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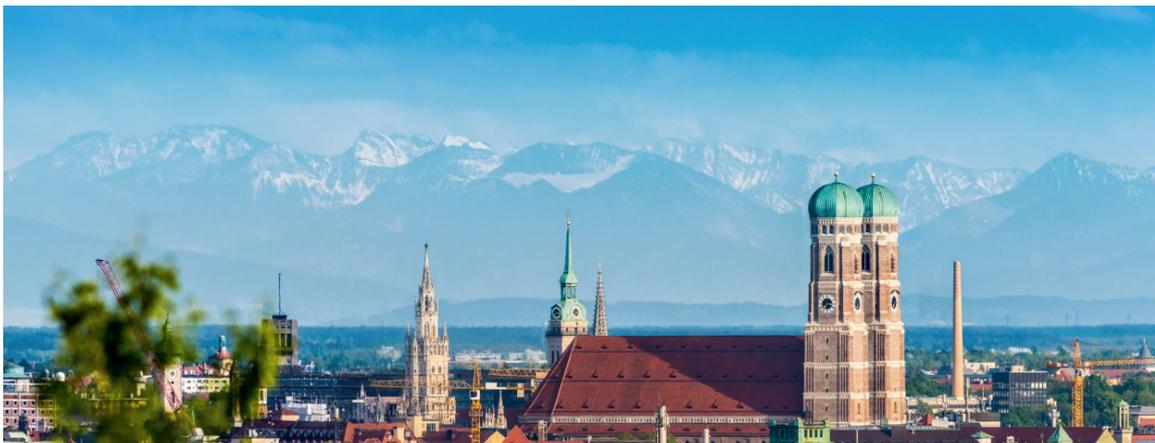
# Travel Guide Munich

Conventional and cool – a great combination

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## Quick view

### Munich: Conventional and cool – a great combination

Bavaria's capital is arguably Germany's most beautiful city. Its legendary architecture dominates the bustling city centre, with plenty of stop-offs for those thirsty for a *stein* of strong local pilsner. Culture vultures will find ample places to indulge their passion, with first-rate modern art museums and churches to rival any major European city.

Sports fanatics should make a beeline for the Allianz Arena to catch the superb FC Bayern Munich in action, while shopaholics should be certain to stop off at the Fünf Höfe mall and spend a few Euros on the latest in high-end fashion and art.



## Germany

### General Information

#### Country overview

Once mockingly referred to as the "land of schnitzels and leather pants," Germany has acquired a much more modern image in recent decades. International visitors are attracted to the big cities, especially the capital, Berlin. Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, in particular, the city with its many cultural and entertainment attractions has become a major tourist destination. But other German cities also know how to celebrate and enjoy life.

Hamburg's annual Hafengeburtstag port anniversary festival attracts around two million visitors every year, the Rhineland is famous for its carnivals, and Munich's Oktoberfest is famous the world over.

Germany also has a variety of natural landscapes: for example, from the Wadden Sea and lowland plains of the northwest, the lakelands in the northeast of the country, numerous low mountain ranges and heathlands, to the central highlands and Alpine regions.

#### Geography

Germany borders Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Poland and Switzerland. The northwest has a coastline on the North Sea, while the Baltic coastline in the northeast stretches from the Danish to the Polish border.

The country is divided into 16 states (*Bundesländer*) and has an exceedingly varied landscape. In what was once known as West Germany, the Rhine, Bavaria and the Black Forest stand as the three most famous features, while in the east, the country is lake-studded with undulating lowlands.

River basins extend over a large percentage of the region, and some of Europe's most prominent rivers flow through the country. These include the Elbe, the Danube and the Rhine.

The highest point in the country is the 2962m (9718ft) peak of Zugspitze Mountain in the Bavarian Alps. Cable cars run to the summit, which can also be climbed.

#### General Information

##### Key facts

Population: 82,79 million (2017)

Capital: Berlin.

### Language

German is the official language. Regional dialects often differ markedly from standard German.

### Currency

Euro (EUR; symbol €) = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of €500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5. Coins are in denominations of €2 and 1, and 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 cents.

### Electricity

230 volts AC, 50Hz. European-style round two-pin plugs are in use.

## Public holidays

The public holidays for the January 2019 – December 2020 period are listed below.

