

A few tips from us for you in Munich

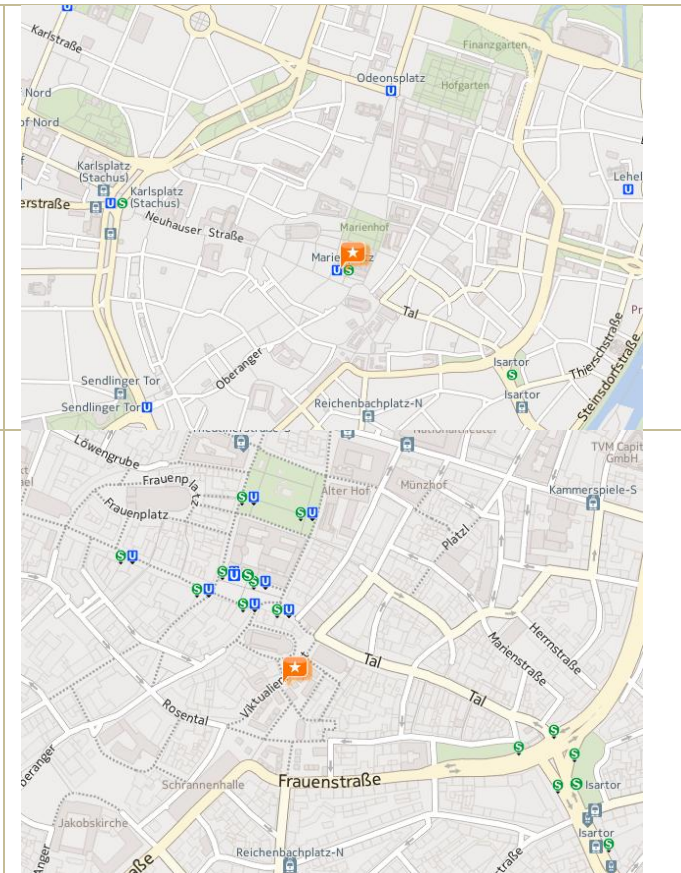
Sightseeing

Many of Munich's sights are concentrated within walking distance in the old town, plus the museums area which is just outside the old town in an area called Maxvorstadt (short cab or tram ride, or 15min walk). In addition to the parks or a walk along the river Isar, there are some nice neighbourhoods to have a stroll around, mostly Schwabing (what many consider the real heart of Munich), which is concentrated around Münchner Freiheit and where Leopoldstrasse und Hohenzollernstrasse are the main shopping streets; Gärtnerplatzviertel, centred around Gärtnerplatz which is Munich's gay neighbourhood (mostly along Müllerstrasse), and has some nice shops and Munich's second, smaller Operahouse; and Maxvorstadt, which is between Schwabing and the old town, around Amalienstrasse and Türkenstrasse, around Schellingstrasse (and the part of Munich Christian used to live when he studied here). It is the main university area, with lots of cafes, bars and pubs.



Altstadt / Old town

The old town centred of Marienplatz has most of the shopping in Munich and some of the its main sights (the Residenz, Munich's old royal palace; Marienplatz with the town hall; Frauenkirche, the main cathedral; Viktualienmarkt; the Opera). It is relatively compact and easy to walk around by foot. The Cortiina Hotel and many of the other hotels are in the area.



Viktualienmarkt

Munich's main market just a few minutes from Marienplatz has lovely food stalls, lots of atmosphere and good restaurants in the area (incl. Straubinger where we go on Friday night, and a great steak house called "Goldenes Kalb"). There are also lots of places to eat in the newly restored Schrammehalle, just next to Viktualienmarkt. Closest subway: **Marienplatz**



