



# simply Munich

## Destination Information



### **Mystery Metropolis: Munich City of Film and Television**

(29 July 2020) Even those who have never visited Munich in person know the city with its skyline marked by numerous church spires as site of various movies and television productions. Every day six or seven film crews work in the city, frequently together with superstars. Many of the scenes from the film “Snowden” for example, released in September 2016 and telling the story of famous whistleblower Edward Snowden, were filmed in Munich. A bicycle shop in the Lehel district was transformed into a gentleman’s club for the film.

#### **The History of Film in Munich**

Munich’s film history began with the local comedian and folk singer Karl Valentin. In 1913 he debuted in his first own film. In 1919 Peter Ostermayr founded his studio operation for the production of movies at Geiseltasteig in the south of Munich. His atelier would later become the Bavaria Film Studios – one of the largest film and television studios in Europe up to the present day. Many international directors have already worked in Munich. These include Stanley Kubrick, Wolfgang Petersen, Luchino Visconti and Orson Welles. National filmmakers such as Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Herbert Achternbusch, Helmut Dietl, Doris Dörrie, Caroline Link, Bernd Eichinger, Michael “Bully” Herbig and Marc Rothemund are closely linked to Munich.

### **Munich University for Television and Film (HFF)**

Since taking up research and teaching operations in 1967, the HFF Munich has been training tomorrow's cinema talents. Since September 2011 the Film University has been headquartered in a new building at the heart of the Munich Art District (Kunstareal). Its most famous graduates include Oscar winner Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck, Wim Wenders, Roland Emmerich, Dominik Graf, Mika Kaurismäki and Marcus Rosenmüller.

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

### **Filmstadt München e.V.**

The Filmstadt München e.V. is an association of 15 groups that promote the multi-faceted film culture in Munich. Off the beaten track of commercial cinema programs, films are screened which can otherwise be rarely seen. The Filmstadt members organize special movie days on a regular basis featuring films and documentations, for example, from Turkey, Greece and Latin America in the original language. Offers for children are designed to also familiarize them with the cinematic art in a targeted manner. [www.filmstadt-muenchen.de](http://www.filmstadt-muenchen.de)

### **Filmkulisse Bayern**

In February 2014 Bayern Tourismus Marketing GmbH and FilmFernsehFonds Bayern GmbH formed the cooperation "Filmkulisse Bayern" (Film Set Bavaria). This initiative provides services for both the tourism and the film industry and has the objective of promoting synergies between these two business sectors. On its homepage, movie lovers can obtain information about the locations of their favorite films and series. The film imagery provides concurrent PR support for the holiday region of Bavaria and encourages spectators to do some "set-jetting" to the film locations. The homepage also provides filmmakers with a database of motifs which presents numerous film locations in Bavaria and is expanded on an ongoing basis.

[www.bayern.by/filmkulisse-bayern](http://www.bayern.by/filmkulisse-bayern)

## Visitor Highlights about the Topic of Film

### The Bavaria Film Studios

There is no need to travel to Hollywood to experience great cinema. At the Bavaria Film Studios numerous movie classics, also of international renown, have their origin. During guided tours visitors can experience the oppressive narrowness and cramped feeling inside a submarine in the original set of the anti-war classic "The Boat"; they can take a seat on the same sofa that took the crew in the film "(T)raumschiff Surprise" through outer space. Other productions from the Bavaria Film Studios include "The NeverEnding Story" and more recent blockbusters such as "Ludwig II" and "Vicky and the Treasure of the Gods". At the "Bullyversum", movie star Michael "Bully" Herbig explains the path from a first film idea to a smash hit on the screen. Special effects such as gusts of wind and moving rows of chairs are the attractions of the 4-D motion simulation cinema. The experience comprising 432 loudspeakers leaves a great impression when sounds are represented with unprecedented breadth, depth and clarity.

