



# DRIVE TO DISCOVER GERMANY

## OKTOBERFEST GERMANY



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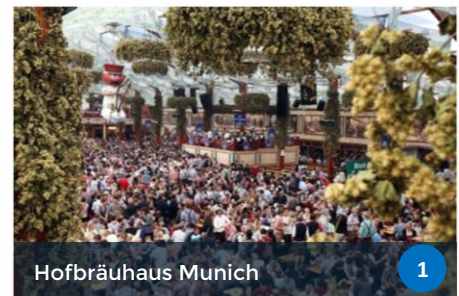
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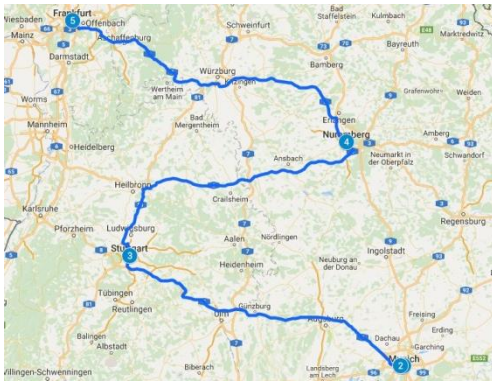
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Road Trip Drive	Distance	Driving Time
Munich Airport to Hofbräuhaus & Theresienwiese	25 miles	45 minutes
Hofbräuhaus & Theresienwiese to Stuttgart	136 miles	2 hours 21 minutes
Stuttgart to Nuremberg	129 miles	2 hours 10 minutes
Nuremberg to Frankfurt	141 miles	2 hours 31 minutes
<b>Total Distance Covered:</b>	<b>435 miles</b>	

Are you planning to attend Oktoberfest Germany? Each fall Germany welcomes tourists and travelers from across the globe for the ultimate autumnal celebration. From the classic German Oktoberfest in Munich to the surrounding cities, there is something to see, do, eat, and drink in every corner of Germany at this time of year, and in this Drive to Discover guide we've highlighted a few of our favorite Oktoberfest locations where you can enjoy an epic celebration this fall.

Each Oktoberfest location highlighted in this guide is the perfect place to spend a day - drive there in the morning, park your Germany rental car, and then explore Germany Oktoberfest celebration safely on foot, enjoying the classic German bratwurst and beer in the open-air celebration that is known around the world.

#### TO/FROM: Munich Airport & Frankfurt Airport

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

#### 1. Hofbräuhaus Beer Hall Munich

Although this is considered the most popular (read touristy) beer hall/restaurant in Munich, anyone interested in experiencing traditional, beer culture in Munich needs to start their Oktoberfest journey here. Hofbräuhaus is a 3-story beer hall featuring beer stein safes, one of a kind storage racks that act as secure lockers for the, in some cases, extremely valuable steins of the regular patrons. The restaurant's location at the center of town, within walking distance to many must-see sites of downtown Munich, make Hofbräuhaus a perfect introduction to the Germany beer culture.

#### 2. Munich's Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany began as a horse race in 1810, if you can believe it. The horse race was held to celebrate a royal German wedding, but it turned out that the horse race wasn't quite as interesting as the beer ... which everyone enjoyed so much they decided that wedding or no they would reconvene the following year for another beer-laden celebration.

The Munich fairgrounds are called Theresienwiese or d'Wiesn locally and is the central location, just south of the city's main train station. If you'd like to reserve a table in one of the large beer tents on the fairgrounds, you can do so in advance on [www.oktoberfest.de](http://www.oktoberfest.de), and we recommend doing so now as these prized tables usually book up several months in advance. The tent you choose will really determine the crowd you're enjoying the festivities with. Hacker tent tends to be the rowdiest, Hofbrau tent is generally filled with an eclectic mix of tourists and travelers from around the world and Augustiner will provide the most authentic Bavarian crowd.

Munich's Oktoberfest is known for a few classic food staples which include Hendl (grilled chicken that will make your taste buds sing), Schweinshaxe (pork knuckles ... you'll want a big plate for these beauties), and Breze (pretzels as big as your head).

#### 3. Stuttgart's Oktoberfest

If you're looking for a fantastic Oktoberfest location in Germany that will rival the world-renowned party in Munich, Stuttgart's annual celebration (known locally as *Wasan*), is an amazing option within comfortable driving distance of Munich. With a history that dates to within 8 years of Munich's first Oktoberfest, Stuttgart's annual beer celebration attracts four million visitors every year, making it one of the best places in Germany to experience beer culture.

Stuttgart's Cannstatter Volksfest will offer you the charm of Munich's iconic celebration with less tourist traffic, making it an ideal spot to enjoy a traditional German beer celebration that's filled with locals. In addition to the wurst, brew, fair rides and lederhosen, Stuttgart is a top-notch European city filled with amazing architecture, culture, dining, and art which is well-suited to exploring by foot after you check into your hotel.

#### 4. Red Beer from the Rock-cut Cellars of Nuremberg

Taking a break from Oktoberfest celebrations, we suggest heading to Nuremberg in northern Bavaria. The city is known for malty red beer which was historically safer than the local water supply. Thankfully the brew was just recently (1984) brought back into production by a local brewery [Hausbrauerei Altstadt](#) using local ingredients to replicate the beer of the time. In addition to imbibing, be sure to take a tour of the maze of rock-cut cellars, a network of sandstone cellars covering six acres beneath the old city center.

#### 5. Frankfurt's Oktoberfest

After enjoying Munich and Stuttgart's offerings, we recommend that you finish your trip in another German Gem: Frankfurt! Want to get a taste of what Frankfurt's beer tent looks like? Their [official website](#) offers a 360-degree view from a seat just in front of the stage! Here you can also review the program to choose the day you would most like to attend. Oktoberfest in Frankfurt is as much about the music as it is about the beer, so we encourage you to do some research on YouTube for some of the names, to choose a band or two that you really love, and then arrange tickets on the evening those bands are slated to perform.