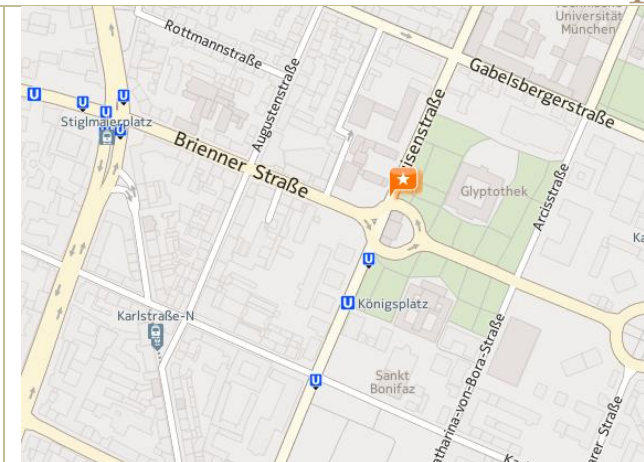
Lenbachhaus

My favourite museum in Munich which has a fantastic collection of expressionist paintings (most famously a collection of the Blaue Reiter group). It recently had a new wing added designed by Norman Foster and has a good Italian restaurant called Ella.

<http://www.lenbachhaus.de/>
www.ella-lenbachhaus.com/

Closet subway: **Königsplatz**

The museum is right in the museums quarter of Munich with its three “Pinakotheken” (Alte Pinakothek, Neue Pinakothek und Pinakothek der Moderne) which house the collection of paintings of the Bavarian State, running across the centuries (<http://www.pinakothek.de/en/alte-pinakothek>) as well as the Glyptothek on Königsplatz (Greek and Roman sculptures).



BMW Welt

As the name says – everything around BMW in a futuristic museum

http://www.bmw-welt.com/en/visitor_information/opening_times.html

Closet subway: **Olympiazentrum**

It is also close to Munich’s Olympic Park, which is worth wondering around.



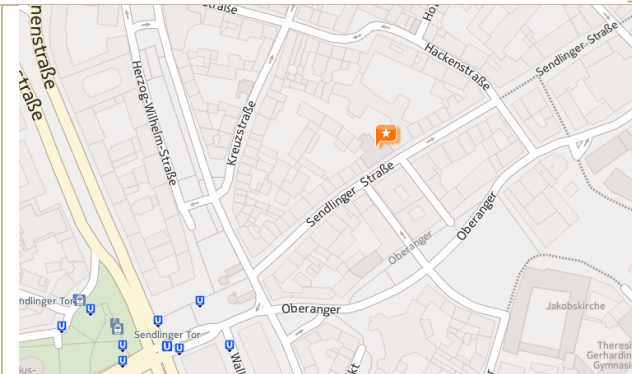


Assam Church

One of the examples of Bavarian Rococo architecture (more is more, in particular when it is gold). It is on Sendlinger Strasse in the old town and close to Viktualienmarkt, so can be combined with shopping in the old town.

Sendlinger Strasse 62

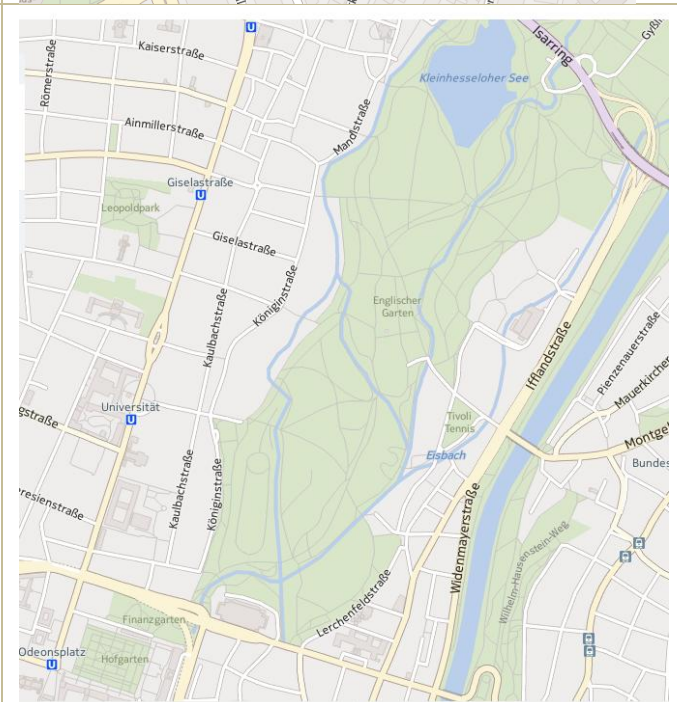
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Englischer Garten