[www.filmstadt.de](http://www.filmstadt.de)

### Guided Film Set Tours

Where was Helmut Fischer sauntering in Munich; where was Meister Eder's workshop and where are the police officers Bartl and Kandler from the television series "München 7" chasing criminals? Sebastian Kuboht knows the answers. He offers guided tours to various film locations in Munich including customized visits to specific sites of films and TV series.

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

A video bus tour titled "Filmstadt München" (Film City Munich) is offered by the company "videoBustour München" <https://videosightseeing.de/stadtrundfahrt-muenchen/>

### **The Munich Film Museum**

The Film Museum within the Münchner Stadtmuseum (Municipal Museum) is a place for the science and research of film which is dedicated to the collection, conservation and restoration of works of German and international film history. The in-house movie theater presents a different program each day featuring film series and retrospectives as well as silent movies accompanied by live music and talks with filmmakers.

[www.muenchner-stadtmuseum.de/film/filmreihen.html](http://www.muenchner-stadtmuseum.de/film/filmreihen.html)

### **Open-Air Cinemas in Munich**

(Please find the dates on the respective websites)

Kino Open Air at Königsplatz square

[www.kinoopenair.de](http://www.kinoopenair.de)

Open-air cinema in Westpark

[www.kino-mond-sterne.de](http://www.kino-mond-sterne.de)

Open-air cinema at the slaughterhouse

[www.viehhof-kino.de](http://www.viehhof-kino.de)

Cinema at Lake Olympiasee

[www.kinoamolympiasee.de](http://www.kinoamolympiasee.de)

Fresh-air cinema

EineWeltHaus

<http://www.einewelthaus.de>

## Film Festivals

### Munich Film Festival

The Munich Film Festival is Germany's most renowned summer film festival and presents world premieres as well as ones from Europe and Germany. About 200 films are screened in nine days. The event attracts approximately 65,000 visitors every year. About 600 film journalists and more than 1,000 trade visitors use the Munich Film Festival as meeting point of the industry.

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

### DOK.fest Munich

The DOK.fest Munich is an international audience festival for full-length artistic documentary films – the Munich cinema event in spring attracting up to 20,000 visitors. Once a year this “Best-of” festival presents more than 100 films of international importance of the previous year. The DOK.fest Munich focuses on current movies about contemporary, topical subjects and supports “BEST.DOKS” - Unrecht braucht Zeugen (injustice needs witnesses), a series of current documentaries about human rights.

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

### International Festival of Film Schools

The International Festival of Film Schools was first organized in 1981. Ever since it has ranked among the most important festivals of young talent in the world. About 3,500 films have been screened since the inauguration of the festival. More than 3,200 international students and professors have met here to discuss ideas and exchange experiences.

[www.filmschoolfest-munich.de](http://www.filmschoolfest-munich.de)

### Fantasy Film Festival

From cult to occult, from drenched in blood to dry humor: The Fantasy Film Festival

presents the evil, weird and fantastical in plentiful manifestations from the entire world of cinema. The cross-section of horror, science fiction and animation featured by the Fantasy Film Festival has long enthralled aficionados of the genre. The spectators also have their say: At the end of the festival the audience prize “The Fresh Blood Award” is presented.

[www.fantasyfilmfest.com](http://www.fantasyfilmfest.com)

### **Munich Art Film Weeks**

The Munich Art Film Weeks are an invitation to see cinema in August with different eyes. The event was founded by the movie theater operator Fritz Falter 60 years ago with the goal to bridge the “cinema summer drought” in August with a special summer program. Up to the present day the Film Art Weeks have been an initiative of the Munich Film Art Cinema.

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

### **Munich Film Festivals at a Glance:**

<http://www.muenchen.de/rathaus/Stadtverwaltung/Kulturreferat>

## **Background**

München Tourismus is the city's central tourist organisation and is part of the City of Munich's Department of Labour and Economic Development. München Tourismus works with its business partners in the private sector and the tourist organisation München TIM e.V. to develop marketing and PR campaigns and tourism products in a bid to establish Munich as a destination on the international travel market. The strategy for achieving this aim is defined by the Tourismskommission München, a joint undertaking between the city council and the local tourist industry.

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