Welcome Services Events

Saturday, September 28
EOO Supernova Planetarium
Join us at the astronomy center ESO Supernova Planetarium in Garching for an unforgettable experience that will leave you in awe of the universe we live in. The most abstract and distant topics in astronomy and physics are explained and visualized in an innovative way.

The show is displayed on a 360-degree dome and provides a unique experience that allows you to fly to the stars and even to the edge of the universe. Together with our guide, we will explore the planetarium and learn more about the Big Bang, stars, and black holes.

Meeting Place: ESO Supernova Planetarium & Visitor Centre, Karl-Schwarzschild-Straße 2, 85748 Garching
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Price: Free
Registration deadline: September 20, 2019

To register, please send an e-mail to welcome@sttum.de.

Events in Munich

Saturday, September 7
Hall of Fame Festival of Colors
Originally from India, the Hall of Fame Festival of Colors has become a booming sensation all over the world. Following Europe’s first Berlin Hall Festival in 2012, there is also no end in sight here. Visiters frequently comment on indescribable feelings of colorfulness, elevation, and happiness whilst attending. You will receive a bag with the appropriate colored powder on-site, and will be encouraged to throw it around by the hour until your heart is content. Do not worry, the safety of this powder has been tested and proven multiple times. Be ready to listen to some inspiring music as well.

Location: Am Navigators 3, 80324 München
Public Transport: U2 Messestadt Ost
Time: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Price: EUR 11 – 19 (online purchase advisable)

Saturday, September 14
Lustbächerl gingeis (Lustbächer Beer Market)
If you don’t feel like purchasing new books or going to the library, visiting a book fair market might seem like just the best compromise. The Lustbächerl gingeis will be put on for the eighteenth time this year, and fans of the genre and the idea of “reading the fair.” By purchasing some books there – or even just attending the market – you will be making a positive contribution to the environment, as incredible amounts of paper are being used for fresh printing. You are also highly encouraged to stroll along the fair and enjoy some of your newly acquired reading materials. If it rains, the market will take place one week later.

Location: Widmasurel 2, 80324 München
Public Transport: U4/5/6/50, Bus 160 Roteninsel/Am Bangs Schack
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Price: Free

Sunday, September 22
Totentanz und Schlosskonzert (Costumes and Rites of Procession)
Before Munich’s major opens the Oktoberfest with the famous phrase “O zapft is”, another esteemed traditional takes place at the heart of the city. The colorful Costumes and Rites of Procession is a delightful parade of traditional Bavarian costumes, whose design and popularity has really picked up over the last several years. An ongoing annual parade since 1955, you can also marvel at historical rifle clubs and marching bands presenting their troops, thus experiencing more than just people being dressed pretty. Around 9,000 participants will be starting out at the Maximilianstrasse, and then making their way through the city.

Location: Start at Maximilianstrasse, later throughout the city
Public Transport: Tram 21 Kammerspiele, U4 Lehel, S-Bahn Isarwelt
Time: From 10 a.m.
Price: Free

Wednesday, September 25
Lunch / Afternoon Tea: Dine in the Sky
Food forms such a central part of our lives that it is quite common to try and mix up the experience. From cooking with different ingredients to tasting out new restaurants, there seems to be an almost endless amount of fun. Faster than you can now, the idea of exchanging people’s meals, faster than, in other words, is something that hardly crosses peoples minds. Fasten your chair for example, Dine in the Sky. The idea of consuming a meal or afternoon tea at an altitude of 50 meters with your feet dangling above the ground may sound daunting – and wonderful at the same time. Especially if you consider the stunning views and the thrill of it all.

Location: Depending on event (see website)
Time: Depending on event (see website)
Price: From EUR 46

Monday, September 30
Media Startup Night Vol. 4
Organized by Mediball Bayern and Mediapola, a conglomeration of industry professionals and aficionados will be coming together at the Media Startup Night. From pitching to networking, lively discussions about the direction in which the media landscape is headed – it’s all happening at this startup night! Given the ever-shifting nature of social media and broadcasting as well as recent phenomena such as fake news, this also seems like an occasion to grapple with some present day issues. Food and drinks will be served, as will a range of surprising, creative ideas that will have you thinking on your feet.

Location: Amner Straße 4 a, 80333 München
Public Transport: U2/3/4 Kühnleplatz, U3 Kühnleplatz
Time: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Price: Free

Events in Garching

Friday, September 6 – Sunday, September 8
TECHFEST Munich
As a three-day long festival that takes place at TUM’s entrepreneurial center in Garching, the TECHFEST is a fully immersive opportunity to create and innovate. Not only will you have a lot of so-called „freebies“ at your disposal, but also an array of highly functional gadgets to make your own ideas come to life. There will be support to sharpen your skills in both creation and ideation alongside several opportunities to help you meet new people who match your skills and interests. Also expect a range of high profile partners to be on board, bringing you many interesting ideas and thought impulses to feed on.

Location: Unterenstr./TUM GmbH, Lichtensteinstraße 6, 85748 Garching bei München
Public Transport: TUM Garching
Time: Friday 11 a.m. – Sunday 7 p.m.
Price: Free

Tuesday, September 10
Soulnite BBQ
Each September, Garching’s Soulnite Hotel organizes a dazzling event, pulling a list of creative foods and food combinations on the grill. A way to celebrate the end of the summer months with the usually still nice Munich weather, the Soulnite BBQ is set to brighten your evenings and make an early autumn pick-me-up. With the backdrop of the architecturally beautiful hotel, you are in for an ever richer experience, as you enjoy the evening with your family and friends in this fully wooden and relatively environmentally friendly setting. Options for vegetarians and vegans as well as dessert will also be served.

