

Garching bei München -- Location Is What Makes Good, Great!

Garching bei München is a small suburb of [Munich](#) along the River [Isar](#) in [Upper Bavaria](#).

To be frank, this hamlet is overshadowed by the much bigger city to the south. That said, its close proximity to Munich (and [Dachau](#)) makes just a good town, great.

As in complete [Bavarian](#) tradition, Garching takes pride in its beer gardens. You'll find one sitting quietly under some chestnut trees, the other near the former mill in the *Mühlenpark*. Because of Bavaria's snowy winters, these two famous beer gardens are only open from March to October.

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For other types of refreshments, you'll find many great street cafes in Garching's pedestrian zone. If you want to eat like a local try some traditional Bavarian food like white sausages eaten with sweet mustard and pretzels.

For cultural entertainment Garching's Community Center is the place to be with many ballet, opera, and concerts held here throughout the year.

For some outside entertainment, get over to *Garchinger See* and the chance to enjoy the Bavarian countryside. Take a swim, play some beach volleyball, enjoy barbecue, and have a jolly good time!

The farmer's market in Garching is held every Wednesday afternoon and Saturday mornings, often with some kind of entertainment going on. The best is the *Garchinger Bürgerwoche* (Garching Citizen Week) with many cultural and sporting activities — usually held the first week of July.

The Autumn Festival is held every two years in September with much fanfare in Garching's pedestrian district and at the community center. Of course, if it's an off year in Garching there's always nearby Munich holding its two week long Oktoberfest at the end of September.

When you come to Garching you'll be central to some of the most cultural and historic sites in all of Bavaria. Guess that's what makes a good town, great!