



Experience Oktoberfest Like A Local!

Opening Weekend package: 4 days/3 nights Includes

- Meet and greet
 - Local representation
 - Welcome Drink
 - Orientation Fairgrounds and Old town
 - Evening Beer Tent tickets incl. Beer and Dinner and fun
 - 3 night stay with breakfast in a centrally located 3 star hotel
- **Old Town hotel walking distance to the fairground**



DAY 1, (check-in) Friday, September 16: At 5:30 p.m. we'll meet at the hotel for orientation and introductions followed by drinks and a Welcome-to-Munich feast (our treat)!

DAY 2, Saturday, September 17: (Wear your walkin' shoes.) After breakfast, we'll begin our Oktoberfest adventure by viewing the traditional opening-day parade (dating from 1887). Known as the Festival of Innkeepers, the parade is an hour-long procession of horse-drawn brewer wagons transporting the ceremonial first beer kegs to the fairgrounds. The guest of honor, seated in the leading wagon, is the Bürgermeister, or mayor of Munich, who will tap the first keg at noon to kick-start Oktoberfest. We'll follow the horse-drawn procession to Oktoberfest, where we will give you an orientation tour of the fairgrounds. (Consider a ride on the giant Ferris wheel with commanding views over Munich and beyond.) Afterward, we will escort you all back to the market square for an orientation tour of Munich's Old Town (but those who would like to stay at the fairgrounds are welcome to do so). The rest of the day-evening is free time.

DAY 3, Sunday, September 18: (Again, throw on your walkin' shoes.) Today, we are sure, is the best day of the year! After breakfast, we will escort our group to an insider locale for special viewing of the Costume and Rifle-men's Parade, since 1835. This is not just any parade, this one happens to be the largest and most beautiful and historically rich costume parade in the world, comprising some 6,500 participants marching in a 6-kilometer-long spectacle from downtown to the fairgrounds. The participants are members of folk clubs from all parts of Germany, and Europe, proudly displaying their regional colors and garb, historical uniforms and (in many cases) musical accompaniment. This is truly a pageant not to be missed, and your tour guide will have you front and center to marvel every footstep! Afternoon free time. We'll meet again at 4:15 p.m. in the hotel lobby for the climax of your Oktoberfest package: a reservation at one of the Fest's best tents for dinner, beer and barrels of fun! (NOTE: Shops on Sunday will be closed, attractions will be open.)

DAY 4, Monday, September 19: Regrettably, it's time to say Auf Wiederseh'n to the friends you've made. The rest of your European trip starts today with your add-ons or transfer back to the airport. Our guide will be in the lobby after breakfast bidding adieu to you.

Add-Ons

This package is a great start or ending of your European trip. May we suggest a couple of options:

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Add days in Munich to visit King Ludwig Castle in Neuschwanstein or take a day trip to Salzburg
- Book your trip by going to different places by Rail or Car. We can suggest the best locations to make the most out of your precious time. Add days to see: Prague, Salzburg, Vienna, Romantik Road, Bavaria, Switzerland. Many options possible.