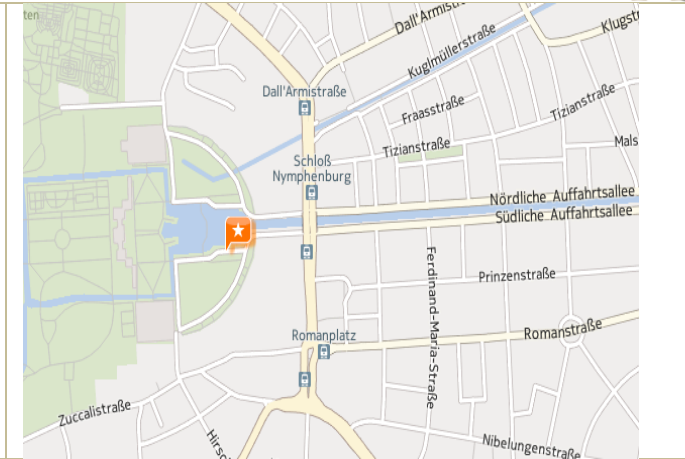
Munich's main park is a great place for a stroll and to relax. It also has two of Munich's best Biergärten (Seehaus and Chinesischer Turm) as well as the Eisbach where you see people surfing.

Closest subway: Odeonsplatz, Universität or Giselastrasse





Schloss Nymphenburg
 Munich's (somewhat smaller) answer to Versailles is in a suburb of Munich and has an extensive park.
 It is a bit outside of the centre and involves a 15-20min cab ride, or getting into the tram to Schloss Nymphenburg



Shopping

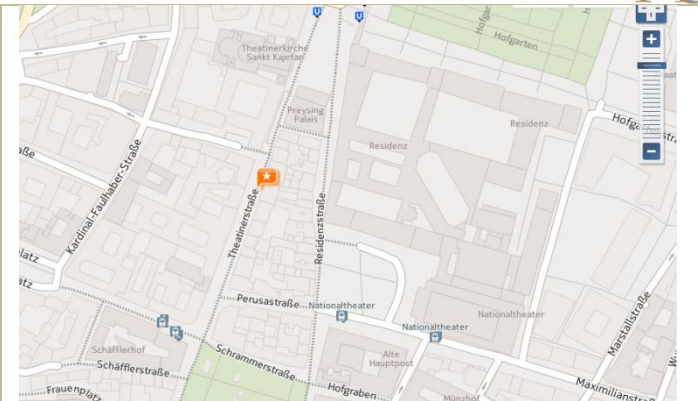


Maximilianstrasse
 Munich's (slightly smaller) version of Bond Street with all the high-end brands. It was designed by the same architect who built La Villa where we will get married on Saturday night. We will have dinner here at Brenner on Thursday. It is just a couple of minutes from the Cortiina.