### Note:

\* In catholic regions only

\*\* Sachsen only

\*\*\* Not in all Laender (Bundesländer)

\*\*\*\*Berlin only

### 2019

New Year's Day: 1 January 2019

Epiphany: 6 January 2019\*

International Women's Day: 8 March 2019\*\*\*\*

Good Friday: 19 April 2019

Easter Sunday: 21 April 2019

Easter Monday: 22 April 2019

Labour Day: 1 May 2019

Ascension Day: 30 May 2019

Whit Sunday: 9 June 2019

Whit Monday: 10 June 2019

Corpus Christi: 20 June 2019\*

Assumption: 15 August 2019\*

Day of German Unity: 3 October 2019

Day of Reformation: 31 October 2019\*\*\*

All Saints' Day: 1 November 2019\*

Repentance Day: 21 November 2019\*\*

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All information subject to change.



## Travel etiquette

### How to fit in

Handshaking is customary in Germany, and it is considered rude to address people by their first name unless invited to do so. Normal courtesies should be observed. Before eating, it is normal to say *"guten Appetit"* to the other people at the table to which the correct reply is *"danke, gleichfalls"* ("Thank you, the same to you"). If you've been invited to eat at a German house, it is customary to present the hostess with unwrapped flowers (according to tradition, you should always give an uneven number, and it is worth noting that red roses are exclusively a lover's gift).

In shops and other businesses, courtesy dictates that visitors should utter a greeting, such as *"guten Tag"* (or *"grüß Gott"* in Bavaria) before saying what it is that they want; to leave without saying *"auf Wiedersehen"* or *"tschüss"* can also cause offence.

Similarly, when making a telephone call, asking for the person you want to speak to without stating first who you are is impolite. Casual wear is widely acceptable, but more formal dress is required for some restaurants, the opera, theater, casinos and important social functions. Smoking is prohibited where notified, on public transportation and in most public buildings.



## Health

### Health

**Main emergency number:** 112

#### Food & Drink

There's nothing to mark out German products as particularly risky to general health (although it has a partly founded reputation for being high in fat). Tap water is safe to drink.

#### Other Risks

Tick-borne encephalitis is present in forested areas of southern Germany; vaccination is advisable. Rabies is present; look out for 'Tollwut' signs. For those at high risk, vaccination before arrival should be considered.

During the summer months, sunburn can be a problem. The southwest generally has the highest temperatures. The usual precautions apply: Use a generous amount of sunscreen and be sensible about how long you spend in direct sunlight. Be aware that a breezy day can sometimes mask high temperatures.

If walking over a long distance in warm weather, it's advisable to drink – and carry – plenty of water and wear appropriate clothing, including a sun hat. Blisters can be another problem for hikers. These can often occur if new walking shoes are being worn over a long distance. Ideally, footwear should be worn in before the

trip.

As a counterpoint to the balminess of the summer, German winters can be fairly severe. This is generally truer the further east you travel. If you're arriving during the coldest months of the year, make sure you have adequate clothing. At any time of year, in fact, temperatures can be unpredictable – even in July and August it makes sense to have a sweater (and maybe an umbrella, too) to hand.

Other health problems that inexperienced travelers might reasonably encounter are the various knock-on effects of consuming too much alcohol. The risk, unsurprisingly, is particularly prevalent among those attending Munich's Oktoberfest. Be aware that some beers have ABV levels of as much as 6 or 7% and should therefore be treated with respect.



## Phone calls & Internet

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#### Telephone

Country code:+49

#### Mobile telephony and Internet

Since June 2017, EU citizens traveling within the EU, and also in Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein have been able to use their cell phones and surf the Net without incurring any extra charges: In other words, customers pay the same price for phone calls, text messages and data volume as they do at home. Restrictions do apply to the constant use of SIM cards abroad, however, and caps may be set on data packages. For full details, contact your mobile telephony provider in your country. Travelers using a SIM card from a non-EU state do not benefit from the new arrangement.

Free Internet access via Wi-Fi is possible in many busy tourist spots. When using public Wi-Fi networks, it is a wise precaution to ensure encryption of all passwords, credit card details and banking credentials entered. Use of a VPN app or security software to check the safety of a hotspot is recommended.



## Getting around Munich

### Getting around

#### Public Transport

As with other major German cities, Munich has a peerless public transport system. Its U-Bahn, S-Bahn, tramways and buses are run by MVV ([www.mvv-muenchen.de](http://www.mvv-muenchen.de)). Tickets work across all forms of transport. Single tickets must be validated either on the platform or, in the cases of buses and trams, once you board. Visitors should pick up a CityTourCard to get discount travel and money off at various key sights.

#### Taxis

Cabs can be easily flagged down in the city, just look for the lit signs. Taxi ranks can also be found in key areas of the town. Round up the fee, but don't worry about tipping excessively.



