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## **Oktoberfest and Bavaria Tour**

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, October 1st, 2025.

Tour meets and ends in Munich, Germany.

Spend 7 days exploring the Bavarian region of Germany in a small group setting. We love beer, history, architecture and German culture so we've combined those ingredients into a fun and fascinating tour. We'll take in some of the region's most charming and historic sites...and we're going to try their local flavor of beer, too! No matter where you go in Bavaria, there is a beer garden or beerhall nearby to quench our thirst and fill our bellies while out touring for the day. After acquainting ourselves with Bamberg and other parts of Bavaria for four days, the trip will reach it's pinnacle with two days at THE Oktoberfest in Munich!

We've partnered with local guides to build a custom beer and history tour experience that will give our guests the types of fun, beer, food and culture they've come to expect from Drinkable Destinations.

**This will definitely be an experience to mark off your "bucket list"!**

Now, let's get to the fun stuff with the run down on the tour.

## **Highlights:**

- 2 days of table reservations at THE Oktoberfest in Munich
- An “Oktoberfest Walking Tour” of Munich and Weisswurst breakfast at Schneider Bräuhaus guided by The Thirsty Historian
- Lodging at the historic Fässla Brewery and Hotel in Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage city
- Danube River Gorge cruise and visit to Kloster Weltenburg, a 1,000 year old abbey and brewery within the walls of the canyon
- Visit to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a charming medieval walled city
- Historic city and Rauchbiers walking tour of Bamberg
- A “Welcome to Munich” dinner at Augustiner Keller with an exclusive barrel tapping

## **Full itinerary:**

### **DAY 1 Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Meet in Munich,** check in at hotel in Bamberg.

**Evening:** Introduction and welcome group dinner at Fässla Brewery and Hotel. Stay in Bamberg.

### **Day 2 (Friday):**

**Morning:** Mid-morning meet up for a walking tour with history and beer through the old town of Bamberg. Learn about the history of the city, view the iconic Altes Rathaus over the River Regnitz, visit the renowned Rauchbier brewery and restaurant Schlenkerla and other local brewpubs.

**Afternoon:** Group lunch and continue with another visit to a local brewpub.

**Evening:** Free. Stay in Bamberg.

### **Day 3 (Saturday):**

**Morning:** Private transport to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Group lunch in Rothenburg.

**Afternoon:** Guided walking tour of the medieval, walled city of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Free time to explore before a return to Bamberg late afternoon/early evening.

**Evening:** Free. Stay in Bamberg.

### **Day 4 (Sunday):**

**Morning:** Group transfer via private coach to Munich with a stop in Kelheim.

**Afternoon:** River Cruise through the Danube River gorge to Kloster Weltenburg, a 1,000 year old monastery and brewery deep within the gorge. Lunch and beer sampling at the Klosterschenke Weltenburg, the restaurant on site. Travel to Munich

**Evening:** Arrive and stay in Munich.

**Day 5 (Monday):**

**Oktoberfest Day 1!**

**Morning:** The full Thirsty Historian Oktoberfest Tour with Weissfurst frühstück at Schneider Bräuhaus, history tour of old town Munich with Hofbräu Haus and Paulaner Microbrewery.

**Afternoon:** Mid-day reservations at Oktoberfest including two liters of beer and a meal.

**Evening:** Free. Stay in Munich.

**Day 6: (Tuesday)**

**Free Day to explore Munich area attractions.**

Pursue visiting attractions specific to your interests such as local museums, the Dachau Memorial Site, Neuschwanstein Castle, Andechs Monastery Brewery (Kloster Andechs) or a visit to an Alpen village like Garmisch Partenkirchen or Mittenwald. All of these destinations can be reached by train or bus from Munich. We'd be happy to give recommendations and advice on traveling!

**Evening:** Stay in Munich.

**Day 7 (Wednesday):**

**Oktoberfest Day 2!**

**Morning:** Free until late morning or mid-day.

**Late Morning/Early Afternoon:** Tent reservations at Oktoberfest with a meal and two liters of beer.

**Evening:** Free, Stay in Munich.

**Rates:**

**\$4900/person based on double occupancy lodging.**

**\$1300 single supplement for solo travelers.**

**Pricing may fluctuate with the extreme fluctuations in exchange rate.**

**Deposit:**

**\$1200/person**

**Fully refundable until 6/20/25 or 97 days prior to the tour departure date.**

**Included in the tour price:**

- All breakfasts and at least seven (7) meals, as described in the itinerary.
- Seven (7) nights of lodging in nice, centrally located hotels.
- Ground transportation via train and private coach, as described in the itinerary.
- All drinks and beer during group meals and tours, as described in the itinerary.
- All tours, attractions and admissions, as described in the itinerary.
- Local Tour Guide and/or Drinkable Destinations Escort during all structured tour days.
- All taxes and tips on all included hotels, meals, guide services and transportation.