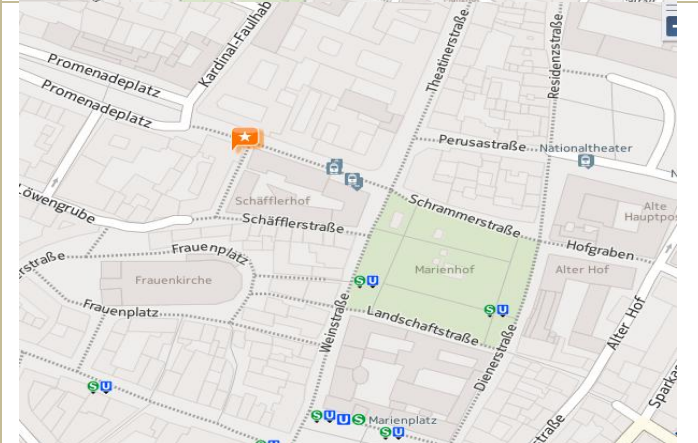




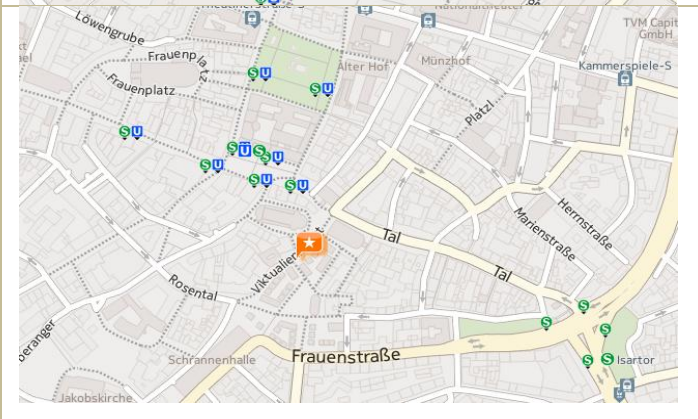
Area around Theatinerstrasse
 One of Munich's nicer shopping streets in the old town, with higher end shops. Also a short walking distance from the Cortina.



Lodenfrey
 A lovely department store with all the high end brands and a vast selection of dirndls and Lederhosen (at higher end prices)
 Maffeistr. 7, just off Theatinerstrasse.

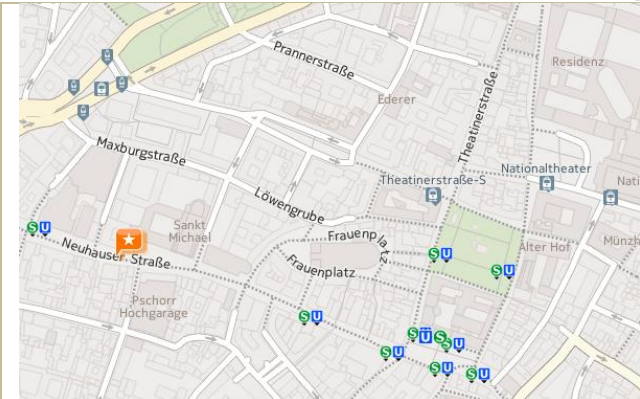


Viktualienmarkt
 The streets immediately around Viktualienmarkt have some nice, smaller stores.





Neuhauserstrasse
Munich's Oxford Street, with its main department stores.



Im Tal
Here is where you can find the two Lederhosen/Dirndl Stores which sell Tracht at more affordable prices. Just 2 walking minutes from the Cortina.



Biergärten

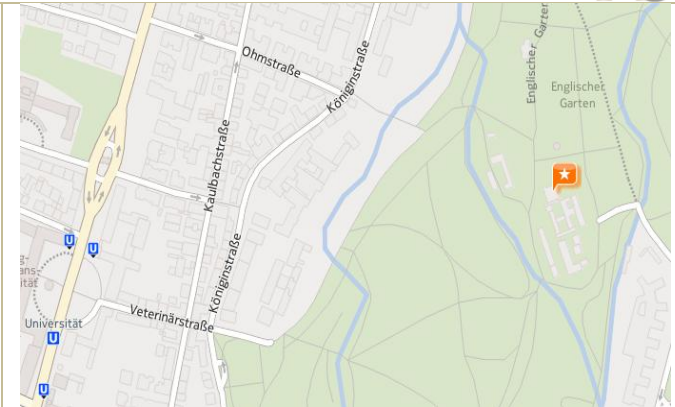
Munich is famous for its Biergärten, and there are plenty of them. Below are a small selection. A few things you might want to know – there is usually no table service, you go to the food stalls to get beer and food. Usually, beer is served only in 1 liter steins, except for wheat beer which is sometimes also served in ½ liter mugs, and you pay a deposit for the glasses which you get back when you return it with a token they give you. It is allowed to bring your own food, so will see some people sit there with their pick-nick lunch. In terms of terminology – a “Helles” is the typical Munich lager, a “Radler” is a lager with lemonade (a chandy), a “Weisses” is a wheat beer (can be ordered as “helles Weisses” which is a light wheat beer, or a “dunkles Weisses”, a dark wheat beer) and a “Russn” is a wheat beer with lemonade. People share tables, so no need to be shy to ask to join a table that has already someone sitting there.



