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Tuesday, September 19th

Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest is [one of the largest and most popular festivals in the world](#) – more than six million people from all over the world visit the festival every year. However, do you actually know the origin of the Oktoberfest? Together with a tour guide, you will stroll over the Wiesen and learn more about the history and the particularities of the Oktoberfest before the group enjoys the unique atmosphere together with a cool mug of Festbier.

Meeting Place: West Entrance of the St. Paul's Church at Sankt Pauls Platz

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Price: EUR 4.00

To register, please send an [e-mail to Julia Vroomann](#)



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Events in Munich

Friday, July 28th 2017 – Saturday, July 22nd 2018

Balancing Act – 200 Years of Cycling

It's been 200 years since Baron Karl Friedrich Drais von Sauerbronn, better known as Karl Drais, invented the first two-wheeler, which he called a "running machine". It was the earliest precursor of the bicycle, which remains one of the most important modes of individual transportation today. The Verkehrszentrum is marking the 200th anniversary of Drais's invention with a special exhibition. [The Balancing Act exhibition](#) presents the ups and downs of cycling from its infancy up to the present day. Along with the history of bicycle technology, it explores cycling culture, the role of the bicycle in everyday transportation today and its potential role in the mobility of the future – not only in Europe, but also in Africa, South America and Asia.

Location: Deutsches Museum Verkehrszentrum, Am Bavariapark 5, 80339 München

Public Transport: U5 Schwanthalershöhe

Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Price: EUR 6.00

Saturday, September 9th – Sunday, September 10th

Streetlife Festival

Every summer and autumn, there is a [Streetlife Festival](#) at the car-free Ludwigstraße and Leopoldstraße in Munich. The Festival is under the patronage of the Lord Mayor Dieter Reiter and attracted around 150.000 visitors in summer last year. It offers a fascinating mixture of culture and urban adventure. The major theme is "Life in the City" and hence you will find information all around Climate & Energy, Mobility, Politics, City Design, Art, Food, Sport and Lifestyle. There will be free show acts, music stages and many possibilities to participate.



Location: Ludwigstraße / Leopoldstraße

Public Transport: U3/U6 Odeonsplatz / Universität, U4/U5 Odeonsplatz

Time: Saturday 4 p.m. until 2 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Price: free

Events in Garching

Friday, September 8th – Sunday, September 10th

Techfest Munich

The [Techfest Munich](#) is an international technology festival. For one weekend, the team of the UnternehmerTUM brings together 300 entrepreneurs, creatives, tech evangelists, corporate innovators, designers, coders, hackers and makers.

The unique location offers 3,000 sqm workspace and 1,500 sqm high-tech workshop MakerSpace with tools and machines like 3D printers, laser and water jet cutters, metal and woodworking shops as well as textile and electrical processing facilities.

Location: Entrepreneurship Center, Lichtenbergstraße 6, 85748 Garching

Public Transport: U6 Garching Forschungszentrum

Time: starting Friday at 8 a.m.

Price: n/a



Events in Freising

Friday, September 1st – Sunday, September 10th

Folk Festival of Freising

For 10 days, the visitors are entertained with an extensive program at the [Folk Festival of Freising](#). There will be many exciting sport events to look at and sometimes even the possibility to participate. Music bands and concerts create a harmonic atmosphere. There will be dancing, fireworks and much more.

Location: Luitpoldanlage, Luitpoldstraße 1, 85354 Freising

Public Transport: S1 / fast train to Freising, then Bus 638 Obere Hauptstraße or also easily possible on foot

Time: different times every day (have a look at the program)

Price: free



Wednesday, September 13th

International Family Get-Together

Playing, rhyming, singing and crafting for 2 to 6 year old children with their parents – but younger siblings can also be brought along to the [International Family Get-Together in Freising](#). Every week there is a targeted educational offer for children, which is accompanied by appropriate rhymes, songs and creative offers. An important part of the meetings is the joint dinner at the end of each get-together. The offer is aimed at families with an immigration background, but also for those who are interested in learning about different cultures. The parents are invited to participate in the meetings. What you should bring: Anti-slip socks and a little snack, which can be easily shared among the other participants.

Location: Zentrum der Familie, Kammergasse 16, 85354 Freising

Public Transport: S1 / fast train to Freising, then Bus 638 Obere Hauptstraße or also easily possible on foot

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm (except during holidays and on bank holidays)

Price: EUR 2.00

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Little “How do Germans tick” Guide: Bavarian Garb

As soon as the Oktoberfest will start, you are going to see **Dirndl dresses and Lederhosen** all over the city. However, the so-called “Wiesn” is not the only occasion to wear the traditional garb in Bavaria – you can also wear it to public festivals just as the Spring Festival or Auer Dult, May pole celebrations and weddings.



“Dirndl” is the Bavarian word for “girl”. It **consists of a dress, a white blouse and a colorful apron.**

Since it was once the working dress of the female servants, it originally was made out of cotton and resistant materials. Even though the used fabrics nowadays have changed, **the position of the knot is still an indicator of the marital status** of the women wearing a Dirndl. A knot tied on the left side means that a woman is single, on the right side that she is married, engaged or in a relationship, a knot tied in the front center means that she is a virgin and at the back that she is a widow.

The **Lederhosen are the male equivalent to the Dirndl** and were originally used as work gear too. Usually they are shorts and **braided or embroidered with Bavarian motives** like the Edelweiss or deer antlers. Next to a red-white, green-white or blue-white checkered shirt, men usually wear a traditional Bavarian jacket – the so-called Janker. Traditional shoes and woolen knee-high stocking complete the outfit. Nowadays you can buy a set of traditional clothing for women starting from 100 Euro and for men from 250 Euro.

Even though the Bavarian Garb has a long history, it only **became fashionable in the 1870s**, when the Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph himself started to wear Lederhosen. To adapt the Dirndl to the standards of the upper classes, the cotton was replaced by finer materials just as silk, satin or velvet.

Sources: <http://www.inside-munich.com/dirndl-and-lederhose.html> and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dirndl>

Accommodation Center

If you plan to leave Munich in a while and are staying in a private accommodation that could possibly be rented out again to other international guests, please send an [e-mail to the Accomodation Center](#). The team of TUM International Center wishes everyone leaving a good continuation of your research and hope to welcome you back here someday.

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