**Not included in the tour price:**

- Airfare and other transportation to the tour starting point and from the tour ending point.
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Personal expenses such as laundry and phone calls.
- Shopping purchases including Dirndl and Lederhosen outfits.
- Expenses for any activities not included in the itinerary.
- Passport or visa fees.
- Travel insurance coverage to cover tour cancellation or interruption, lost luggage, accidental death, medical expenses, emergency medical evacuation, or unavoidable flight delays. **Please note: many personal health insurance plans don't cover their participants while they are traveling out of the country.**

**Hotel Information:\***

Sept. 25th, 26th & 27th - Fässla Brewery and Hotel [Website](#)

Sept. 28th, 29th & 30th, Oct. 1st - Aloft Munich [Website](#)

You do not need to contact the hotels about your reservation. We will give them our guest list when we've confirmed the tour (when reserved, they are all under the name Justin Schmitz). However, feel free to contact the hotel about any specific questions you have about their facilities or requests.

\*These are the hotels we've used in the past. It is possible these will change due to availability and pricing but this is the most likely lodging scenario. Hotels will be confirmed by January 2025.\*

**Group Size:**

We believe small group sizes make for better experiences. Small groups allow our guests to form closer relationships with us and our local tour guides, and gives us more intimate access to places, restaurants and attractions. There is one downside to small group sizes; a higher cost per person. We know from experience, however, that this is the way to go for high quality tours and experiences.

Minimum: 8

Maximum: 12

## Terms and Conditions

### **RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS:**

**To reserve a spot on the Oktoberfest and Bavaria Tour, you must agree to ALL Tour Terms and Conditions listed below. A deposit of \$1200 or full payment of \$4900/person for double occupancy lodging or \$6200 for single occupancy lodging**

**Final payment is due on Friday, June 20th, 2024. Please mark this on your calendar; we will also send a reminder email two weeks in advance.**

**By submitting a deposit and/or payment, you are confirming that you AND ANYONE WHOSE NAME YOU MAKE A RESERVATION UNDER understands the nature of the tour and the inclusions.**

Why do I include the above statement? We do everything we can to lay out the details and inclusions of the tour. However, we cannot control whether a spouse, partner or companion does not read and understand the nature of the tour. We have not had any problems with this on our international tours yet but we have seen this in other tour scenarios.

Paypal is my payment services provider and you will be sent a Paypal invoice via email for the deposit. If you prefer to use a credit card for payment, you will be able to submit it through Paypal via the invoice.

Your final tour payment is due at least ninety (90) days prior to the tour departure date, in one payment. Please mark your final payment due date on your calendar. The due date will be listed on your confirmation email and tour invoice. Missing the final payment deadline may result in your spot being given to someone on stand by.

If you sign up for a tour less than ninety (90) days prior to its departure date, the entire tour price must be paid in full immediately.

Contact for reservations:

Justin Schmitz

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920 740 8791 (this number works on WhatsApp, too)

**STANDBY:**

If the tour is already full, we will accept reservations on a standby-basis. Should space become available, the notified participant has the choice to join the tour by paying in full by credit card or forfeiting the space.

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:**

Life happens and things come up that may make it impossible for you to join the tour you've made a payment on. Sometimes folks need to cancel for a multitude of reasons. Please inform us of your cancellation in writing as soon as possible.

Non-refundable cancellation fees are reflective of payments we have already made for your attendance on the tour and loss of time to sell your spot. Our cancellation policy is firm and we cannot make exceptions even in the event of terrorism, medical emergencies and other situations out of our control.

Refunds will be processed within 30 days of the written cancellation notice.

Once the tour begins, there are no refunds for:

- arriving late.
- leaving the tour early.
- for being removed from a tour.
- unused portions of the tour including meals, attractions, tour and hotels.

***We highly recommend travel insurance.*** Travel insurance plans can cover common scenarios in which you may need to cancel your trip. It can also cover medical emergencies while you are on the trip.

Our cancellation and refund schedule is below:

Full payments and deposits are 100% refundable until 97 days prior to the tour.

Deposits are non-refundable within 96 days of the tour.

Full payments are 50% refundable within 96-30 days of the tour.

Full payments are non-refundable within 29 days of a tour.

