

Welcome to Munich!

Yes, we are living in a very expensive city. But there are also things to do with a small budget:

Art, Museums, Sights, Concerts:

Observatory at the Deutsches Museum: Every Tuesday and Friday you can have a free tour to the observatory which is located in the east dome of the museum. Under expert guidance, participants may take a look through the telescope <http://www.deutsches-museum.de/en/exhibitions/natural-sciences/observatory/>

Kunstfoyer der Bayerischen Versicherungskammer: In the entrance hall of the Bavarian Insurance Chamber take place changing art exhibitions (often photography). It's for free. <http://www.versicherungskammer-kulturstiftung.de/kulturstiftung/en/kunstfoyer/>

There are several museums in Munich you can visit for 1 € per person on Sundays:

- Museum Mensch und Natur: Sciences museum about humans development and nature, especially interesting for children. No English website available
- Glyptothek: Collection of sculptures
- Museum Brandhorst Collection of modern art
- Galerie Schack Private collection of Paintings
- Archäologische Staatssammlung: With its five departments (Prehistoric, Roman Period, Middle Ages, the Mediterranean, Numismatics), its permanent exhibition, conservation studios and depots it forms the central state museum. Its rich holdings of archaeological finds provide comprehensive insights into the diversity of early human existence.
- Ägyptisches Museum: Egyptian Museum
- Museum Fünf Kontinente: The Five Continents Museum is home to over 160.000 items of ethnographic interest and works of art from non-European peoples
- Antikensammlungen: Collection of ancient art work (no English website available) Staatlichen Münzsammlung Collection of coins (no English website available)
- Alte Pinakothek Ancient Paintings
- Neue Pinakothek Paintings (On Wednesday the entrance for this museum is even for free!)
- Pinakothek der Moderne: Collection of contemporary art, photography, architecture
- Bayerisches Nationalmuseum The National Museum of Bavaria shows two millennia of European Art and Culture

New Munichs Tours: Join a 3-hour free walking tour of Munich, see top landmarks and discover the stories behind great sights such as the Glockenspiel, the Hofbräuhaus, (the world's most famous beer hall), the Frauenkirche. Please register via the website:

<http://www.newmunchtours.com/daily-tours/munich-free-tour.html>

Greeter Munich: Meet real Munichs! Greeters welcome guests in the city as friends, not as a tourist guide. They offer a free tour through their neighborhood and plan every tour individually. Learn about the city while chatting with your personal Greeter. A English speaking Greeters available. Please be aware that answer can take a while - all of them are Volunteers. Ask for a greeter Greeter here: <http://munich-greeter.de/en/treffe-einen-greeter/>

See the sights on your own: This article lists ten famous Munich sights you can enjoy for free:

<http://www.likealocalguide.com/blog/top-10-best-free-things-to-do-in-munich-2/>

Munich libraries:

At the Munich City Library you can lent over three million books, newspapers, games, CDs, DVDs, CD-ROM, eBooks and much more. The use of the collections is free if used inside the libraries; library card not needed. One may borrow materials with a library card. The Library Card is available for all people living, working or studying in the Munich area. Documents required: ID card or passport with official confirm from KVR.

www.muenchner-stadtbibliothek.de/info-service/benutzungshinweise/other-languages/

Concerts:

Regularly the students of the Academy of Music and Theatre play classical concerts at the cultural center "Gasteig". The entrance is free. (<http://www.gasteig.de/veranstaltungen-und-tickets/gasteig-gratis.html>)

The Munich Philharmonic: Visit the public rehearsal concerts of the Munich Philharmonic. It's already almost like the "real" concert, but the orchestra is not playing in evening dress. You experience as the concert program gets the finishing touches - and it's free.

Find Dates here: www.spiel-feld-klassik.de/proben-und-einfuehrungen/oeffentliche-generalproben.html

Sports:

- The famous Munich soccer club FC Bayern offers fans the opportunity to watch the players training. Such public workouts take usually place at least once a week. Find more information: <http://www.fcbayern.de/de/club/saebener-strasse/besucher-info/index.php>
- From May to September the City of Munich offers several free sport classes (Gymnastics, yoga, etc.) in several parks. Find more information here. (<http://www.fcbayern.de/de/club/saebener-strasse/besucher-info/index.php>)

Kulturraum München:

<http://www.kulturraum-muenchen.de/eintritt-frei/> It's a list of all kind of cultural happenings in Munich which are for free.