## Top 10 sights

### Top 10 sights in Munich

#### Neues Rathaus

This magnificent building on the city's central Marienplatz is Munich's most recognisable. Still the seat of local government, visitors can climb to the top of its 85m (278ft) tower for huge views of the city and the forests beyond.

Marienplatz 8 80331 Munich Germany Tel: +49-89/233 00	Opening times: Mon-Fri 1000-1900, Sat 1000-1700, Sun 1000-1400
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## Residenz Museum

The largest city centre palace in Germany, the Residenz Museum houses a huge collection of art which once belonged to one-time residents, the royal Wittelsbach family. The courtyards and architecture are majestic, but the arresting Renaissance Hall of Antiquities is this huge building's undoubted highlight.

Residenzstraße 1 80333 Munich Germany Tel: +49-89/29 06 71	Opening times: Daily 0900-1800 (Apr- mid Oct); 1000-1700 (mid Oct-Mar)  <a href="http://www.residenz-muenchen.de/englisch/tourist/ind...">www.residenz-muenchen.de/englisch/tourist/ind...</a>
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## Pinakothek der Moderne

One of three Pinakothek museums in central Munich. This gallery is all about cutting-edge modern art and architecture. Think challenging contemporary photography and out-there designs and you'll get the picture.

Barer Straße 40 80333 Munich Germany Tel: +49-89/23 80 53 60	Opening times: Tues-Wed and Fri-Sun 1000-1800, Thur 1000-2000  <a href="http://www.pinakothek.de/en">www.pinakothek.de/en</a>
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## Neue Pinakothek

Away from the more abstract focus of its sister Pinakothek der Moderne, the Neue Pinakothek focuses on 18th- and 19th-century European art. You'll find work by artists ranging from Goya to Hogarth to Liebermann. One of the continent's best galleries.

Barer Straße 29 80799 Munich Germany Tel: +49-89/23 80 51 95	Opening times: Thurs-Mon 1000-1800, Wed 1000-2000  <a href="http://www.pinakothek.de/en">www.pinakothek.de/en</a>
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## Alte Pinakothek

The largest museum in the world on its completion in the 1820s, the Alte Pinakothek plays home to works by Old Masters and classic German painters. Da Vinci brushes shoulders with El Greco and Rembrandt in a gallery that few in the world can match.

Barer Straße 27 80333 Munich Germany Tel: +49-89/23 80 52 16	Opening times: Tues 1000-2000, Wed- Sun 1000-1800  <a href="http://www.pinakothek.de/en">www.pinakothek.de/en</a>
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## Allianz Arena

Take a tour of this magnificent modern stadium, home to both Bayern and 1860 Munich. Alternatively, try and grab a ticket for a game. The former's position as Germany's premier side means seats are hard to come by, but the atmosphere and passion on match day is worth the money and the effort.

Werner-Heisenberg-Allee 25                      Opening times: Daily 1000-1800  
80939 Munich  
Germany    [allianz-arena.com/en](http://allianz-arena.com/en)  
Tel: +49-89/200 50

## Englischer Garten

This vast park stretches northeast from the city centre, its origins dating back to the late 18th century. Modelled on classic English country gardens, it's larger than New York's Central Park.

Englischer Garten  
Munich  
Germany

## Munchner Stadtmuseum

This excellent museum, housed in a one-time arsenal, tells the exhaustive history of Munich. There's a superb collection of musical instruments, and the photography gallery has a wealth of pictures documenting life in the city.

Sankt-Jakobs-Platz 1                              Opening times: Tues-Sun 1000-1800  
80331 Munich  
Germany    [www.muenchner-stadtmuseum.de/en.html](http://www.muenchner-stadtmuseum.de/en.html)  
Tel: +49-89/23 32 23 70                              ml

## BMW Welt and Museum

One for petrol heads. BMW Welt and its attached museum are based at the carmaker's plant outside the city. Check out vintage motors and engines, or book yourself onto a factory tour to see the company's latest models roll off the production line.

Am Olympiapark 1-2                              Opening times: Daily 0730-0000 (BMW  
80809 Munich                                      Welt); Tues-Sun 1000-1800 (BMW  
Germany    Museum)  
Tel: +49-89/125 01 60 01                              [www.bmw-welt.com/en.html](http://www.bmw-welt.com/en.html)

## Olympiapark

Built for the 1972 summer Olympics, Munich's Olympiapark hosts huge concerts in the summer and other key sporting events at its myriad venues. Bayern Munich once played in the main stadium here. Its green spaces are beautifully kept.

Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21                            Opening times: Daily 0900-2000 (mid  
80809 Munich                                      May-mid Sep); 0900-1800 (Apr-mid  
Germany    May and mid Sep-Oct); 1100-1600  
Tel: +49-89/306 70                                      (Nov-Mar)

[www.olympiapark.de/en/olympiapark-munich](http://www.olympiapark.de/en/olympiapark-munich)



## Shopping in Munich

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#### Key Areas

Munich's city centre buzzes with small shopping streets. The alleyways and main roads off of Marienplatz play home to major global stores and chains. Schwabing is worth heading to if you're after cool clobber and smart accessories but money is tight. Glockenbachviertel is also an excellent bet for off-kilter boutiques.

#### Markets

Markets are everywhere in Munich. Viktualienmarkt is the place to head to fill up on farmers' market goodies and tasty lunchtime snacks, as is Schwabing's Elisabethmarkt. The Saturday Riem flea market is worth trawling, even if you're not buying. Cool bric-a-brac and great souvenirs can be found on most stalls.

#### Shopping Centres

Funf Hofe is the must-see mall in Munich. It's a modern masterpiece, home to some of the city's finest high-end clothes stores, as well as places selling beautiful furniture, art and books. Raritäten & Sammlungsobjekte is a trendy alternative.



## Restaurants

### Restaurants in Munich

Munich's traditional German cuisine, including succulent meats and sausages, is readily available throughout town. But there are plenty of places to eat something completely different. Haute cuisine, New York-style cafés and gourmet takes on local classic are yours for the taking.

#### Weißes Bräuhaus

Traditional tavern culture is celebrated here in the headquarters of the Schneider brewery dynasty, where tripe, lung and bull testicles are washed down with oodles of beer. Loud and lusty, just like in the old days.

Tal 7  
80331 Munich  
Germany  
Tel: +49-89/290 13 80

#### Theresa Grill Restaurant

A sizzling marbled rib-eye or a prime rib from the beechwood barbecue? The Theresa is arguably the best steakhouse in town. There's also has a skittle alley in the basement that can be rented for parties.

Theresienstrasse 29  
80333 Munich  
Germany  
Tel: +49-89/28 80 33 01

## No Mi Ya

Sushi and skewers with plum wine or a cloudy pale ale from an earthenware tankard: This Japanese-Bavarian watering hole in Haidhausen is always bursting at the seams.

Wörthstraße 7  
81667 Munich  
Germany  
Tel: +49-89/448 40 95

## Herzog Restaurant & Bar

This smart restaurant serving fresh, regional and seasonal dishes is located just a few steps away from Karlsplatz (Stachus). People come for the food, of course, but also for the sophisticated atmosphere evoked largely by the bar, which is cast in black concrete.

Maxburgstraße 4  
80333 Munich  
Germany  
Tel: +49-89/29 16 10 29

## Käfer-Schänke

Tourists, locals, celebrities – this place attracts people from all walks of life. The food is excellent, the atmosphere convivially Bavarian.

Prinzregentenstraße 73  
81675 Munich  
Germany  
Tel: +49-89/416 82 47

## Ruffini

The Ruffini in Neuhausen-Nymphenburg is all of these at once: bakery and confectionery, wine store, delicatessen, café and restaurant – and for more than thirty years, the property of a cooperative. The dining area is bright, the decor, simple, and the roof terrace, wonderful. The Italian-inspired menu includes appetizingly moderate prices.

Orfstraße 22-24  
80637 München  
Germany  
Tel.: +49-89/16 11 60



## Nightlife Nightlife in Munich

Munich's nightlife immediately brings to mind beer halls, oompah bands and sing-alongs. You can get all that in abundance, but if you want a cocktail or a club to strut your stuff, the city delivers on those fronts too.

## Hofbräuhaus

Munich's premier beer *keller* moves to the sound of banging drums and the clink of *stein* glasses. A must.

Platzl 9  
80331 Munich  
Germany

### Augustiner Bräustuben

Away from the tourist trail, this beer hall is a great place to share a few beers with the locals.

Landsberger Straße 19  
80339 Munich  
Germany

### Pusser's Bar

Sick of beer? Then Pusser's has a massive cocktail list and bartenders generous with their measures.

Falkenturmstraße 9  
80331 Munich  
Germany

### Neuraum

A big club that attracts big-name acts and DJs. One for night owls.

