simply in the Museum

22 popular Munich museums with tips
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The Brandhorst collection comprises more than 1,000 works by path-breaking artists of the 20th and 21st centuries such as Cy Twombly, Andy Warhol, Sigmar Polke, Damien Hirst and Mike Kelley. The museum also displays current video installations.

www.museum-brandhorst.de/en.html

**TIP!**

**Türkentor**

Adjacent to the Museum Brandhorst are the remaining ruins of the Turkish barracks from 1826. Inside is a surprising object: a 25-ton granite sphere in shining red – the installation “Large Red Sphere” by the American artist Walter De Maria.
The Alte Pinakothek is home to one of the world's most renowned collections of European paintings from the 14th to the 18th century. The displays include works by Dürer, Raffael, Leonardo, Tizian, El Greco, Rubens, Rembrandt, Boucher and others. [www.pinakothek.de/en/alte-pinakothek](http://www.pinakothek.de/en/alte-pinakothek)

**TIP!**

**Dürer Painting**

Albrecht Dürer’s larger-than-life self-portrait broke a genuine taboo in 1500: The painting depicts the artist in a pose which up to then had been reserved for kings and Jesus Christ.
‘Rediscover the 19th century’ with paintings and sculptures from the Classicist, Romantic and Wilhelminian period as well as the predecessors of modern art: On display are paintings from Goya to van Gogh, sculptures from Canova to Rodin as well as thematic exhibitions. 

www.pinakothek.de/en/neue-pinakothek

**TIP!**

**The Culture of Enjoyment Accompanies the Enjoyment of Culture**

The Hunsinger restaurant at Neue Pinakothek in the heart of the art quarter spoils the palates of museum visitors during the day – and serves excellent fish in the evening.
As Pi.lotin it is quite simple to engage visitors in a conversation on design. I really benefit from this exchange.

Verena Staudinger
Pi.lotin / student

**Pinakothek der Moderne**
Barer Straße 40
Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun 10am – 6pm
Thu 10am – 8pm

Four museums under one roof: The Sammlung Moderne Kunst, the Neue Sammlung – The International Design Museum Munich, the Architekturmuseum der TU München and the Staatliche Graphische Sammlung München.


**TIP!**
**Project Visitor “Pi.loten”**
Last Sunday of each month
11.30am – 1pm

On every last Sunday of the month the “Pi.loten,” young art experts, provide information about their favorite exhibits and look forward to a dialog with visitors.

[www.besucherpilot.de/pdm/](http://www.besucherpilot.de/pdm/)
**Tip!**

**Garden of Lenbachhaus**

Like the Lenbachhaus itself the charming garden, a late bloom of historism, was designed according to the Italian Renaissance and is adorned with numerous decorative elements inspired by antique models.

“*When I first heard the name ‘Sacharoff’ I thought of a Russian manufacturer of artificial sweetener.*”

“*Axel! Sacharoff was the first male free dancer in Europe.*”

Judith and Axel Milberg
Art historian and actor

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Lenbachhaus
Luisenstraße 33
Tue 10am – 8pm
Wed – Sun 10am – 6pm

The Städtische Galerie in Lenbachhaus has a unique collection about the ‘Blue Rider’ artist group. In addition to artworks from the 19th century, the museum also exhibits art from the period after 1945.

www.lenbachhaus.de -> EN
“With his longing for the classical period and the southern regions, King Ludwig I put his mark on the city. Here in the Glyptothek among nothing but Greeks and Romans I therefore feel very ‘Munich’.”

Axel Hacke
Author and columnist

**Glyptothek**
Königsplatz 3
Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun 10am – 5pm
Thu 10am – 8pm

The pillared portico of the oldest Munich museum, opened in 1830, is reminiscent of a Greek temple. Its interior accommodates the originals of renowned antique sculptures including the ‘Medusa Rondanini’ and the ‘Barberini Faun’.

www.antike-am-koenigsplatz.mwn.de/en.html
The Ägyptische Museum focuses on the art of Old Egypt. The collection features famous exhibits and presents an overview of all epochs. Since summer 2013 the museum has been accommodated in a spectacular new building in the art quarter. 

www.smaek.de -> EN

TIP!

