



Welcome to Munich

Location	Munich Arnulfstraße 10
Established	1977
Classrooms	11 1 st and 2 nd floor
Website	www.munich.did.de
Opening hours	Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Counseling	university and internship counseling
Quality control	EAQUALS (full member) GfdS
Student numbers	75 (low season) 200 (high season)
Activity program	city tours, sports and cultural events
Public transport	various subways Stop: Hauptbahnhof
Distance to center	15 min. walking distance to Stachus
Munich Airport	MUC www.munich-airport.de

Facilities

- Self-Study Center with media and student library
- Multimedia room with 10 computers
- Internet café with 5 computers (registration fee)
- Laptop-cable internet access
- Wireless-LAN internet access **WiFi**
- Lounge with snack- and drink-vending machines
- Student office | Spacious roof terrace

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Munich | City of *Gemütlichkeit*

Oktoberfest and beer-gardens, Lederhosen and Bavarian brass music... no other city is a better example for German tradition and culture than the Bavarian capital. When you come here you will be sure – it is here where German *Gemütlichkeit* was invented. And it certainly is something special to enjoy Bavarian *Weißwurst* and pretzels in the world-famous *English Garden* if the weather is nice you even see the Bavarian alps in the distance. But not only here the third largest German city with 1.3 million inhabitants will impress with its warm-heartedness and joy of life. With 10 universities and more than 80.000 students it is no problem to be a young and lively city.

There are things in Munich that will never change. One of these things is the beer. You will instantly notice that when you come to the Bavarian capital and as soon as you visit one of the famous breweries. At the *Hofbräuhaus* – certainly the world's most famous pub – you will learn what it means to enjoy beer in Munich, football fans from out of town try to buy their confidence while drinking beer before their team faces the famous *FC Bayern München* football stars. And it is actually here that you find another typical Bavarian tradition: *derhosen*! You should treat yourself with a pair of these Bavarian leather breeches: it is a purchase you will make only once and your fellow students will have a big laugh.

The school

Admittedly – it has been some time... In the middle of the 19th century, Karlsplatz in downtown Munich was known as the best place in Europe. Even if no cars are crossing this place anymore, the *Stachus* – as the place is called by the locals – remains the busiest part of the city. The largest shopping street, uncountable boutiques and large department stores stand here. Only minutes away and in direct vicinity of the central train station, *did deutsch-institut Munich* is located. On two floors you'll find everything that is necessary for studying a language in a friendly atmosphere: sunny classrooms, a modern media center, a cozy cafeteria as well as a large roof terrace where you can relax in the sun or play table tennis with some fellow friends.

Activity program

The first few days in Munich will be exciting and exhausting – there's simply too much to do and to see in this town. Some visitors have no idea where to start the tour. It isn't easy considering the many art exhibitions, parties and cultural events. Relax! Your activity guide has arranged our activity program featuring all the Munich highlights. You will be taken on a discovery tour of Munich: Get high on culture in the *Modern Pinakothek* or on a tour through *Castle Nymphenburg*. Visit the home arena of the Munich football team – the *FC Bayern München* – in the new *Allianz-Arena*. Discover with us the famous *English Garden* – Munich's *Central Park* – where you can go on a boat trip or do sports right in the heart of the city.



Welcome to the Oktoberfest

Maybe you know the Oktoberfest from your country – this German *Volksfest* is an export bestseller and is also celebrated under the same name in Switzerland, in the United States, in Canada and Brazil. But only in Munich you can see the original – the world's largest public fair. Every year more than five million visitors from all over the world come to the *Oktoberfest*, which is the name for the beer festival the locals use.

If you've been here once, you'll understand what's so special about the Oktoberfest – it simply breaks all the records: The large beer tents offer seating for more than 10.000 visitors, 1.600 waitresses are working, serving more than 6 million liters of beer! And outside the enormous beer tents the world's largest transportable rollercoaster, over one kilometer long, with its 5 loopings is waiting for fearless riders.

If you want to combine your German course with a visit of the Oktoberfest, you shouldn't wait until October – only the last festival weekend is in October. The reason for this is the weather: September nights are milder and more pleasant for visiting the *Wies'n* in the evening. You shouldn't miss it – even if you've got to study German the next morning. A visit to the Oktoberfest is simply a great experience.

However, not only in the city itself there's plenty to discover: It takes only an hour by car, 70 kilometers away, and you'll be in the Bavarian Alps – join the *did-team* for skiing! The activity guide also offers trips to the Alps during the warmer seasons. In the summer time, we would like to invite you to come to the south, to the lake area *Chiemsee*, *Ammersee* and *Starnberger See*. If you still wish to experience culture, come with us to Augsburg, Regensburg and Salzburg, the native city of Wolfgang A. Mozart. You should not miss these towns! Especially, however, join us on an excursion to King Ludwig's world-famous fairy tale castle *Neuschwanstein* – it is Snowwhite's Disneyland castle – but the original!

Accommodation

According to your personal preferences you may choose among several accommodation possibilities: Do you prefer family accommodation and, thus, practicing your language skills outside the classroom? Just decide for host family accommodation with breakfast or breakfast and dinner. If you decide for the private room option, you stay with a host, but you are responsible for your own meals. If you rather prefer living independently, you should opt for hotel or youth hostel, respectively studio accommodation.