Arnulfstraße 17  
80335 Munich  
Germany

### P1

Arguably Munich's most famous club, the P1 was founded in 1949 as a officer's club for U.S. soldiers and had its heyday in the 1970s and '80s, when stars and starlets would come dance the night away there. Today, the celebrity quota is lower, but this posh disco – often pronounced dead – received a complete makeover in 2003 and looks very much alive today. The lines at the door are still long, the bouncers strict, and the atmosphere couldn't be better.

Prinzregentenstraße 1  
80538 Munich  
Germany



### Calendar of events Calendar of events

### Die Lange Nacht der Musik

Over 400 musical performances, ranging from classical and jazz to rock, pop and folk, all take place on one evening – 'The Long Night of Music'. Stages are set up across Munich, everywhere from bars and restaurants to concert halls and

churches. If music be the food of love, then this annual evening is an orgy.

**4 May 2019**

[www.muenchner.de/musiknacht/](http://www.muenchner.de/musiknacht/)

Venue: Various venues

**Opernfestspiele**

When the summer evenings are at their longest, the Bavarian State Opera takes the opportunity to stage its spectacular 'Opera for All'. Held outside against the stunning backdrop of their home at the Nationaltheater in Franz-Joseph-Platz, this celebrated opera festival marks the climax of Munich's theatre season and draws the world's top performers and conductors. It is all the more special for also being Europe's oldest music festival.

**27 June - 31 July 2019**

[www.staatsoper.de/index.html](http://www.staatsoper.de/index.html)

Venue: Nationaltheater

**Filmfest München**

Munich's International Film Festival has been running for a quarter of a century, celebrating cinema as an art form. It's one of Germany's biggest, and although it's a heavyweight industry event, members of the public are strongly encouraged to attend screenings of the nearly 50 new films that are shown here each year.

**27 June - 6 July 2019**

[www.filmfest-muenchen.de](http://www.filmfest-muenchen.de)

Venue: Gasteig and various cinemas

**Oktoberfest**

For better or worse, the Oktoberfest is the very reason that millions of visitors actually come to Munich each year. The world's biggest and most famous beer festival, accompanied by the world's largest fair, all began as a royal wedding celebration in 1810. Over two centuries later, the revelry is on an epic scale that has to be seen to be believed. Bear in mind that flight tickets and accommodation for Munich virtually evaporate during this period.

**21 September - 6 October 2019**

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

Venue: Theresienwiese

**Christkindlmarkt (Christmas Market)**

Munich's Christmas Market is a great place to soak up the festive spirit and buy Christmas gifts. There are also plenty of stalls offering traditional Bavarian culinary delights, including baked apples, roasted almonds and pepper nuts. Particular regional specialities include Lebkuchen, Springerle (aniseed-flavoured biscuits), Fruechtebrot (loaves containing dried fruit), Schmalzgebaeck (deep-fried cakes), hot chestnuts and figurines made from plums. When the shopping gets too much, head to a drinks stall for a warming glass of glühwein (hot mulled wine).

**November - December 2019**

Venue: Marienplatz



## Hotels

### Hotels in Munich

Munich's hotel scene offers an excellent selection of business-style accommodation, with a plentiful array of locally run guesthouses for those keeping an eye on their budget. For those after a more luxurious pad, the city centre has a few choice spots for pampering.

#### Bayerischer Hof

Quite simply, this beautiful spot has it all. Gorgeously furnished rooms and six bars to choose from.

Promenadeplatz 2-6  
80333 Munich  
Germany

Category: Expensive

#### Hotel Königshof

The clue's in the name. Swanky rooms and a Michelin-starred restaurant make this one of Munich's best.

Karlsplatz 25  
80335 Munich  
Germany

Category: Expensive

#### Motel One Deutsches Museum

Amazing rates belie a hotel that offers rooms and service you'd usually find in far pricier joints.

Rablstraße 2  
81669 Munich  
Germany

Category: Moderate

#### H'Otello H'09

Sleek modern rooms, with top-floor suites offering access to a stunning roof terrace.

Hohenzollernstraße 9  
80801 Munich  
Germany

Category: Moderate

#### Hotel Deutsches Theater Garni

This art nouveau-style bed and breakfast is perfect for those after a cheap stay in the heart of the action.

Landwehrstraße 18  
80336 Munich  
Germany

Category: Cheap



## Best of ... ... Glockenbachviertel



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No question about it, Munich is (among other things) a matter of taste. Society sophistication, thigh-slapping Bavarianism, cozy conviviality – they are all here. And a nightlife scene? “Ah, forget it!” The glittering days of Schwabing are long past and gone, and Giesing, Schlachthof and even the Westend are well off beaten path. But where do people go when they go out? Most locals tend to become rather reticent at this question; they are a little worried that their favorite neighborhood, which extends between Viktualienmarkt square and the sandy Isarstrand beach, could lose its cozy, almost rural charm. The people of Munich call it “Das Glockenbach,” which means “the bell brook.” The name harks back to preindustrial times, when several streams still flowed above ground here and served craftsmen and mills.

