10 Golden Rules for the Oktoberfest

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

1. Backbags and large bags are generally prohibited at the Oktoberfest. Leave any non-essential items at home. You will be able to enter the Oktoberfest faster if you do not bring bags or backpacks.

2. Any bags or backbags brought along must not exceed a volume of three litres or a size of 20 cm x 15 cm x 10 cm.

3. Even if they fit in the smallest bag, the following items are 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 prohibited.

4. Children’s prams are not permitted on the site all day on Saturdays, Monday, 02 October and Tuesday, 03 October. Prams are also not allowed on the grounds after 6 pm on all other days. Security personnel may inspect prams.

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. If possible, find alternative transportation to underground lines U4 and U6 and Theresienwiese station. If you arrive at the central railway station, you can also walk to the Oktoberfest. If you are travelling by subway from the west, get off at Schwabmühlestrasse if possible. You can also use the underground (U-Bahn) lines 3 and 6, stops Goetheplatz and Poccistrasse.

8. Use all entrances around the Oktoberfest grounds.

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

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

Opening Ceremonies

The Grand Entrance of the Oktoberfest Landlords and Breweries
Saturday, 16 September 2023, beginning at 10.45 am

The grand entrance of the breweries and landlords serves as the opening ceremony of the Oktoberfest. The exciting hour-long procession is led 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, 17 September 2023, beginning at 10 am

On the first Sunday of the Oktoberfest, the world-renowned costume parade takes its route from the Munich city centre to Theresienwiese. A multitude of traditional costume groups, marching bands, amateur and mountain troops from Munich, the surrounding area, Bavaria and all over Europe present themselves in this two-hour parade. Both processions take place in all weathers. www.festring.de

Open-Air Concert of the Oktoberfest Bands
Sunday, 24 September 2023, 11 am

Theresienwiese in front of the Bavaria statue

Victory Celebration with Gun Salute
Tuesday, 03 October 2023, from 12 noon

Victory celebration and prize giving ceremony for the Oktoberfest shooting competition with a gun salute at the Bavaria statue

Oktoberfest Accessibility

www.muenchen-tourismus-barrierefrei.de

Guided Tour of the Oktoberfest

O’zapft is! The keg is tapped! Let’s start the Oktoberfest!

Are you a newbie to the Oktoberfest or a seasoned Wiesn fan? Either way - let us surprise you, because a tour with our guides is just as interesting for experienced Oktoberfest visitors as it is for newcomers. Even if you have taken the traditional toboggan or crinoline rides many times before, you can look forward to funny anecdotes and interesting incidents that have happened in the long history of the showmen at the Oktoberfest.

You’ll also hear interesting background stories, historical facts and exciting tales about the large and small Oktoberfest tents and their landlords. If the crowds are not too big, the guide will also take you into one of the large beer tents so you can experience the unique festival atmosphere live. Join us on a guided tour of the Oktoberfest grounds!

Information and booking: www.simply-munich.com/oktoberfest-tour or in the tourist information centres

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A Cordial Welcome to the Oktoberfest 2023

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

“O’zapft is!” – “the keg is tapped!” exclaims Munich’s Lord Mayor after punctually tapping the first beer barrel at 12 noon on Saturday, 16 September 2023, officially opening the 188th Munich Oktoberfest.

Regular visitors look forward the entire year to Wiesn delicacies such as ox roasted on a spit, roast chicken, keaver 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-boasting 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 Wiesn bands play Bavarian folk music to provide a perfectly relaxed and tranquil start to the day at the Oktoberfest.

Opening Hours

Oktoberfest
Mon-Fr 10 am to 11.30 pm, Sat, Sun, holidays 9 am to 11.30 pm, free admission

“Killer Wiesn-Schänke” and the “Wiesnzauber” are open until 1 am.

Access to the festival site is free.

Oide Wiesn festival site
10 am to 11.30 pm
Stalls and fairground rides: 10 am to 10.30 pm
Drinks served: 10 am to 9.30 pm
Fee: € 4 (free from 9 pm)
(Free for children under the age of 14, Same-day entry permitted, discounted fares for the rides)

Beer tents
On Saturdays, festival tents are often closed in the morning due to overcrowding. We recommend visiting during the quieter times of the week, Monday to Thursday before 6 pm.

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List of the reservation addresses is available at www.oktoberfest.de.

How to Get there

Public Transport
There are no parking facilities near the Oktoberfest grounds!
You can reach the Oktoberfest quickly and safely by subway, suburban train, bus or tram, without worrying about parking or alcohol levels.

Oktoberfest Poster 2023 – available at tourist information centres and at www.einfach-muenchen.de/shop

Other

Service Center Theresienwiese (SZT)
Festival management, lost property office, first aid, police, baby nursing room „Safe Space“ for women and girls, consumer protection.

Official information stalls on the festival grounds: General tourist information about Munich and the Oktoberfest.

Additional baby nursing facilities are available at the SZT (festgestaltung entrance), at Familienplatz (straße 3, see map) and at some children’s carousels.

Luggage storage facilities are located at entrances P2, P5, P8 and P10.

München Tourismus
Tourist Information Centre at the Main Train Station (Hauptbahnhof - Luisenstraße 1) and at the New Town Hall (Marienplatz 8)

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With discounts for fairground attractions, admissions and products
Tuesday, 19 and 26 September 2023 until 7 pm respectively