Location: Soulnite, Möckelmühle Weg 46, 85748 Garching bei München
Public Transport: U2 Garching
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Price: EUR 23.50 for adults and children under the age of 12 (EUR 14.50)
My Fair Lady Musical
American composer Frederick Loewe’s musical My Fair Lady is about a girl who has to change her accent in order to pass as a lady. It has received notable critical acclaim. Pared with lavish costumes and a hefty dose of humor and wit, this Munich version of the play is a chillingly current comment on society’s dreams of climbing up the social ladder. Supported by the Free State Orchestra of Bavaria (Freies Landesorchester Bayern), the musical journey is one of history, of many layers, and one that is rooted in a strong sense of the local. Please note that discounted tickets and special prices for pupils will also be available.

Location: Bürgerhaus Garching, Bürgerplatz 9, 85748 Garching bei München
Public Transport: U6 Garching
Time: 8 p.m.
Price: Regular from EUR 23, discounted from EUR 18.40, pupils from EUR 11.50

Events in Freising

Wednesday, September 4 – Saturday, September 7

Art Exhibition: Begegnung – Freundschaft – Kunst (Encounter – Friendship – Art)
The art of Marian Kretschmer confronts the reality of finding reflections of ourselves in others. These encounters prompt a form of transcendence, which he expresses through his paintings. Together with Marafiki Africa e.V., he has put together a photo exhibition on these questions. The artworks of Begegnung – Freundschaft – Kunst can be visited daily in the library of Freising during its opening hours.

Location: Stadtbibliothek Freising, Weizengasse 3, 85354 Freising
Public Transport: Regionalbus 551 Freising, Untere Hauptstraße
Time: Tuesday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Price: Free

Friday, September 6 – Sunday, September 15

Volksfest Freising (Freising Folk Festival)
You have the chance to experience a smaller version of the Oktoberfest when visiting the Volksfest Freising. Despite only having one tent, there are still fifty different food stalls and attractions to enjoy, meaning you can get the best of both worlds. This year, this popular celebration in Freising is in fact commemorating its 90th anniversary. There will also be a range of events framing the occasion, such as sports, music, and dance. Please note that this is a completely family friendly event, and highly recommended if you want to escape the hustle and bustle of the Munich original.

Location: Luitpoldstraße 1, 85356 Freising
Public Transport: Regionalbus 622 Freising, Korbinianbrücke
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Price: Entrance is free

Friday, September 20

Global Dinner
An internationally designed meal that will have you discussing issues of global importance, the Global Dinner sees itself as both a critical and a culinary experiment. Serving sumptuous ingredients from different corners of the world, such as quinoa, passionfruit, and chicory, you are invited to ponder some of the central questions of our time. These range from matters of global inequality, industrialization, and the strong sense of scarcity in developing countries. An equally diverse audience would obviously be an enrichment to the dinner, and enhance the experience for everybody, so please do attend. A three course menu will be served that evening.

Location: vhs-Raum 104, Kammergasse 12, 85354 Freising
Public Transport: Regionalbus 650 Freising, Kammergasse
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Price: EUR 15

Notes

Typically Munich: Oktoberfest History and Traditions
With the Oktoberfest just around the corner, it is worth knowing a thing or two about its history and most prevalent traditions. The wedding between crown prince Ludwig and his beloved Therese which took place on October 12, 1810, was initially finalized with a horse race in the very same place as today – the Theresienwiese which means ‘Therese’s meadow’ –, and started getting bigger as well as more elaborate with every passing year. In order to get a better insight into what these early days at the Oktoberfest were like, we recommend you a visit to the Imbe Weizen, which shows how much tradition and nostalgia the celebrations used to be. Despite not taking place for several years due to wars and epidemics, the Oktoberfest tradition has indeed persevered until today.

One of the most prevalent traditions is that the mayor is the first to tap the beer, and then exclaims “D’zapft is”, which means that the beer is ready to be drawn from the keg. It always happens in the rather colorful Schottenhamel tent, which is quite popular with Munich’s youth and should also not be missed due to the special nature of this event. You should be there rather early if you want to see the tapping live. As soon as the tent is packed with regular visitors as well as the very important guests, it will be closed.

It is advisable to be informed about the six traditional breweries that supply the Oktoberfest with their beer, most of which have one of the tents named after them. They are spread out all across the world, either at miniature imitations of the Oktoberfest or restaurants inspired by Munich’s brewery traditions, with Hofbrau being the most popular one.

Apart from this key background information, there are several tricks that will make your stay at the Oktoberfest a more pleasant one. There are specific days and times dedicated to the international crowd and Tuesday is family day. You can be sure to have more of a family-friendly atmosphere as well as additional peace and quiet between noon and 6 pm. The best way to get there is via public transport, and you should definitely be careful about not taking any kinds of spray bottles or glass flasks with you, which will likely be confiscated by the security guards positioned at the entrance. Furthermore, it is worth your while to do some research into the different tents alongside the times at which they tend to get full, thus making sure that you are able to tailor your visit according to your preferences and expectations.

Sources for this feature: Oktoberfest Traditions and 7 Tips & Tricks rund um das Münchener Oktoberfest

Accommodation Service
If you are planning 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 TUM Accommodation Center.

The team of TUM International Center wishes everyone leaving a good continuation of your research and hope to welcome you back here someday.

TUM Research Alumni Network
Before leaving Munich, do not forget to join the TUM Research Alumni Network. In this way, you will remain part of the international academic community of the Technical University of Munich. Also, do not miss to join the TUM Research Alumni Gallery and thus show your enduring affiliation to our institution.

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