### Reichenbachkiosk

A day spent strolling in the Glockenbach district will bring you at least once to the kiosk on Reichenbachbrücke bridge. Clearly, the term “kiosk” – in Munich aka “Standl” – is an understatement here, as this kiosk resembles a well-crammed hunting lodge commanding the strategically best position: on one side, there’s a path down to the beach beside the Isar River, on the other to the picnic area in front of Gärtnerplatz Theater. But that’s not what made the kiosk so famous: What did was, for one thing, that you won’t find late-night shops on every corner here like you do in Berlin, and for another, there’s a strictly enforced closing time here. Only the Reichenbachkiosk stays open practically round the clock, as well as stocking an unbeatable range of articles – not least among them, 330 types of beer from all over the globe.

Fraunhoferstraße 46  
80469 Munich  
Tel. +49-89/201 52 97

[www.kiosk-muenchen.de](http://www.kiosk-muenchen.de)

### Ochsen Garten

The neighborhood’s main thoroughfare, Müllerstraße, has preserved its Sixties party atmosphere. That’s when it became not only a rock’n’roll and twist stronghold, but also the center of the gay scene. The Ochsen Garten, Germany’s first leather bar, opened here in 1967. Rainer Werner Fassbinder was a regular here. Women are still considered undesirables behind the Ochsen Garten’s blacked-out windows today. Müllerstraße also has some fetish stores, antique shops and a changing scene of hipster hangouts.

Müllerstraße 47  
80469 Munich  
Tel. +49-89/266 446

Opening times:  
Mon-Thu 2000–0300  
Fri-Sat open end  
Sun 1500–0300

[www.ochsengarten.de](http://www.ochsengarten.de)

### Bazi's Schlemmerkucherl

That the traditional and exotic faces of Munich go well together in the Glockenbach district becomes very clear at Bazi's Schlemmerkucherl. The owners are an Iranian and a Turk, and they serve roast pork with dumplings in Asian takeout boxes as well as "meat plants," as people hereabouts call meatballs (Fleischpflanzerl) and other typically Bavarian specialties "to go." On weekends, you can grab yourself a Bazi-Box even in the early morning hours.

Müllerstraße 43  
80469 Munich  
Gärtnerplatzviertel

Opening times:  
Mon-Thu 1000–2400  
Fri 1000–0500  
Sat 1600–0500

[www.facebook.com/Bazibox](http://www.facebook.com/Bazibox)

### Glockenbachwerkstatt

The soul of the neighborhood can be found almost any time of day at the Glockenbachwerkstatt. It's actually "only" a community center, but when the locals are as sociable as they are here, a community center soon becomes an alternative nightlife location. Something between a café, a bar and an artists' studio, it hosts concerts, film evenings, open-mike nights, clothes-swapping parties and DJ nights. The almost village-like sense of community among the old Glockenbach residents is probably the reason why the gentrification in progress between Gärtnerplatz and the Isar is thankfully not proceeding as speedily as feared.

Blumenstraße 7  
80331 Munich  
Tel. +49-89/26 88 38

[www.glockenbachwerkstatt.de](http://www.glockenbachwerkstatt.de)

### The Flushing Meadows

The Glockenbach district is, of course, no longer merely an urban village. If your tastes tend in the cosmopolitan direction, simply head for the rooftop bar on level four of the Flushing Meadows – or just book your own roof terrace. That this design hotel is eager to please both local patriots and an international clientele is expressed in the name, which refers to the Isar floodplains. Some big names on the local scene, including DJ Hell, barman Charles Schumann and actor Birgit Minichmayr, lent a hand in designing the interiors of the studio lofts here. If you only want to take a look, you will find the neighborhood's real hipsters in the bar on the roof. At night, you can sit there, glass in hand, and picture the Alpine panorama as you sip a drink with a name that smacks of sentimental old Heimatfilm, a Wanderlust Sour maybe, or a Herzogstand (named for the mountain). Inside, there's a fireplace to warm your feet by when it's cold outside. The complete opposite awaits you at the Super Danke! on the ground floor: cold-pressed organic juices and cleansing smoothies – pre-yoga class refreshment.

