

Local Love Munich

Tips for Munich's neighbourhoods

Discover Munich through its neighbourhoods



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Art and culture everywhere



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In the belly of the city



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The Alte Pinakothek is only one of the eighteen museums in the Kunstareal



Out and about in Theresienstraße



At the Viktualienmarkt

Frauenkirche, Allianz Arena, Englischer Garten: Taking in one highlight after another is probably the most spectacular way to get to know Munich. But landmark hopping has one small drawback – there are fewer opportunities to leave the beaten track and immerse yourself in the life of the city beyond the hustle and bustle. This guide will encourage you to do things differently and discover Munich through four specially selected neighbourhoods. It is these different districts that make Munich what it is – a city that is more than the sum of its parts, lives from its endearing idiosyncrasies and exciting contrasts, is both a booming metropolis and a million-people-village, venerable yet familiar, sometimes loud and colourful – and, of course, a bit trendy as well. Take a deep dive into each district and discover what makes Munich so special!



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A voyage of discovery through four neighbourhoods

Did you know?

Medieval Munich was divided into four parts, which is why we speak of the city's districts.



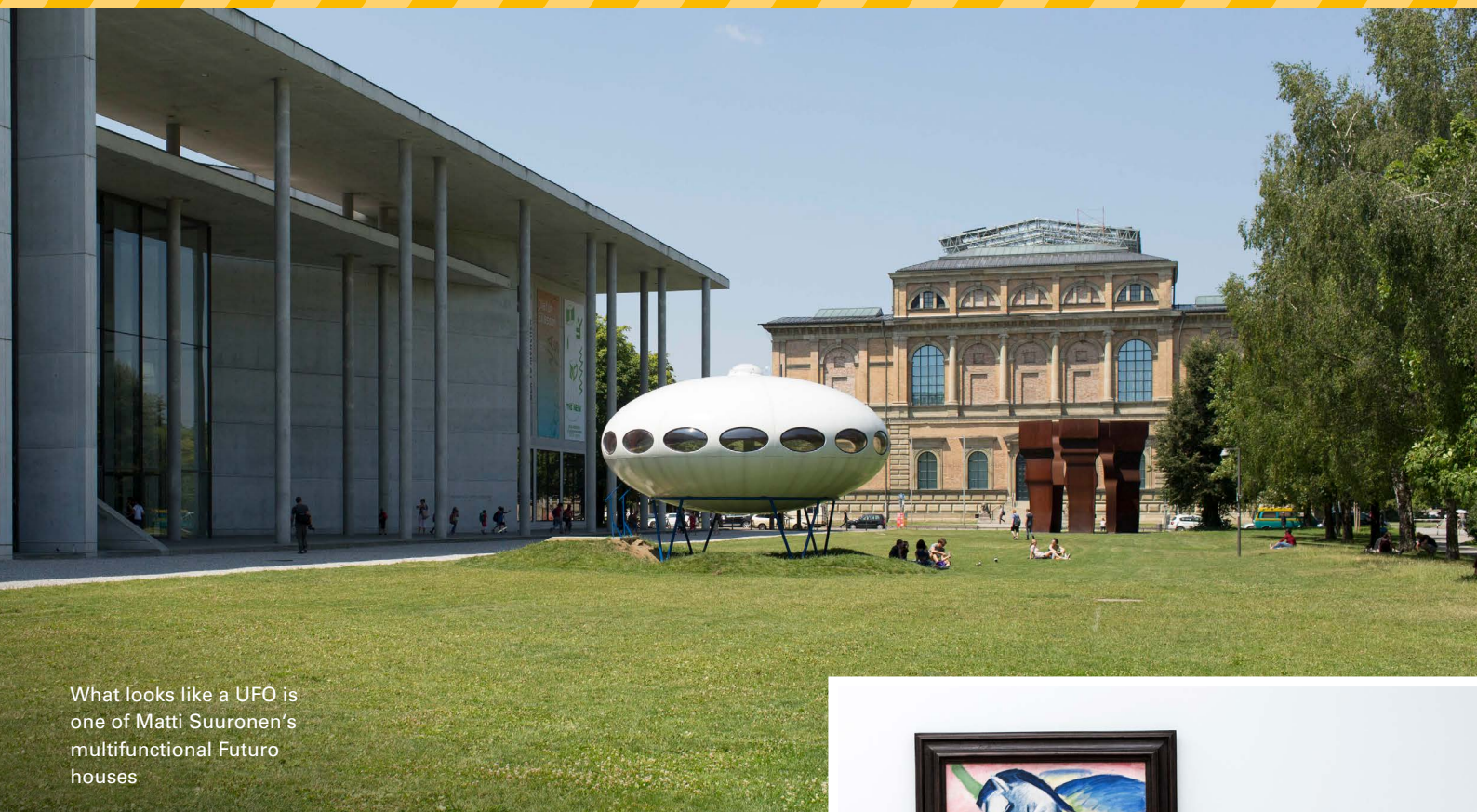
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District 1

