

Eching (Freising) Offers All Natural Fun In Munich's Suburbs

Eching (Freising) is one of [Munich](#)'s better kept secrets. Though it functions as an independent community, it is connected to the larger town by the S-Bahn, with trains running every 20 minutes. Thus, if you want to slip out of Munich for a natural get away, Eching is *the* place.

This is not to imply that it's a parkland outpost. Quite the opposite! It's a longstanding community with a 1300 year old history.

Eching was incorporated into its present state in the 1990's, granting it six smaller villages. Thus, when you get off the train you can immediately take your pick of cultured town squares and cobbled streets of boutiques for browsing.

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The summer months bring lots of locals flocking into the area because of the Echinger See and recreation area. Created in the 1960's, it offers swimming from May 15th – September 15th. You can also do light hiking in the nature park, play volleyball on the beach courts, or simply lay around and soak up the south German sun away from the hustle and bustle of urban life.

In the winter months, the action moves back into the main town area. Eching has a community Cabaret hall that puts on a number of seasonal productions. The Christmas market, though smaller than Munich's, offers excellent hand crafts without the big crowds.

Traditional shopping in Eching is about 15 minutes walk north of the main rail station. There is a large retail park with flagship shopping, and you will also see outposts from Ikea, BMW, and the headquarters for Alpine Germany.

If all the playing and shopping wears you out, no matter what season you arrive here, be sure to have a beer. Eching borders the *Hallertau*, the world's largest hops growing region. This means that the local breweries are well-supplied for experiments, so you will find unique and delicious [German beers](#) to sample on every visit!