Chinesischer Turm

Probably Munich's best known Biergarten, right in the middle of the Englischer Garten, which also often has a Bavarian brass band playing along. This is where we meet on Friday lunch time. You can walk from the centre of town (about 20-30min) – the nicest way is to go via Odeonsplatz, through the Hofgarten, and then the Southern bit of the Englischer Garten.

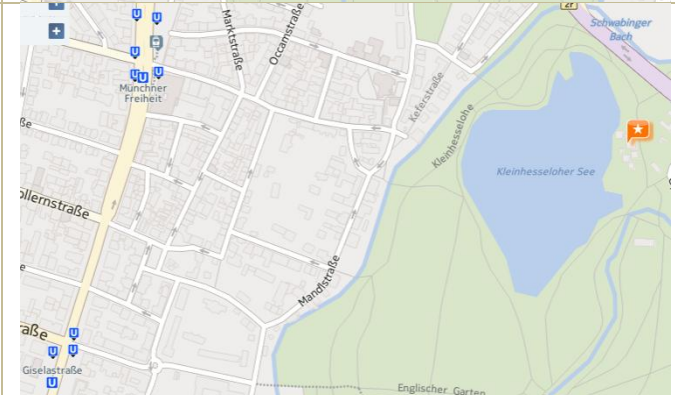
Closest subway: **Universität**



Seehaus

A great Biergarten, next to a lake in the northern part of the Englischer Garten and one of Christian's favourites when he lived in Munich (quite a few afternoons were spent here instead of class...). It is a bit more "seen and be seen" than the Chinesischer Turm.

Closest subway: **Münchner Freiheit**



Hofbräu Keller Biergarten

Located in a neighbourhood called Haidhausen, this is a beautiful local Biergarten, in a very nice area of Munich, just outside of the centre.

Closest subway: **Max-Weber Platz**

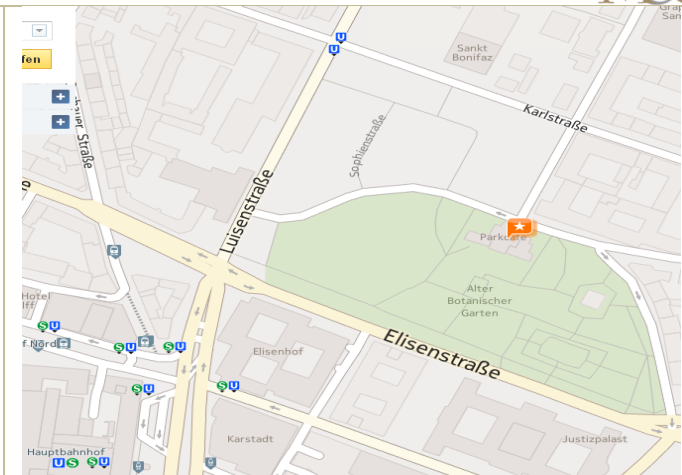




Parkcafe

A great, very central Biergarten, very close to the museums area and the main train station, in the old botanical garden.