**TOUR CONFIRMATION:**

This tour requires a minimum of 8 participants in order to operate. Please do not buy your airline tickets until you've received the TOUR CONFIRMATION. When we have at least 8 participants signed up, we will send out a Tour Confirmation.

**IF you do buy airline tickets** prior to reception of TOUR CONFIRMATION, please purchase refundable or cancellable tickets.

**CANCELLATION BY DRINKABLE DESTINATIONS:**

We reserve the right to cancel a tour due to not meeting our participant minimum or for other reasons. In the event that WE cancel the tour, FULL REFUNDS OF DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS will be processed within 30 days of our notification.

Refunds of your deposits and payments will constitute full settlement and we will not be held liable for any other expenses including non-refundable airfare, passport fees and other arrangements a participant has made before, during or after a tour. We HIGHLY RECOMMEND travel insurance.

**MEDICAL AND HEALTH ISSUES:**

Our tours are very active and participants need to be of a moderate fitness level. International tours will include a lot of walking particularly to attractions, public transport, hotel, meals, etc. Participants need to be able to walk and/or be on their feet for 1-2 hours at a time and can keep up with the group.

Part of the experience is using the incredibly convenient public transport in Germany! We will be taking some public trains and buses to move from city to city and to some attractions.

You will need to be able to carry your own luggage from the hotels to transport stations so please keep that mind when choosing how much to pack and the type of luggage you're

bringing. Travel backpacks may be the most convenient for some but luggage with roller wheels will also work.

Please disclose any medical conditions while registering for the tour. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate participants requiring wheelchair assistance on our European tours. The places we are visiting are very old and not designed for accessibility.

We will not be responsible for any medical cost you may incur in a medical incident or emergency while on our tour. **We HIGHLY RECOMMEND securing a travel insurance plan; your personal health insurance policy may not cover incidents while out of the USA.**

#### **SOLO PARTICIPANTS:**

These tours are priced for double occupancy. Solo participants will have to pay a supplemental fee to cover the additional cost of lodging.

By request, we can try to match same-sex solo participants to share a room. This is not guaranteed and if we can't find a match, solo participants will be subject to the single supplemental fee. You must inform us in advance of any medical or personal issues that could negatively affect someone's else's enjoyment of the tour. If you do not inform us, we reserve the right to change your booking to a single and for you to be charged for the new room and half of the other room.

#### **PASSPORTS:**

A current passport is required of each traveler. Be sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of the tour, even though three months may be all that is required. It can take three weeks to get a new passport without paying for it to be expedited. Plan ahead. Also, "As of November 1st, 2016, customers applying for or renewing their passport must remove glasses for their passport photo. Last year, more than 200,000 passport customers submitted poor quality photos which we couldn't accept. **The #1 problem was glasses.** We had to put their passport applications on hold because we couldn't clearly identify them from their photo. If the photo of you in your unexpired passport has glasses, don't worry about it. You don't have to get a new passport now. Next time you renew your passport, though, you'll have to take your glasses off."--U.S. Dept. of State.

#### **TOUR CHANGES:**



We reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary, hotels, restaurants, brewery tours, etc due to forces outside our control. We may even change it because we have found a superior experience!

We reserve the right to correct pricing errors. We always hope to keep our tour prices the same from the moment we start taking reservations, however, since our tours are planned so far in advance, we may have to adjust the price due to reasons beyond our control such as extreme currency fluctuation.

**Wi-Fi:**

Complimentary WiFi is available at most hotels and many businesses, but not guaranteed.

**TRANSFERS:**

Transfers between the airport and our first and last hotels are not included unless listed specifically on the itinerary.

**PARTICIPATION:**

We reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant at any time. Participants may be removed from a tour for displaying abusive or threatening behavior to other participants or to the public, for harassment of any kind, impeding on the enjoyment of the tour by other participants or not being suitable for group travel.

If a participant is removed from a tour, we will not refund any payments for the tour or cover any expenses for the participant to return home.

Our tours are designed around beer, wine and spirits experiences. However, participants are required to know their limits and enjoy alcohol in moderation and responsibly.

**AGE RESTRICTIONS:**

Our tours are adult experiences with adults expecting to travel with other adults. Tour participants must be 18 or over.

**HOTELS:**

We will stay at nice, clean hotels in the 3-4 star range that are centrally located and near main train stations. Some hotels will be small independent affairs (like a brewery guesthouse) while others will be international chains. Some hotels will have very small rooms with twin beds very close to each other and some hotels may not have TV's and elevators.