



DRIVE TO DISCOVER GERMANY

BAVARIAN ALPS ROAD TRIP



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Road Trip Drive	Distance	Driving Time
Munich To Berchtesgaden	121 miles	2 hours
Berchtesgaden to Reit im Winkl	41 miles	1 hour 13 minutes
Reit im Winkl to Rottach-Egern	53 miles	1 hour 25 minutes
Rottach-Egern to Garmisch-Partenkirchen	48 miles	1 hour 14 minutes
Garmisch-Partenkirchen to Munich	77 miles	1 hour 22 minutes
Total Distance Covered:	340 miles	

If you're planning a trip to the historic city of Munich, Germany, we encourage you to enhance your time by [renting a car in Munich](#) to explore the breathtaking scenery and stunning vistas of the Bavarian Alps, just a few hours to the south! There are numerous fantastic alpine drives in Europe, and the best part is that you don't have to travel far from a historic city center to enjoy the bucolic countryside, stunning alpine roads and scenery and enjoy quintessential German culture during a day trip from Munich Germany.

Here's our recommendation for a drive to discover adventure and epic Alps road trip you'll never forget. Get behind the wheel and make memories exploring these stunning destinations you can drive to during a Munich day trip!

TO/FROM: Munich Airport

In this road trip guide, you'll begin and end your journey at the Munich Airport.

1. Adventures in Munich

After arriving in Munich, we recommend that you take a day or two to explore this historic city and discover all that awaits you before hitting the road. From fantastic street food, to art exhibits at Pinakothek der Moderne, Alte Pinakothek, or the Museum Brandhorst, there's an abundance of culture to soak in and enjoy during time spent in this fascinating city.

After you've had your fill of fine food, culture, and exquisite architecture, pick up your rental car at Munich Airport or rent a car at Munich Central Rail Station and hit the road - your first stop is less than two hours south-east of Munich at Berchtesgaden. You can get there via the A8, and during this short 154km drive you'll enjoy a rapid transformation from the iconic city skyline of Munich, to the rolling hills of Bavaria, which gradually rise into the foothills and timeless beauty of the Alps!

2. Explore Berchtesgaden

Nestled within a picturesque setting in the Bavarian Alps in southern Germany, Berchtesgaden lies a stone's throw from the Austrian border. Steer your rental south of the city and you'll enter Berchtesgaden National Park - a stunning natural wonder which extends across three valleys which run in parallel to one another. From Berchtesgaden's quaint village streets you'll be able to take incredible photos of Watzmann, the third highest mountain in Germany, which is a renowned rock-climbing destination. The city is set in the shadow of this majestic peak, and on clear days the site is truly something you'll never forget.

3. Tour Reit im Winkl

Known locally as a snow magnet for its unique location in the German Alps, Reit im Winkl is a little-known gem in southern Germany not frequented by tourists, even though it's within easy driving distance of Munich. Nestled on the German/Austrian border, this stunning village faces the iconic region of Tyrol - one of the most popular alpine driving destinations in the world.

If you're looking for the perfect place to get away and feel refreshed as part of your Bavarian Alps road trip, Reit im Winkl might be just the place. It is known well as a place of restorative and curative air (in fact it's certified as such!), and is also a popular ski resort, making it an attractive destination at any time of year. Whether you want to get outdoors for some skiing and snowboarding in winter, or prefer to enjoy the fresh alpine air during Germany's fantastic summer months, Reit im Winkl is a truly memorable stop on this trip.

4. Relax in Rottach-Egern

On the southeastern corner of charming Lake Tegernsee, a visit to Rottach-Egern in Germany's lovely Upper Bavaria region is a fabulous way to enhance your alpine driving tour of southern Germany. Nestled in the Tegernsee Valley, many of the small historic settlements in this area have merged to form Rottach-Egern, a diverse lake town in a beautiful Bavarian district just north of Austria. We encourage you to take the day to drive along the shores of Lake Tegernsee, where there are several beautiful spots to enjoy a picnic lunch picked up in Rottach-Egern, and while you're in town you should stop in to visit St. Laurentius Church - a stunning landmark whose ornate pink, white, and gold ceilings are truly one-of-a-kind.

5. Experience Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Sprawling within a valley in the iconic Oberbayern region of southern Germany (right on the Austrian border), Garmisch-Partenkirchen is truly a one-of-a-kind destination. Travel here, and you'll never forget the fresh air, quaint alpine architecture and stunning vistas. Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain, is nearby and this fabulous alpine village played host to the 1936 Winter Olympic Games.

Whether you're seeking one last chance to breathe in the fresh alpine air before returning home, want to snap some memorable photos with Zugspitze's famous peak in the background, or wish to enjoy some skiing or other outdoor fun, a stop in Garmisch-Partenkirchen will be one destination you'll never forget!