Closest subway: **Hauptbahnhof, Stachus, or Königsplatz**



Restaurants & Cafes

Below are a few suggestions for cafes and restaurants in the parts of Munich that you will most likely spend your time. A couple of things that might be useful: tipping – Germans do not tip as much as Americans or Brits, usually you round up to the next round figure (e.g., for a EUR 28 bill you give EUR 30, 10% is a good tip). Water - it is completely uncommon to serve tap water in restaurants – most waiters will look at you confused, some will even charge for it. Wine – Germany has great white wines (in particular Rieslings), which very rarely get exported, so a good chance to try some. We would suggest staying clear of German red wines, though. Munich has a strong Italian influence so there are lots of good Italian places. Prosecco Aperol – a very popular aperitif in Munich (you won't find that in Bavarian Gasthäuser though).

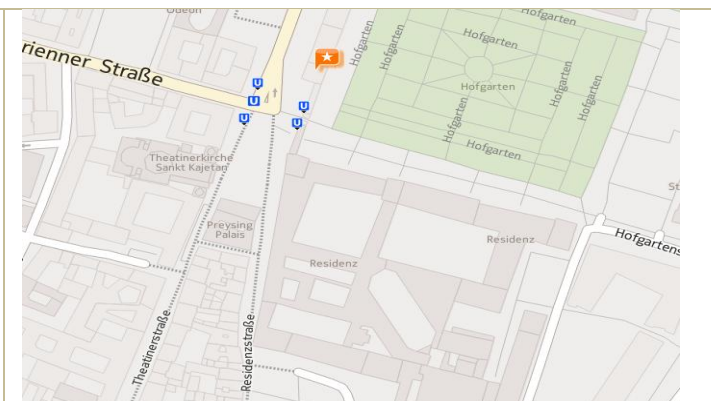


Cafe Tambosi

A nice cafe right on Odeonsplatz, with tables outside in the Hofgarten. Very nice place to sit and watch the world go by.

www.tambosi.de

Closest subway: **Odeonsplatz**





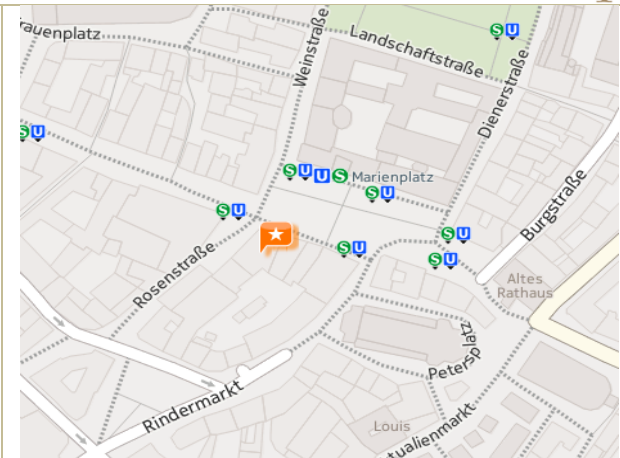
Cafe Glockenspiel

Just opposite the town hall on Marienplatz, this cafe can be quite touristy, but it has a nice roof terrace where you have lots of locals enjoying the sun, while most tourists sit in the main dining room looking at the town hall.

The entrance is a bit hard to find, you walk into a little passage off Rosenstrasse, and take the lift up; the address is Marienplatz 28

www.cafe-glockenspiel.de

Closet subway: **Marienplatz**



Oskar Maria

A nice cafe / restaurant just off Theatinerstrasse in the centre of town. Nice for brunch or a light lunch, also with tables outside.

<http://www.oskarmaria.com>

Salvatorplatz 1

Closet subway: **Odeonsplatz**



Kuffler

On Maximilianstrasse, just opposite the Opera house. A new place and we have not been there but hear good things about it. California fusion, and a bit of “seen and be seen”.

