbräu beer. They're renowned for their suckling pig dish prepared in the authentic Bavarian manner in malt beer sauce and served with coleslaw.
8 Käfer Käfer is different to the other tents at Oktoberfest in that it stays open until 12:30. If you're going there after the other tents have closed you'd either better be on the guest list or be someone famous as there'll be thousands of other people trying to get in too. Tell them you're with Siemens, or BMW. When the security guy doesn't find your name on the list tell them how the rest of your colleagues are already inside and waiting for you. It's worth a try.
9 Weinzelt If you want to take a break from all the beer then this is the tent for you. With a selection of more than 15 wines you're sure to find something to suit your palette. Personally I don't see the point of going to a beer festival and drinking wine.
10 Löwenbräu The Löwenbräu (Lion Brew) is the one, not surprisingly, with the huge Lion outside it. It's a handy tent to use as a landmark for when people get lost. Problem is that there are usually a couple of thousand other lost people milling around here as well.
11 Bräurosl Every tent has something to set it apart from the others. This one has a yodeler. Apparently the tent was named after the daughter of the owner of the Pschorr brewery.
12 Augustiner Augustiner is often claimed to be the best of the Bavarian beers. There's no denying it's a great beer and you'll definitely find a friendly atmosphere at the Augustiner festzelt.
13 Ochsenbraterei The Ochsenbraterei deals in meals made with Ox. There's a large range of choices on the menu and plenty of Crispy skin and Spaten flowing to wash it down.
15 Fischer-Vroni Fischer-Vroni specializes in fish dishes. Grilled fish on a stick, known locally as Steckerlfisch, is absolutely fantastic and a treat for anyone trying to avoid the sausages.

TRAVEL TIPS

- **ENTRY INTO GERMANY:** US Nationals do not require a visa to enter EU countries. It is advisable that your Passport have an expiration date of not less than 180 days from the date of entry.

- **CURRENCY:** At least € 500 for spending and emergencies. Local retailers may not accept bank cards. Visa is the widely accepted bank card.

- **PACK SMART**: The general attire is tourist casual and there is much walking. Weather can range from 50°f and raining to 85°f and sunny. It is advisable to pack light and focus on clothing that can be layered.

- **TIMELINESS** Please respect the group dynamic for scheduled events. This is your experience, keep your own pace and do what you like. However, if you do not intend to join the group on any outing, we expect you to let us know For scheduled events, we will wait only briefly, if you are exceedingly late you may be on your own.

- **MAXIMIZE YOUR VALUE** This 3-day experience with a fast pace. Depending on your arrival date and stamina you may be suffering from jet lag. Get out of bed in the morning. You can get up and get moving, or travel across an ocean and lay in a hotel room.

- **BEER TENT ETIQUETTE** - It is completely acceptable to become intoxicated and have fun as long as you maintain your composure. Know your limits. Drinking to the point of passing out or getting sick, disobeying the waitresses, refusing to move from a reserved table, breaking glasses, or fighting will not end well. Security (Serbian Mercenaries) in dark combat gear, wearing berets and leather gloves) will kick you out and they won't be gentle about it—they will deposit you on a muddy, dirty hillside where they "dump" the drunks. Your warning is usually a whistle and if you don't stop, the next thing you know you will be on the floor being hogtied and carried out the door. This is not a joke.

- **LANGUAGE/GETTING AROUND–** Most Germans speak English. If you need assistance, be courteous, speak clearly and ask for help. The Hotel Regent is located at the Hauptbahnhof (Main Train station) This makes it very easy to get anywhere in the city. When it comes to getting home, every train line in the city will eventually connect here. There are taxis everywhere. If lost make sure you have "Hotel Regent" and "Hauptbahnhof " in your memory at all times. Visa is the most widely accepted US Credit Card. However credit cards are still not accepted everywhere, so carry some cash at all times.

- **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**— Munich is generally a very safe city. Regardless, wherever you have a high density of foreign tourists there will be crime. Thieves prey on naïve or drunk tourists. Pickpockets can include a passerby offering to wipe a stain off of your shirt, groups of gypsy children with newspapers, men dressed as nuns, or women with fake babies wrapped in a blanket, that they throw into your arms as they steal your wallet or luggage. Put your cash in your front pocket and you should be ok. We have only lost one young man to the Russian Love Trade on a previous trip.