

8 MORE GERMAN BEER FESTIVALS TO RIVAL OKTOBERFEST

Munich Frühlingfest



This springtime beer festival is the closest thing to being at Oktoberfest. Munich's Frühlingfest (http://www.muenchner-schausteller-verein.de/Muenchner_Fruehlingsfest.139.0.html), sometimes referred to as 'Little Oktoberfest', is on the same Theresienwiese grounds as its fall counterpart, thus evokes a similar atmosphere, just on a smaller scale. Three tents and a substantial beer garden – possibly the best way to stick it to winter – entice beer drinkers with their signature brews while Bavarians dress to the occasion in traditional lederhosen and dirndls. The biggest advantage of Frühlingfest is that it gives a flavour of Oktoberfest but without the massive crowds and hordes of tourists. You should be able to find a table without a reservation and, best of all, you won't have to wait in an enormous queue for the washrooms.

The 'Münchner Frühlingfest' runs from April 15 to May 1, 2016.