Coffin mask
Time could not dull the sharpness and magic of her gaze: the coffin mask of Queen Satdjehutj from old Egypt (around 1650 BC).

NS-Dokumentationszentrum
Brienner Straße 34
Tue – Sun 10am – 7pm

With the NS Documentation Center, opened in spring 2015, Munich has received a central place of learning and remembrance about the dark history of National Socialism. In addition to a permanent exhibition, the museum features a multimedia learning facility, special exhibitions as well as a diverse educational and event program. 

www.ns-dokuzentrum-muenchen.de/1/home

TIP!

DenkStätte Weiße Rose
Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1

The DenkStätte Weiße Rose is located in the atrium of the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, close to the historical place where the resistance fighters Hans and Sophie Scholl were arrested on February 18, 1943.
“I DJ in clubs from New York to Tokyo. I need Munich both as an artist and a person: For me it is the most beautiful city on this planet!”

Julietta
Disc Jockey

TIP!
„Re-Act!“
**Harry Klein goes Kunsthalle**
“Re-Act!“ furnishes proof that art presented during a party featuring DJs, visual artists and special guides is a mindexpanding experience.

#ReActMuc

Kunsthalle München
Theatinerstraße 8
Daily 10am – 8pm

Extending over 1,200 sqm the Kunsthalle of the Hypo-Kulturstiftung in the heart of Munich presents three to four major exhibitions every year. As a gallery without a permanent collection there are infinite options with respect to contents. The themes cover the gamut of art from the antiquities to our present day.

[www.kunsthalle-muc.de/en](http://www.kunsthalle-muc.de/en)
Residenzstraße 1
April – mid-October: daily 9am – 6pm
Mid-October – March: daily 10am – 5pm

The Residenz, one of the greatest palaces in Germany, served as residence and seat of government to the Wittelsbach rulers until 1918. The splendid historical rooms and the Treasure Chamber are as impressive as the art collections.

www.residenz-muenchen.de -> EN

TIP!
Gatekeepers
Bravery of a lion: You can gain good luck by stroking the muzzles of the golden lions on Residenzstraße.

11 Bier- und Oktoberfestmuseum
Sterneckerstraße 2
Tue - Sat  1pm – 6pm

The history of Munich breweries and beer production is displayed in Munich's oldest town house which dates back to 1340. The museum tour explains the development of the Munich Oktoberfest from the royal wedding in 1810 to the greatest folk festival in the world.

www.bier-und-oktoberfestmuseum.de/en

TIP!
Comics on Display
The Bier- und Oktoberfestmuseum offers more than its name suggests: a tremendously cozy parlor and traveling exhibitions of comics.
Pictures, films, documents as well as surprising oddities illustrate the life and work of the comedian Karl Valentin and his congenial partner Liesl Karlstadt. The folk singers’ exhibition presents the development of the earliest pop culture in Munich.

An audio guide is offered for English-speaking visitors which can be played by scanning QR codes with your smartphone. The system does not require the installation of any app.

www.valentin-musaeum.de

**TIP!**

**Turmstüberl**

This comfy café under the roof of Isartor is furnished in the style of the period around 1900. Hundreds of exhibits illustrate the life and work of the Munich folk singers and comedians.

"Why do I beat my drum for Karl Valentin? We folk singers and musicians must simply stick together."

**Elena Rakete**

Drummer “The Moonband”
Together with the synagogue and the center of the Jewish religious community, the Municipal Jewish Museum Munich forms an architectural ensemble in the city center. It provides insight in the past and present culture of Jewish people in Munich.

www.juedisches-museum-muenchen.de -> EN

**TIP!**

**Memory Loops**

‘Memory Loops’ is an audio artwork based on original historical soundtracks of Nazi victims and contemporary witnesses. Every loop is associated with a different location in the city.

www.memoryloops.net -> EN
“Typically Munich? What I think of first is the exhibition of the same name that is dedicated to the history of the city: A glimpse behind the scenes beyond clichés and traditions.”