Kunstareal

Art and culture everywhere

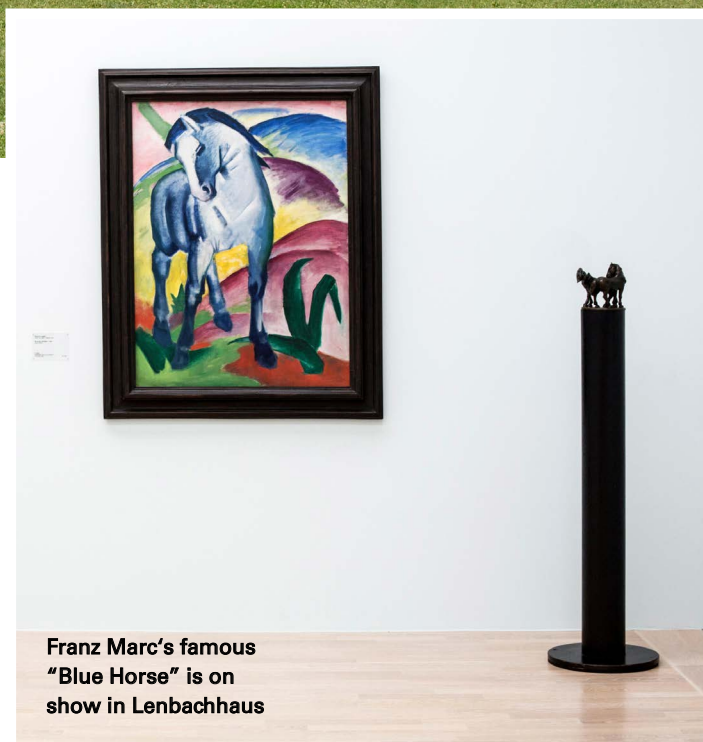


What looks like a UFO is one of Matti Suuronen's multifunctional Futuro houses

The Kunstareal 5,000 years of art history

Munich's museum district boasts a unique concentration of high-calibre museums and art galleries. And as if that weren't enough, Kunstareal is embedded in the vibrant Maxvorstadt district. Its universities, boutiques, spacious green spaces and historic cafés will tempt you to stroll round, stop off and enjoy life. However, the main attraction is still the art itself. With 18 museums and exhibition halls, 42 art galleries and many other cultural institutions, Kunstareal is one of Europe's most important cultural locations – and all this in less than a district of a square mile! What better place to be inspired by art than here?

[Website](#)



Franz Marc's famous "Blue Horse" is on show in Lenbachhaus



Even more tips

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The Glyptothek is the only museum in the world that exhibits nothing but art of the ancient world.



Sights

Definitely worth a visit:

- ◆ Naked Greeks in perpetuity: On view in the Glyptothek at **Königsplatz**.
[Website](#)
- ◆ **Ludwig Maximilian University** – one of the world's top places to study.
[Website](#)



Cultural highlights

Worth seeing:

- ◆ **Studio Isabella**, a traditional cinema since 1919, regularly shows original films.
[Website](#)
- ◆ Connecting peoples: Exhibitions or panel discussions at **Amerikahaus Munich**.
[Website](#)



Food and drink

Delicious Highlights:

- ◆ **Café: Café Jasmin**
Vegan omelette? Get it here. And the most comfortable sofas at Steinheilstraße 20.
[Website](#)
- ◆ **Inn: Augustiner Keller**
A neighbourhood inn - just the way the people of Munich love it: Görresstraße 38.
[Website](#)



Typical for the district

Not to be missed:

- ◆ Visiting all the museums in the district takes a lot of time. Why not start with one of the three **Pinakothek** museums.
[Website](#)
- ◆ A place of remembrance: **NS Documentation Centre** at the former site of the Nazi party headquarters.
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Shopping

Great souvenirs:

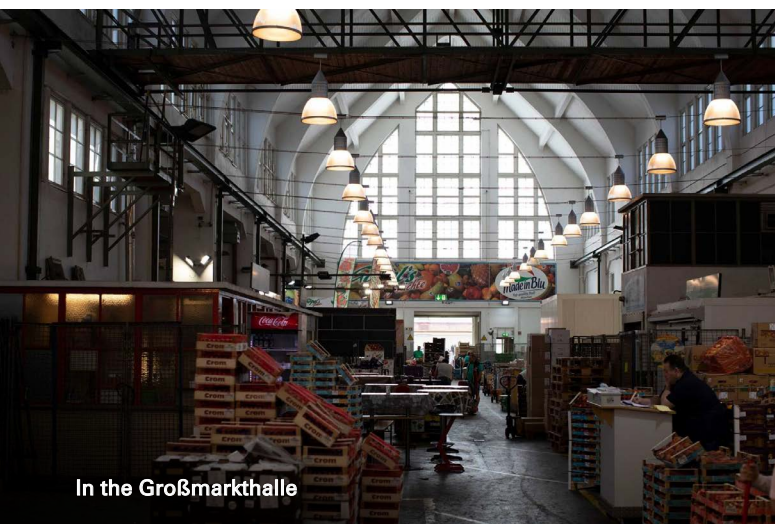
- ◆ **Fashion: A Kind of Guise**
Bavarian fashion with a British touch: Adalbertstraße 41b.
[Website](#)
- ◆ **Bakery: Julius Brantner**
Fresh bread from a real master: Nordendstraße 23.
[Website](#)



The rotunda of the Pinakothek der Moderne



Alte Utting is a bar, café and beer garden – and probably the most unusual roof terrace in the city



In the Großmarkthalle

Schlachthofviertel

Unembellished and hip

Munich's most turbulent, wildest and, at the same time, most authentic district not only has a lively underground cultural scene, but still has a slaughterhouse with a working infrastructure of suppliers and wholesalers. As a result, this district has retained its rolled-up-sleeves charm to this day. But at the same time, upheaval is everywhere to be seen. With large sites repeatedly becoming vacant in recent years, this district is changing fast and attracting creative and young people in particular. The outcome is the city's the most colourful cultural landscape!

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Munich's longest legal graffiti wall is in the Schlachthof district.



Sights

Definitely worth a visit:

- ◆ An old excursion steamboat hoisted onto a railway bridge? Welcome to **Alte Utting!**

[Website](#)

- ◆ The alternative cultural project and event location: **Bahnwärter Thiel.**

[Website](#)



Food and drink

Delicious Highlights:

- ◆ **Inn: Gaststätte am Großmarkt**
Munich cuisine from a historical cookbook: Kochelseestraße 13.

[Website](#)

- ◆ **Upmarket: Atlantik Fischrestaurant**
Where the sea comes to Munich: Zenettistraße 12.

[Website](#)



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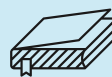
Great souvenirs:

- ◆ **Butcher's: Magnus Bauch**
Sausages made to Munich and international recipes: Thalkirchner Straße 61-65.

[Website](#)

- ◆ **Risography: Herr & Frau Rio**
Stationery at its best. Häberlstraße 24.

[Website](#)



Cultural highlights

Worth seeing:

- ◆ Experience the excellent acoustics of a concert in the **Isarphilharmonie.**

[Website](#)

- ◆ Plays, concerts and readings in the new **Volkstheater**, the district's most spectacular new building.