Fraunhoferstraße 32  
80496 Munich  
Tel. +49-89/552 791 70

Double rooms start at 150 euros  
  
[www.flushingmeadowshotel.com](http://www.flushingmeadowshotel.com)

## Holy Home

The name almost says it all. The Holy Home is the Glockenbachlers' second home and has since 1996 been steadfastly resisting all transformations in a fast-changing neighborhood. Its location right on Gärtnerplatz is perfect, of course, for pulling in night owls who are beginning to feel the chill outside. The place is usually so crowded that guests often only notice that there's a kind of huge letter case for bottles and plastic knick-knacks on the wall behind the bar when they reach their third round.

Reichenbachstr. 21  
80469 Munich  
Tel. +49-89/201 45 46

Opening times:  
Sun-Wed 1800–0100  
Thu-Sat 1800–0300

## Milla

It's hard not to dance at the Milla thanks to this bijou club's architecture. At the same time, the long, narrow basement creates the impression that here there can be no straightforward mainstream, it's uphill, downhill here. The room is at its highest over the dance floor, then there's a steep rise up to the bar, where the ceiling is almost close enough to touch. Musically, electro doesn't feature too much as the owners are not big house or techno fans. Instead, they place the emphasis on real instruments, which is hardly surprising, since Peter Brugger, the singer with Sportfreunde Stiller, is one of the owners.

Holzstraße 28  
80469 Munich  
Tel. +49-89/1892 3101

[milla-club.de](http://milla-club.de)

## Pimpernel

One club that keeps on keeping on even though it hardly caters to the tastes of the typical Glockenbach crowd is the Pimpernel. The reason? Probably the very retro charm that sets it apart. Its somewhat plushy atmosphere, with velvet boxes, Parisian streets scenes painted on the walls and soft porn brings all those together beneath the disco lights who by 3 a.m. didn't have enough fun in other clubs. That the Pimpernel is also regarded as a "last resort" for heterosexual clubbers, is one of the reasons why Munich's gays complain that their district is becoming straight. When Queen vocalist Freddie Mercury lived in one of the Wilhelminian buildings on Hans-Sachs-Straße during his time in Munich, the Pimpernel was one of his regular haunts.

Müllerstraße 56  
80469 Munich

Opening times:  
daily 2200–0600

[www.pimpernel.de](http://www.pimpernel.de)

## Bergwolf

The last stop in a typical night in Glockenbach is the Bergwolf. With a brashness almost worthy of Berlin, this cult restaurant occupies a shabby passage leading down to Fraunhoferstraße subway station. That the curry sausage here is the best in the city is beyond dispute, nor that it has any competition worth mentioning in the weißwurst (veal sausage) capital, nor will you find anywhere else at 3 in the morning that will help banish the misery of an empty stomach so satisfactorily.

Fraunhoferstraße 17  
80469 Munich  
Tel. +49-89/23 25 98 58

Opening times:  
Mon-Thu 1200–1500, 1800–0200  
Fri 1200–1500, 1800–0400  
Sat 1200–0400  
Sun 1700–2200



### Best of ... ... Winter Sports in Bavaria

#### Sledding on the Blomberg

Although it doesn't offer any dramatic ascents, the local mountain of the town of Bad Tölz is nevertheless considered "oane Mordsgaudi" (tremendous fun). The gently rounded dome is known above all for two descents: One is a two-kilometer-long natural toboggan run that descends 300 vertical meters, a particular favorite in the winter. The other is known as the "Blomberg Blitz," a roughly 1300-meter-long descent on rail-guided sleds which is popular all year round. The name is meant to be taken seriously, considering that the sleds can reach speeds of up to 25 miles per hour at sharp curves, waves, and roundabouts. Appropriate equipment can be rented on-site.

Blombergbahn Bad Tölz  
Am Blomberg 2  
83646 Bad Tölz (Wackersberg)  
Germany  
Tel.: +49-8041/37 26

[www.blombergbahn.com/en/welcome-to-blombergbahn/](http://www.blombergbahn.com/en/welcome-to-blombergbahn/)

#### Alpine touring on the Taubenstein

Having fun in the mountains doesn't have to be loud: backcountry skiing, for example, offers a quiet sort of enjoyment. The skis are made slip-proof by attaching fabric strips called "skins" underneath them, and the summit is then climbed far away from the hustle and bustle. On Taubenstein Mountain, which rises above the mountain lake Spitzingsee about 70 kilometers south of Munich, you can find an interesting route that isn't too difficult for beginners. One traditional place to stop for the night is the lodge known as the Taubensteinhaus. Built in 1936, it offers two shared rooms of several beds each and two larger dormitory rooms (with heat, as of 2018!) as well as a dining room. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, the innkeepers open the fireside lounge so visitors can relax after an evening of Alpine touring. If you don't have equipment, you can rent it in the valley ([skiverleih-spitzingsee.de](http://skiverleih-spitzingsee.de)).

