

Munich -- Charming Capital Of Bavaria
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Munich (German: *München*) is one of the chief well-liked travel destinations situated in the German state of Bavaria (*Bayern*). It is **Germany's second most popular destination** after Berlin.

It was established by Henry the Lion in the year 1158. In 1255 it was selected as the dwelling of the Wittelsbach family, the dukes of Bavaria and afterward developed into capital of the dukedom.

Throughout the Thirty Years War, Munich was engaged by Gustavus II of Sweden. Under the rule of Louis I, Maximilian II, and Louis II, it developed into a educational and artistic center. It further played a very important position in the growth of the 19th- and 20th-century German painting.

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The city is positioned very close to the German Alps. The metropolis is overflowed by thousands of informal and

dedicated beer drinkers. If this sounds like a paradise to you, by all means go and take advantage of it!

It has a reason this amazingly attractive 850-year old city is the residence of the worldwide well-known **Oktoberfest**. But don't think Oktoberfest is the main occasion Munich celebrates. The pre-Lenten carnival or *Fasching* is evenly well-liked.

Or what about the opera festival, which was started in 1875. This festival is celebrated in every June/July. Munich opera fair has been an exclusive occasion for locals and tourists from all around the country to experience a broad variety of operatic works at the newest making and festival premieres.

Visit wonderful places like the **Nymphenburg castle**, a great baroque 17th-century palace. Or the Olympic Center, which is located towards the north of the city and was mainly built for the 1972 Olympics.

Munich has no scarcity of magnificent green spaces. The *Englischer Garten* (English Garden) is **a very pleasant place to calm down** and watch people taking their walks or tan in the sun. In the middle of the gardens are the *Kleinhesseloher*, notice a little pond with a snack bar that serves food and drink, and a Chinese Tower and a Greek temple which is known as Monopteros.

By the way, the most spectacular view of the city can be enjoyed from that Monopteros hill, the highest point in the garden.

Did You Know That...

Munich is residence to a number of professional football teams, including the most well-known club, FC Bayern.

BMW, yes that car company, has its International Headquarters here in Munich.

The Munich International Airport Franz Josef Strauß [MUC] is

Germany's second largest one (after Frankfurt).