[Website](#)



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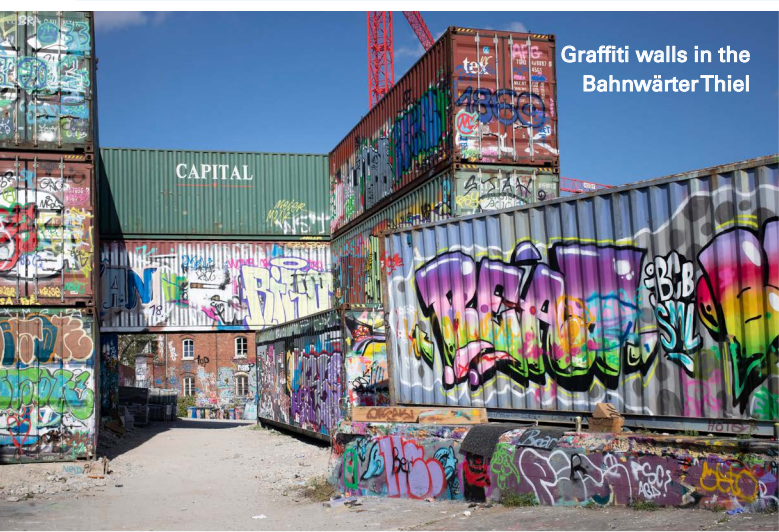
Not to be missed:

- ◆ Taste delicious **craft beer** (e.g. Frisches Bier, Hop Dog, Bierkiste, True Brew, Geyerwally).

[Website](#)

- ◆ Enjoy the impressively colourful hustle and bustle on a **guided tour of the Großmarkthalle**, one of Europe's largest wholesale markets.

[Website](#)



Graffiti walls in the Bahnwärter Thiel

District 3

Altstadt

Real life in the centre



There is always something going on at Karlsplatz Stachus in front of the Karlsruhtor

Altstadt

The bustling, beautiful city centre

Much like in other major European cities, Munich's Old Town feels like a city within the city. That's why when the locals make a weekend pilgrimage to the city centre, they say, „I'm going into town“, where they stroll through the Viktualienmarkt, run errands in one of the traditional department stores or pop into one of the cosy inns. Join the people of Munich and discover the pedestrian zones, long-established shops and spectacular sights!

[Website](#)



Probably Munich's most popular snack: the pretzel



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The south tower of the Frauenkirche is 12 cm smaller.



Sights

Definitely worth a visit:

- ◆ The **Marienplatz** in front of the **Neues Rathaus** is the heart of the city centre. Don't miss the **Glockenspiel** at 11 am or 12 noon.

[Website](#)

- ◆ Probably the city's most famous landmark: the **Frauenkirche**. Book a spectacular trip up the tower.

[Website](#)



Food and drink

Delicious Highlights:

- ◆ **Delicatessen: Dallmayr**
The best of Munich and the world:
Dienerstraße 14 - 15.

[Website](#)

- ◆ **Inn: Hofbräuhaus**
The world's most famous inn – raise your mugs at Platzl 9.

[Website](#)



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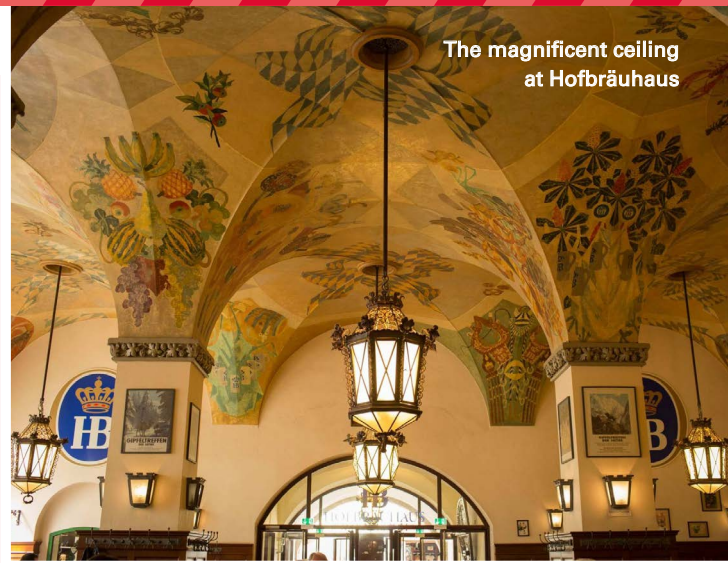
Great souvenirs:

- ◆ **Fashion: Hirmer**
From high fashion to chic clothes in the typical regional style: Kaufingerstraße 28.