<http://www.kuffler.de/de/muenchen/kuffler-california-kitchen/index.php>

Hofgraben 9

Closet subway: **Marienplatz**





Bar Corso

A nice local bar / restaurant near Sendlinger Tor on Müllerstrasse. Italian food.

www.barcorso.de

Müllerstraße 51

Closest subway: **Sendlinger Tor**



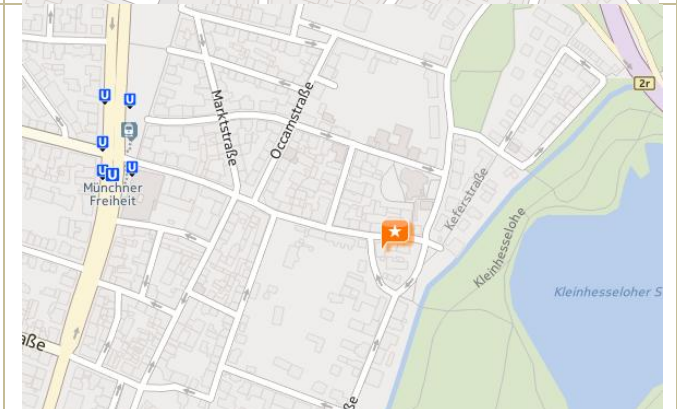
Seerose

An Italian restaurant which we hear good things about which is up in Schwabing so a good place for lunch if you head up there.

www.seerose-trattoria.com/index.php?id=2

Feilitzschstraße 32

Closest subway: **Münchner Freiheit**



Goldenes Kalb

A great steak place on Viktualienmarkt, just opposite the Schrammehalle. Very highly rated and popular. You will probably need to reserve to get a table.

www.zum-goldenen-kalb.de

Utzschneiderstraße 1

Closest subway: **Marienplatz**





Zum Franziskaner

If you are looking for more Bavarian food, then this is a great place to go. Right in the centre of town at the end of Maximilianstrasses, opposite of the Opera House. Has the full range of Bavarian food, cooked very well.

www.zum-franziskaner.de

Residenzstraße 9.

Closest subway: **Marienplatz**



Nürnberger Bratwurst Glöckl

This is a Munich institution and only does Nürnberger Bratwürste (small sausages). Christian's grandmother used to come here nearly 100 years ago to put the world to right. It is just behind the Frauenkirche, Munich's cathedral, and has nice outdoor area to sit.

Frauenplatz 9

Closest subway: **Marienplatz**



Gay Bars

The Munich gay bars are concentrated around Müllerstrasse and Hans-Sachs Strasse, as well as some of the other side streets. Selig (http://www.einfachselig.de/Selig_en.html#) and Nil (www.cafenil.com) both opposite of each other on Hans-Sachs Strasse are good starting points. Best to ask people for where else to go, as different places are popular on different evenings.

Outside of Munich if you decide to stay a bit longer

There is lots to see and do around Munich, as there are multiple lakes in the immediate environment, the mountains within one hour drive, and places like Salzburg in Austria only one hour away.



Boats tour on Lake Starnberg. For those of you who leave on a later flight on Sunday, there is also the option to get on a boat on lake Starnberg. Boats leave from the centre of Starnberg (just behind the train station) either at 14.00 returning at 15.00, or at 16.40 returning 18.45. The boat tours the northern part of the lake and tickets are EUR 8.80.



Neuschwanstein, built by King Ludwig II, is probably Germany's most well known building and just 1 hour outside of Munich at the foot of the Alps.
www.neuschwanstein.de/



Tegernsee, one of the Bavarian lakes at the foot of the Alps, which is as Bavarian as you can get, in particular when you go to the famous Bräustüberl in Tegernsee, which is one of Bavaria's best known beer halls. The lake is set beautifully in the mountains and is a great places for walking / hiking.
 Tegernsee is about 45min outside of Munich, halfway towards Salzburg.



Salzburg, just across the border in Austria, is a beautiful city with a stunning old town. Of course, it is the city of the Sound Of Music, so you can find all the locations that the movie was filmed there (ok, we have seen them all!). It is also at the foot of the alps, and within 20min from the city centre you can be up in the mountains. Salzburg is about a 1 – 1 ½ hour train or car ride from Munich