Museum Villa Stuck – Late Night: Every Friday evening the museum invites to a free late night happening. FRIDAY LATE offers live performances, readings, discussions, music from guest DJs and guided tours through the historic rooms of the Villa Stuck with the museum's collection and the temporary exhibitions. (http://www.villastuck.de/vermittlung/friday_late.htm)

Tollwood:

It's a Munich festival, two times a year, one in summer, one in wintertimes. Most events do cost something – but you can enter the festival area and have a look around. Also some concerts are for free. Next start: 24th of November till 31 of December at Theresienwiese, Munich. More information here: <http://www.tollwood.de/english/winterfestival-2015/>

Streetlife Festival:

Takes place twice a year. A huge festival on the Leopoldstraße and Ludwigstraße with many street artists, concerts, children plays, Next date is June, 11-12th 2016. Entrance is free www.streetlife-festival.d

Theatron Music Summer:

This festival takes places from end of July to end of August. People go there to have a picnic and listen to the free concerts which are performed every evening on the Theatron stage, which is located at the artificial lake in the Olympiapark. Two times during the festival there a fire works. Be early to find a place. <http://theatron.net>

Socializing

- Dancing Lessons: Salsa Dancing lessons every Wednesday from 8pm-9pm at Ballettschule Fock-Nüzel, directly at Pasing Arcaden (Josef-Felder-Str. 51, 81241 München). Refugees don't pay a fee! Please register in advance. Contact: Peyman Saba, Tel. 0172/4616131 or peyman.saba@gmx.de
- Sing together: Shareasong is a project which is bringing together migrants and refugees who would like to sing with Munich choirs. You are cordially invited to present a song from your home country to a Munich choir. The choir leader will help you bring your song into harmony with the choir. Therefore you don't have to be a professional singer, but simply enjoy singing! If you already have the sheet music, it would be helpful if you could bring it along – if not, we would try to find it or, with your help, arrange it. You can come on your own or bring friends or family along. We look forward to hearing from you - please contact us at shareasong@gmx.net or phone us at 0171 - 88 32 799.
- Culture Kitchen: People cook together. Find more information on the website. <http://www.save-me-muenchen.de/culturekitchen/> (in German)
- Couchsurfing: This is an international online community. You can register and look for events in Munich. For example: the weekly Munich meeting. (www.couchsurfing.com)
- Foodsharing: Foodsharing is an initiative which collects foods from supermarkets before it's thrown away. You can register online, you will be trained how it works and you can keep the food you save. (<https://foodsharing.de/ueber-uns>)

UrbanGardening: You like gardening? Then be a part of the different urban gardening project of Green City.

- Essbare Stadt München: You can find the garden at the Sachsenstraße 2 (entrance opposite Halle 2). Gardening always on Tuesdays, 4-6pm pm and on Fridays 3-5 pm. <https://www.greencity.de/projekt/essbare-stadt/>
- Giesinger Grünspitz: Another public garden you can find in the eastern part of the "Giesinger Grünspitz". Usually people meet Thursdays from 4 pm and on Saturdays from 2pm (spring to fall). You are invited to come by! <https://www.greencity.de/projekt/giesinger-gruenspitz/>
- Wabengarten: The Wabengarten is located on the grounds of environmental education center in the Engelschalkinger Straße 166 in Munich. Usually people meet at the garden on Mondays, Fridays and on Saturday afternoons. <https://www.greencity.de/projekt/wabengarten/>
- O'pflanzt is: A community garden in the heart of Munich. Located at Schwere-Reiter-Straße, corner Emma-Ihrer-Straße (Tram 12, 20, 21, N20 & Metrobus 53 at stop Leonrodplatz) Everybody is invited to

garden with the community and to bring the city to flourish. Our opening times: Sundays 14-18pm, 2015 season did end already. From November only at events and on appointment: see calendar on website. <http://o-pflanzt-is.de>

Cook and Code: PC-Help meets Food. This project offers different IT-courses in exchange for food (eg a cake). Please register in advance as participants are limited. Check the Facebook side for upcoming events: <https://www.facebook.com/cookandcode/>

Clothes, toys, furniture, etc.:

There are several spots in Munich where you can buy clothes and other things for a small amount of money.

