

Oktoberfest 18.09. – 04.10.2010

The **Oktoberfest** in **Munich** is one of the most famous events in Germany and the world's largest fair. Over **six million people** are attending it every year, many of them coming to Munich just to be a part of it.

The festival traditionally lasts for sixteen days and is held until the first Sunday in October. The main **highlights** of the Oktoberfest include **roller coasters, food** and, of course, **beer**.

The food specialties offered are mostly influenced by the **hearty Bavarian kitchen**, like "Hendl" (chicken), "Schweinsbraten" (roast pork), "Sauerkraut" or "Bretzeln" (pretzels).

The **beer** which is served in large tents is **brewed especially** for the festival and has a slightly **higher alcohol strength** than usual. The traditional "**Maß**", a pitcher, in which the beer is served, has a **volume of 1 liter**.

The Oktoberfest takes place at the **Theresienwiese**, traditionally called "Wies'n" by the locals, which lies just **2 km south** of the **city centre** in Munich.



Tents at the Festival

There are **14 large tents** at the Oktoberfest with about 1.000 to 8.500 seats which makes a total of 72.500 seats. Additionally, there are a couple of smaller tents with 100 to 500 seats. All tents can be **entered without an entrance fee**, as can the festival itself.

Especially on the weekends the **majority** of the **places** in the tents is held **unreserved**, so it is possible to get seats when you **arrive early**. There are also **seats outside** in the **beer garden areas** available which cannot be reserved in advance, so early arrivers can be in luck here as well.

Tents may be closed when there are no more empty seats.

Reservations for a Friday evening or on **Saturdays** are immensely popular and demanded, so here it is strongly recommended to be early out. However, it is **possible** to reserve seats in the tents **during the week** as well as on **Sunday afternoons**.



Löwenbräukeller's Wiesnzelt am Stiglmaierplatz

“**Das Wiesnzelt**” is driven by Löwenbräu and lies quite **close** to the actual **Oktoberfest area** (free bus shuttles are available). The large **festival hall** offers the possibility to experience a **genuine Oktoberfest atmosphere** with typical decorations, food, beverages, music and entertainment.

A great advantage with the “Wiesnzelt” is that it is a lot **easier to get reservations** for this place as the tent has room for up to **2.000 people**.

And the **best thing** is that one can party much longer here since the “Wiesnzelt” stays open until **03:00 in the morning** while the Oktoberfest itself closes down at 23:00.

So it is possible to spend the day on the Oktoberfest and the evening here, in the “Wiesnzelt”.



Eurostars Grand City Hotel Munich ****

This **4 star hotel** is newly built and located west of the city centre, right around the corner from the **Theresienwiese** – where the Oktoberfest takes place once a year. The central station is about 2,0 km away from the hotel.

The Eurostars has **247** air-conditioned and spacious **rooms** in a rather modern style. Guests can enjoy the cocktail lounge, the indoor pool and the wellness area with sauna and fitness possibilities. The hotel also offers 4 **meeting rooms** for up to 280 people.



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