Christian Schottenhamel
Oktoberfest host at Schottenhamel

TIP!

**Typically Munich!**
In five sections covering different historical periods, the exhibition presents the phenomena that epitomize Munich, exploring how long they have been regarded as typical, and above all why they have been inextricably associated with the city.

14 Münchner Stadtmuseum
St.-Jakobs-Platz 1
Tue – Sun 10am – 6pm

‘Typically Munich!’ is the title of the great display about the history of the city. Additional highlights of the multi-faceted collections, that also comprise the film museum, include photography, contemporary events, musical instruments and puppet theater / fairground attractions.

www.muenchner-stadtmuseum.de/en.html
**Deutsches Museum**

Museumsinsel 1  
Mon – Sun 9am – 5pm

The Deutsche Museum ranks among the greatest museums of technology and natural sciences in the world. In addition to historical originals it also presents models for experimenting. Natural laws, instruments and technical procedures are explained in a hands-on manner.

[www.deutsches-museum.de -> EN](http://www.deutsches-museum.de)

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**TIP!**

**Banks of the Isar river**

Simply casual: Biking along the river, bathing and barbecuing at designated spots. The Isar river is synonymous with nature and quality of life in the heart of the city.
The Haus der Kunst is an internationally leading center for contemporary art featuring an interdisciplinary program. Every year the gallery presents about ten exhibitions of new talents and established artists. Since 2011 a selection of video art from the Goetz Collection has been shown in several displays in the former air raid shelter. In addition to exhibitions and events, great store is set by research, study and dissemination of knowledge.

www.hausderkunst.de/en

**TIP!**
**Eisbach Wave**
Probably the greatest standing water wave in the middle of a city is only a few steps away from Haus der Kunst. Thanks to neoprene, surfing is possible in any weather! **But keep in mind: The wave is only suitable for experienced surfers!**

www.igsm.info

“Whether Haus der Kunst or Eisbach wave: The stars of the scene explore the limits of their art. – To plunge in at the deep end is part of the deal.”

**Stephanie Pirron**
Surfer / Sports scientist
Prinzregentenstraße 3
Tue – Sun 10am – 5pm
Thu 10am – 8pm

Works of European art and culture from the early Middle Ages to Art Nouveau, including sculptures, paintings and handicrafts. The manger collection featuring figurines from Naples, Sicily and the alpine region is world-famous.

www.bayerisches-nationalmuseum.de -> EN

**TIP!**

**Monopteros**
Elegant Classicist temple with a beautiful view of the English Garden and the Munich skyline.

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**Museum Villa Stuck**
Prinzregentenstraße 60
Tue – Sun 11am – 6pm
First Friday of the month 11am – 10pm

Franz von Stuck’s (1863 – 1928) villa was designed as a synthesis of the arts. Today its historical rooms accommodate a municipal museum. Traveling exhibitions of the 19th and 20th centuries as well as contemporary art are also on display.

www.villastuck.de

**TIP!**

**Haidhausen City Quarter**
The Haidhausen quarter with its historical village center, proximity to the Isar river, numerous quaint stores, boutiques and pubs ranks among the all-time favorites of Munich’s ‘in’ neighborhoods.
**TIP!**

**Schloss Nymphenburg**

Nymphenburg is more than a palace. The fairytale park with its brooks and bridges is also home to a hunting lodge, a baroque bathing lodge, exotic chinoiserie and a hermitage.