- <http://diakonia-kaufhaus.de>: At Dachauerstraße 192 you can buy crockery and books, kitchen buffets, sofas, refrigerators, washing machines, books, office furniture and clothes for a small amount of money. The things are ready for use and have been previously checked professionally on functionality and safety.
- Halle 2: Here you can buy cheap second hand stuff like books, toys and furniture. <http://www.awm-muenchen.de/privathaushalte/abfallvermeidung/halle-2.html>
- Secondhand-Führer: It's a list of all kind of second hand stores in Munich <https://www.awm-muenchen.de/privathaushalte/abfallvermeidung/secondhandfuehrer/secondhandlaeden-in-muenchen-und-umland.html>
- Flea markets: It's a list of flea markets in Munich, where you can buy all kind of stuff - and bargain about the price. <http://www.muenchen.de/veranstaltungen/events/flohmaerkte.html>

Mobility:

Renting a bike: Mietrad der Münchner Verkehrsgesellschaft (MVG): You have to download the App "MVG more" and register. Then you can borrow a bike at several stations. Price is 8Ct per minute. App "MVG more" Select your preferred bike from the map, by pressing on the bike icon. By clicking the icon the rent starts and you will receive a PIN code in your app, which you enter in the on-board computer on the bike. This automatically opens the lock and you can start bicycling. The return is possible at all publicly reachable places any time at all or at the several return stations. At the stations you push your bicycle in the bracket until the bike locks. If you park the bike somewhere publicly in the city, enter the PIN Code to confirm the return on the board computer of the bike after you have locked the MVG bike with the integrated lock on the front axle lock. <https://www.mvg.de/services/mobile-services/mvg-rad.html> (Website only in German)

Free Cargo Bike: You can rent this cargo bike. It's free. You have to register on the website, book via calendar, then you receive a booking code. With the booking code and your ID you go to the station, where the cargo bike is available on the day you booked. After using it, you have to bring it back to this station.

<https://www.lastenrad-muenchen.de/#home> (Website only in German)

Bayern-Ticket: With this train ticket you're allowed to travel for one day through whole Bavaria. It costs 23 € plus 5 € per each person - Maximum five persons on one ticket allowed. Note: It's only valid for regional trains, not ICE!

Bayern ticket 9-3am the following day, on weekends throughout the day

Bayern-Ticket Night 18pm – 6am, on weekends to 7am

<http://www.bahn.de/p/view/angebot/regio/bayern/bayernticket.shtml>

Education:

- Learning German: The <http://fluechtlingshilfe-muenchen.de> offers free work books to learn German, Download here with english comments: <http://tinyurl.com/ngxd7a4> , Download here with Arabic comments: <http://tinyurl.com/py8dfoj>
- The Münchner Volkshochschule offers all kind of courses (arts, languages, sciences). The classes are not for free, but mostly affordable. <https://www.mvhs.de/> (Website only in German)
- Massive Open Online Courses: It's a list of worldwide online university courses you can attend via internet. <https://www.mooc-list.com/>

Jobs:

- www.workeer.de: On this website you can find internships or job opportunities

Help others:

Diakonia is always looking for volunteers who help to sort clothing donations for refugees. Click in the calendar on the day you like to help and register yourself. You will receive a confirmation email.

Sorting center at Stahlgruberring 8: <http://diakonia-fluechtlinge.de/zeit-spenden/spendensortierung-ost>

Sorting Center at Dachauer Str. 192 <http://diakonia-fluechtlinge.de/zeit-spenden/spendensortierung-west>

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Contact:

For more tips and information to add to this list please contact cheap_munich@gmx.de or www.facebook.com/cheapmunich or follow us on Twitter @Cheap_Munich

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