[Website](#)

- ◆ **Royal Bavarian Court Purveyors**
Top merchandise - from porcelain to perfume - since the days of the Bavarian monarchy.

[Website](#)



The magnificent ceiling at Hofbräuhaus



Cultural highlights

Worth seeing:

- ◆ Discover the **Residenz**, Germany's largest inner-city palace, on a guided tour of the Treasury.

[Website](#)

- ◆ Discover the Munich way of life on a visit to the **Beer- and Oktoberfest Museum**.

[Website](#)



Typical for the district

Not to be missed:

- ◆ Enjoy the city's typical delicacies on a tasting tour of the **Viktualienmarkt**.

[Website](#)

- ◆ Stroll along Munich's most exclusive street with almost all luxury labels represented on **Maximilianstraße**.

[Website](#)

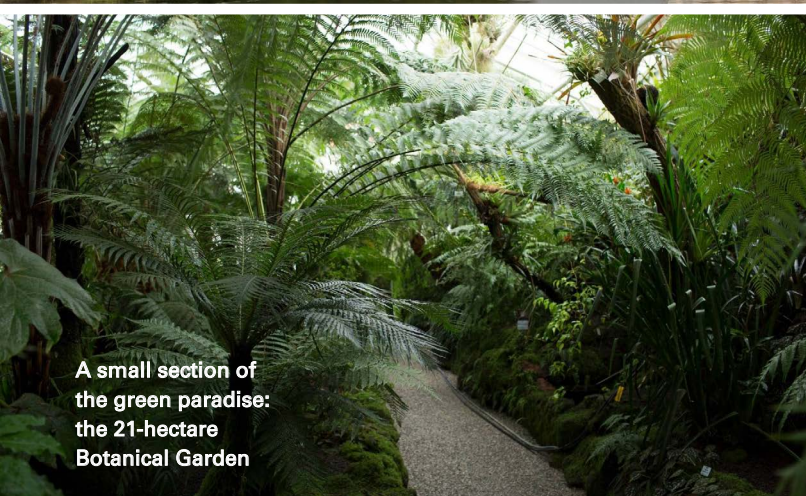
District 4

Neuhausen-Nymphenburg

A royal green neighbourhood



Nymphenburg Palace is like a fairy tale in any season



A small section of the green paradise: the 21-hectare Botanical Garden



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Neuhausen-Nymphenburg

The green district in the west

Nymphenburg Palace and its park are among Munich's top sights. But the charisma of the Bavarian royals' summer residence actually extends far beyond the palace walls. The entire neighbourhood is a fairy-tale residential area with impressive villas and old buildings from the Wilhelminian period, small shops and lively

cafés. Half the properties in Neuhausen are listed buildings or ensembles. Besides enjoying this relaxed atmosphere, there's lots of other things to discover as well – the green paradise of the Botanical Garden, various museums and the largest beer garden in Bavaria. Welcome to a neighbourhood full of light and air!

[Website](#)



King Ludwig II was born
in Nymphenburg Palace.



Sights

Definitely worth a visit:

- ◆ Discover the beauty of **Nymphenburg Palace** on a guided tour of the extensive palace grounds.

[Website](#)

- ◆ A green oasis with no less than 14,000 plant species: the **Botanical Garden**.

[Website](#)



Cultural highlights

Worth seeing:

- ◆ **Herz-Jesu Church** is the city's most modern Catholic church with outstanding contemporary architecture.

[Website](#)

- ◆ Discover the world of natural history in the **Museum Mensch und Natur** – great for the whole family!

[Website](#)



Food and drink

Delicious Highlights:

- ◆ **Café: Ruffini**
Top-quality wines and cakes:
Orffstraße 22 - 24.