Taubensteinhaus  
Taubenstein 1 (OT Spitzingsee)  
83727 Schliersee  
Germany

[www.taubensteinhaus.de](http://www.taubensteinhaus.de)

#### Spectacular views from the Zugspitze

Because of their high altitude of over 2,000 meters, the ski regions above Garmisch-Partenkirchen are more or less guaranteed to have snow. At the Zugspitze glacier ski resort, there are more than 20 kilometers of easy and medium-difficulty descents, and more than 40 kilometers of piste await visitors at the Garmisch-Classic ski resort on the mountains Hausberg, Kreuzeck, and Alpspitze. This is also the site of the spectacular Kandahar downhill run, which descends 1,800 meters of altitude over a course of seven kilometers. If that's too much excitement for you, then you may prefer the restaurant "Panorama 2962," which opened at the summit of the Zugspitze in 2018. It is located at the top station of the cableway, which is also brand new and features cabins with glass floors and panoramic views.

Panorama 2962 [zugspitze.de/en/winter](http://zugspitze.de/en/winter)  
Olympiastraße 27  
82467 Garmisch-Partenkirchen  
Germany

### Bavarian curling at the Nymphenburg Canal

Wouldn't it be nice to enjoy a glass of mulled wine with good company, but also get some kind of exercise at the same time? You can do both in the sport known as Bavarian curling. This pastime is also appropriate for people who want to spend some time in the fresh air without traveling outside of the Munich subway system. Just take the U 1 to Rotkreuzplatz, where an ice rink is opened on the Nymphenburg Canal after a few days of freezing temperatures. You'll experience a festive atmosphere in front of the palace with opportunities for curling, traditional Bavarian curling, ice hockey, and ice skating for all ages. In the evening, when the floodlights are on, the mood is positively enchanting.

Curling lanes at the Nymphenburg [www.eisstockbahnen.de](http://www.eisstockbahnen.de)  
Palace canal  
Wimpfenerstraße 16  
80686 München  
Germany

### Torch-lit hike in the Partnach Gorge

When temperatures drop, the waterfalls and rapids of the Partnach River turn into bizarre ice formations. Taking a torch-lit hike through the Partnach Gorge at night, with the dark walls on either side towering up to 80 meters high in some places, feels like traveling to the center of the earth. Tours for individuals or groups can be reserved from a variety of guides, and they usually include a stop somewhere for food and drink. An overview can be found at the website of the town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen ([gapa.de](http://gapa.de)).

Olympia-Skistadion [www.partnachklamm-info.de](http://www.partnachklamm-info.de)  
Karl-u.-Martin-Neuner-Platz  
82467 Garmisch-Partenkirchen  
Germany

### Nighttime skiing on Hocheck Mountain

On vacation, sometimes you want to sleep in — too bad it gets dark so early that there's hardly any daylight left for the piste. From Tuesday to Saturday, the ski resort at Hocheck Mountain offers late risers a floodlit piste freshly groomed each evening for skiing, snowboarding, and sledding. Another attraction in Oberaudorf, this time in the Tatzelwurm district, is a natural toboggan run that has already hosted German and Bavarian championships.

Bergbahnen Hocheck [www.hocheck.com](http://www.hocheck.com)  
Carl-Hagen-Straße 7  
83080 Oberaudorf  
Germany

## Cross-country skiing in the Bavarian Forest

The Bavarian Forest on the border to the Czech Republic has established itself as one of the most popular cross-country skiing areas in Europe. In contrast to the Alps, there are no warm föhn winds here that blow away the snow overnight, so the 220 kilometers of cross-country skiing tracks stay groomed well into the spring. As you get closer to the Czech border, the snow gets deeper and you meet fewer tourists. The après-ski hubbub may be more restrained in the Bavarian Forest, and the landscape may seem rougher — but who really cares? And those who like Czech Christmas fairy tales will love the region all the more. On the other hand, if you need more action and noise, and you're arriving late in the year, check out the ski marathon "Skadi Loppet," which is held every year in March in the town of Bodenmais.

Skadi Loppet [www.skadi-loppet.de/en/home.html](http://www.skadi-loppet.de/en/home.html)  
94249 Bodenmais  
Germany