10 Golden Rules for Oktoberfest

We all want to have fun at Oktoberfest. To make sure we all enjoy ourselves, we have established a few rules:

1. This year, rucksacks and large bags will generally be banned from the Oktoberfest. Leave any non-essential items at home. You will make it into the Oktoberfest much quicker if you don’t bring any bags or rucksacks with you.

2. Any bags or rucksacks you do bring must not exceed a volume of three litres or a size of 30 cm x 15 cm x 10 cm.

3. Even if they fit in your smallest bag, the following items are also prohibited: aerosol spray cans with hazardous contents; corrosive or staining substances; objects that could be used to cut, slash or stab. Glass bottles are also banned.

4. Pushchairs are not permitted on the site all day on Saturdays, nor on the public holiday for the Day of German Unity on 3 October. Furthermore, pushchairs will not be allowed onto the site from 6 p.m. on all other days. Security personnel may inspect pushchairs.

5. Bicycles, scooters, skateboards and similar are not permitted on the festival grounds.

6. Animals are not permitted at the Oktoberfest at any time (with the exception of assistance dogs).

7. Plan your journey. Where possible, find alternative forms of transport to underground lines U4 and U5 and Theresienwiese station. If you are arriving into the central railway station, you can also walk to the Oktoberfest. If you are travelling on the underground from the west, get off at Schwanthalerhöhe if possible. Please also use the underground (U-Bahn) lines 3 and 6, stops Goetheplatz and Poccistrasse.

8. Use all of the entrances around the Oktoberfest grounds. As in previous years, all entrances will be open (i.e. not closed off).

9. The Oktoberfest is at its best when there aren’t any large crowds. The Oktoberfest Barometer at www.oktoberfest.eu shows you the best times for a quiet stroll around the site.

10. No matter how much fun you have, every trip to Oktoberfest has to come to an end some time. No visitors are permitted on the festival grounds between 1:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Opening festivities

The grand entrance of the Oktoberfest Landlords and Breweries
Saturday, 22 September 2018, beginning at 10.45 am
The grand entrance of the breweries and landlords serves as the opening ceremony of the Oktoberfest. The exciting hourlong procession is lead by the Münchner Kindl on horseback and the festive carriage of the Lord Mayor of Munich. Route: From Sonnenstraße to the Wiesn festival grounds. www.festring.de

The Oktoberfest Costume and Riflemen’s Parade
Sunday, 23 September 2018, beginning at 10 am
On the first Sunday of the Oktoberfest, the world-renowned costume parade takes its route from the Munich city center to Theresienwiese. A multitude of groups dressed in traditional costume, marching bands, amateur and mountain riflemen from Munich, the surrounding region, Bavaria and throughout Europe present themselves during this two-hour parade. Both processions take place in all weathers. www.festring.de

Open-Air Concert of the Oktoberfest Bands
Sunday, 30 September 2018, 11 am
Theresienwiese in front of the Bavaria statue

Victory celebration with gun salute
Sunday, 7 October 2018, from 12 noon
Victory celebration and prize giving ceremony for the Oktoberfest shooting competition with a gun salute at the Bavaria statue

The official Oktoberfest app download here: www.muenchen.de/app

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A Cordial Welcome to the Oktoberfest 2018

Wild Rides and Rustic Charm at the Greatest Folk Festival in the World

“O’zapft is!” – “the barrel is tapped!” exclaims Munich’s Lord Mayor after opening the first cask of beer precisely at noon on Saturday, 22 September 2018, thus officially inaugurating the 189th Munich Oktoberfest. Regular visitors spend the entire year looking forward to Wiesn delicacies such as roasted on a spit, roast chicken, skewer-grilled fish and roasted almonds. The Oktoberfest experience includes merry-go-rounds, coconut shies and variety shows from bygone days, not to forget the adrenaline-boosting high-tech rides.

The Oide Wiesn area at the southern end of the Theresienwiese grounds evokes a feeling of pure Oktoberfest nostalgia with its historic fairground rides, a puppet theatre and museum tent. The musicians from the various brass bands that play around the Wiesn provide a soundtrack of Bavarian folk music for a relaxing, atmospheric way to start your day at Oktoberfest.

Opening Hours
Oktoberfest
10 am-11:30 pm, free admission
“Käfer Wies’n- Schänke” and the “Wieslicht” remain open until 1 am. Access to the festival grounds is free.

Oide Wiesn festival grounds
10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Drinks served: 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Entrance: €3 (free from 9 p.m.)
(Free for children under the age of 14).
Same-day re-entry is permitted, discounted fares for the rides.

Beer tents
Seats in the beer gardens cannot be reserved. In the tents non-reserved seats are marked. We recommend visiting during the quieter times of the week, Monday to Thursday before 6 p.m.

Please note:
On Saturdays the beer tents close admissions in the morning due to overcrowding. Reservations must be made exclusively with the respective tent operator. Reservations are only possible through this official channel: other sources are illegal! A list of the reservation addresses is available at www.oktoberfest.eu.

How to Get there
Public Transport
There are no parking facilities in the vicinity of the Oktoberfest grounds! So take our fast and safe subways, suburban trains, buses and trams to the Oktoberfest.

www.mvv-muenchen.de
www.mvmobil.de

Approx. 15-min. walk from the main train station to the Wiesn.

Tour bus parking
• Feldmanning, Park & Ride, phone +49 89 32464748
• Messestadt Ost, Park & Ride, phone +49 89 32464748, www.parkundride.de
• Hansastr. 51, phone +49 89 2373251, www.brk-muenchen.de
• Sandling-Westpark, Tübinger Str., parking on public traffic ground
• Frittmanns (central car park) “Parkplatz Mitte,” to the north of the stadium, phone +49 89 20050

RV facility / Tour bus parking
Messefeldstraße Riem-Ost-Gusen-Bogen, gate 9, phone +49 176 130454000 www.oktoberfest-camping.com

Family days
with discounts for fairground attractions, admissions and products
Tuesday, 25 September and 2 October, 2018 until 7 pm respectively