[www.schloss-nymphenburg.de](http://www.schloss-nymphenburg.de) -> EN

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**Museum Mensch und Natur**

Schloss Nymphenburg

Tue, Wed, Fri 9am – 5pm

Thu 9am – 8pm

Sat, Sun 10am – 6pm

Natural history is presented in an entertaining and thrilling fashion here – for the entire family. Visitors can discover primeval animals, learn about volcanism and earthquakes, explore the functions of our brain, meet ‘Bruno’ the brown bear, and much more.

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

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"Heat and dryness take a lot out of me during my desert expeditions. Here I am relieved to find that geography at home is not necessarily dusty and dry."

Michael Martin
Photographer/globetrotter
Elephant lady Mangala is an artist in her own right. She would love to delve into some original Nymphenburg porcelain.

**Cow elephant Mangala**
Hellabrunn zoo

**TIP!**

**Tierpark Hellabrunn**
Asian elephants, kangaroos, chimpanzees, giant tortoises from the Seychelles, moose and lions – in the Hellabrunn zoo visitors can discover more than 750 exotic and domestic animal species.

www.hellabrunn.de/en

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**20 Museum**
**Nymphenburger Porzellan**

Schloss Nymphenburg
April to October 15: daily 9am – 6pm
October 16 to March: daily 10am – 4pm

A unique private collection of Nymphenburg porcelain from the 18th to the 20th century is on display in the southern wing of the main palace, in the Marstallmuseum. Particularly noteworthy are the Comedia Dell’ Arte figures by Franz Anton Bustelli, which used to adorn the dessert table at the royal court.

www.schloss-nymphenburg.de -> EN
21 BMW Museum
Am Olympiapark 2
Tue – Sun 10am – 6pm

Extending over 5,000 sqm the museum presents the history of the BMW corporation, brand and products since 1916. Approximately 125 automobiles, motorbikes and engines are on display. The BMW Welt and BMW Group Werk complete the visitor experience.
www.bmw-museum.com/en

TIP!
Olympiapark
In sun and rain, indoors and outdoors – there is always plenty to do in the Olympic Park. Established for the 1972 Olympics the facilities have ever since been Munich’s premier address for sports, entertainment and leisure-time.
www.olympiapark.de -> EN

22 FC Bayern Erlebniswelt
Allianz Arena
Daily 10am – 6pm
(adjusted on days when there is a match)

In the FC Bayern Erlebniswelt the history of the German record champion is illustrated from its foundation to current triumphs. Fascinating exhibits and innovative media technology are combined in a thrilling mix of information, emotion and interaction.
www.fcb-erlebniswelt.de/en

TIP!
Arena Tours
Even more FC Bayern? The Allianz Arena is soccer temple, top sight and home to the FC Bayern München soccer team. During a tour of the Arena, visitors cast a glance behind the scenes of the imposing stadium and discover normally hidden areas such as the team dressing room and the player tunnel.
www.allianz-arena.de/en
Infopoint Museen & Schlösser in Bayern

Alter Hof 1 – close to Marienplatz
Wed - Sat 10am – 6pm

On the way from Marienplatz to the Residenz palace is the Infopoint Museen & Schlösser in Bayern where visitors are provided with information material about museums, personal recommendations on current exhibitions and the free brochure “Museums in Munich.”

www.infopoint-museen-bayern.de

TIP!

Emperor’s Castle Exhibition
On the lower level of the Infopoint in the Old Court (Alter Hof) a free multimedia display presents the history of the so-called “Kaiserburg” building. It used to be the first residential palace of the Wittelsbach dynasty in Munich.

Museum Portal Munich

More than 60 Munich museums and galleries from A to Z at a glance. Including information about the current program and events, opening hours, admission fees and barrier-free access.

www.museen-in-muenchen.de -> EN
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www.muenchen-tourismus-barrierefrei.de

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Sat 9am – 4pm
Sun 10am – 6pm

Main Train Station
Mon-Sat 9am – 8pm
Sun 10am – 2pm

Telephone +49 (0)89 233 96500 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)
Email tourismus.gs@muenchen.de

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