[Website](#)

- ◆ **Café: Schloss Café in the Palmenhaus**
Possibly the best cream puffs in town:
Nymphenburg Palace 43.

[Website](#)



Typical for the district

Not to be missed:

- ◆ Tranquil **Volkartstraße** is almost too good to be true – and counts as one of Munich's very special streets.

[Website](#)

- ◆ In **Hirschgarten** you'll not only find chilled beer and fine Bavarian specialities, but also a game preserve.

[Website](#)



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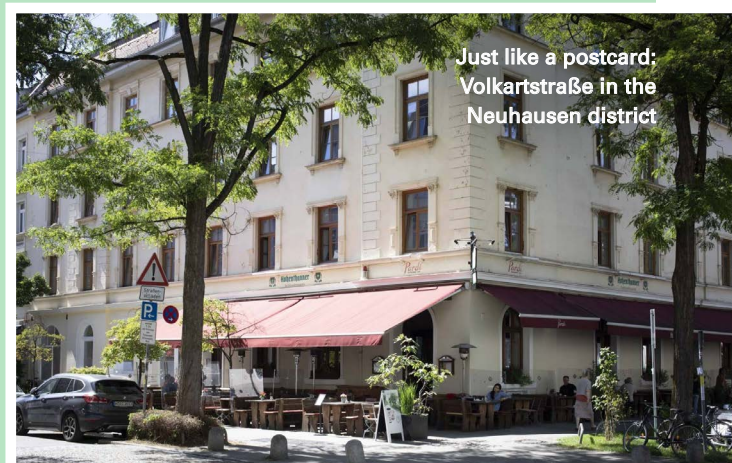
Great Souvenirs:

- ◆ **Nymphenburg Porcelain Manufactory**
More beautiful than grandma's sideboard:
Nördliches Schlossrondell 8.

[Website](#)

- ◆ **Teegalerie**
Fine teas and accessories
Wendl-Dietrich Straße 7.

[Website](#)



Just like a postcard:
Volkartstraße in the
Neuhausen district

Overview

Other districts

From chic to multiculti



Schwabing

Living nostalgia

The heyday of Schwabing's bohemian scene began around 1900 with artists and literary figures settling around the University and the Art Academy. They shaped the spirit of Schwabing. To this day, you can still say that „Schwabing is not a place, but a state of mind,“ as the writer Franziska zu Reventlow put it a century ago.

[Website](#)



Bahnhofsviertel

Colourful and lively

Munich's Bahnhofsviertel stands for multiculti coexistence, interesting eating places, young artists and art galleries. So it's quite different from the rest of the city. Take a round-the-world trip around the main station.

[Website](#)

Giesing

A working-class district in transition

Giesing is a truly authentic neighbourhood where they avoid new-fangled things, go to the Boazn (the Munich-style pub) in the evening and flock to the stadium on Saturdays – but for 1860, not Bayern Munich. Yet this district is incredibly lively and diverse – with exciting breweries and bistros, alternative cultural projects and open-air concerts.

[Website](#)



Football club 1860 München is at home at Grünwalder Stadion





Haidhausen

A village in the city

Pariser Platz, Orleansplatz, Sedanstraße, Bordeaux-Platz: you might even think you're in France when you're strolling through Haidhausen. Interestingly enough, the locals also refer to this part of the city with its captivating mix of glamorous cosmopolitan flair and village character as the “French District”. Here, they know how to appreciate quality without being boastful – and thus maybe comes closest to the Munich lifestyle, with its coziness and diversity.

[Website](#)



Guided tours

Every district is its own world

Discover Munich's great diversity on a two-hour guided tour through one of the city's exciting districts. Want to dive even deeper? Just book one of these tours:

- ◆ **Hofbräuhaus Tour**
A look behind the scenes with beer tasting
[Website](#)
- ◆ **Third Reich Tour**
Munich's Role in the Third Reich
[Website](#)
- ◆ **New Town Hall Tour**
Discover the New Town Hall
[Website](#)
- ◆ **City Bike and Englischer Garten**
Explore Munich in a different way
[Website](#)
- ◆ **Dachau Memorial Tour**
Visit the grounds of the concentration camp
[Website](#)



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