

# Welcome to Munich



## The Top Attractions

Munich is always enticing – but the following 20 attractions are simply irresistible!

- 1 Marienplatz**  
This square is the heart of the city and has been its official hub since its birth hour in 1158. It is the starting point for almost every tour of Munich and the place where everything comes together. In the center, the gleaming golden Mother of God statue stands guard on top of Mary's Column, and you can admire both the New and Old City Halls. The square is regularly the scene of great festivities, e.g. for Munich Christmas market or the jubilant celebrations that mark Bayern Munich's many soccer trophies.
- 2 Neues Rathaus (New City Hall)**  
The New City Hall is the stage for Munich's political goings-on. But for most visitors to Munich, the world-famous carillon is definitely more spectacular. Every day at 11 am and noon, and in summer at 5 pm as well, the Bavarian knight ceremoniously unhorses his rival with a lance, while the red-clad schäfflers start their traditional coopers' dance. From the tower you have an amazing view over the city.
- 3 Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady)**  
The Frauenkirche in the heart of the old town is one of Munich's best-known landmarks, as its twin towers with their striking domes are visible from far away. The church was completed in 1488 to plans by Munich's master builder Jörg von Halspach. The south tower can be reached via a lift and 89 steps.
- 4 Viktualienmarkt**  
What began over two centuries ago as a modest farmers' market has now developed into one of Munich's most popular foodie hotspots. With around 100 stalls, the market offers just about everything the heart desires – from bread, fruit and vegetables to the most exquisite delicacies. The beer garden in the center is an equally popular attraction.
- 5 "Alter Peter"**  
The view from St. Peter's church, affectionately dubbed "Alter Peter" by the locals, is a hard-earned highlight. To get to the viewing platform at the top of the 91-meter tower, you have to climb over

- 300 steps. But once there, you're rewarded with some of the most breathtaking views of Munich.
- 6 Hofbräuhaus**  
The Hofbräuhaus is probably the world's most famous beer hall – and played an important role on Munich's journey to becoming a beer city. Beer has been brewed there since 1607 and in 1828 it was officially designated a public beer hall. Since then, it has attracted tourists from all corners of the globe. Yet, it's not just a haven for visitors as around half the daily patrons are loyal regulars.
- 7 Residenz**  
Dukes, electors and kings: From 1508 to 1918, Bavaria's rulers controlled the destinies of their subjects from the Residenz. Today, it is Germany's largest inner-city palace and a unique opportunity to explore the splendors of past centuries.

- 8 National Theatre**  
The Bavarian State Opera can look back on over 350 years of history, which makes it one of the world's most tradition-rich opera houses. Together with the Bavarian State Ballet, it showcases its talent in the National Theatre on Max-Joseph-Platz. The National Theatre saw no fewer than five world premières of Wagner operas and still offers a brilliant program today.
- 9 Feldherrnhalle**  
The Field Marshal's Hall on Odeonsplatz is reminiscent of the Loggia dei Lanzi in Florence. This is no coincidence as King Ludwig I of Bavaria was an ardent admirer of Italian art and commissioned his court architect Friedrich von Gärtner to model the building on the Florentine original.

- 10 Theatinerkirche**  
With its ochre façade and magnificent interior, the Theatiner on Odeonsplatz is one of Munich's most beautiful churches – and the first High Baroque-style church north of the Alps.
- 11 Maximilianstraße**  
This is Munich's most exclusive street where almost all the world-famous labels in the fashion and jewelry industries are represented. Luxury is at home here – not least thanks to the street's city-center location and its magnificent architecture in the unique Maximilian style.

- 12 English Garden**  
The English Garden is not only one of the world's biggest urban parks but also Munich's green living room. The southern section is a popular meeting place while the serene northern section is a peaceful idyll. Why not enjoy watching the daredevil tricks of the surfers on the famous Eisbachwelle or socializing in one of the famous beer gardens!

- 13 Königsplatz**  
Antiquity in the center of Munich: At the beginning of the 19th century, the then Crown Prince and later King Ludwig I of Bavaria had Königsplatz constructed, with the inspiration coming, among other things, from the Acropolis in Athens. The square is framed by three magnificent buildings well worth seeing and visiting: the Propyläen, Glyptothek Art Gallery and State Antiquities' Collections.

- 14 Kunstareal**  
14 museums and exhibition centers, over 20 galleries, six universities, and numerous cultural institutions on an area of just 500 by 500 meters: This art quarter is one of Europe's largest and most exciting cultural centers. Among the most popular highlights are three art galleries: Alte Pinakothek, Pinakothek der Moderne and Lenbachhaus.

- 15 Olympic Park**  
Munich's Olympic Park is a prime example of successfully re-purposing an Olympic venue. The "Olympic spirit" of the 1972 Games still lingers in the air today, and in the Olympic Stadium, Munich's largest stage, you can experience thrilling open-air concerts.

- 16 BMW Welt**  
BMW Welt is not only a masterpiece of contemporary architecture; it also serves as the carmaker's experience center, for example. As one of the city's top attractions, it welcomes over three million visitors a year who come to explore the present and future of BMW-crafted mobility.

- 17 Allianz Arena**  
Only opened in 2005 but already a landmark, the Allianz Arena hosts top-class soccer games and the FC Bayern Museum. Designed by Herzog & de Meuron, the Arena has customized lighting for every occasion thanks to 300,000 LEDs and 16 million colors.

- 18 Deutsches Museum**  
Founded over a century ago with the aim of showcasing all technological breakthroughs, the Deutsches Museum now houses one of the world's most important scientific and technical collections.

- 19 Tierpark Hellabrunn (Hellabrunn Zoo)**  
When opened in 1911, this was one of the world's first geo-zoos. As the animals are arranged by continent, a walk through the zoo is like a fascinating trip around the world to discover 18,500 animals in a nature reserve right next to the River Isar.

- 20 Nymphenburg Palace**  
In the 18th and 19th centuries, Nymphenburg Palace was a summer residence for Bavaria's electors and kings. Today, the 180-hectare complex is one of Europe's most important palaces, with the fairy-tale-like park a special attraction.

## Good to know



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**Guest tickets:** With the München Card and the München City Pass, you can explore the city's cultural and leisure highlights in a relaxed and uncomplicated way. Also available with free travel on public transport!

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**Information and bookings:**  
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