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Gäubodenvolksfest



Moving about 130km east, Gäubodenvolksfest (<http://www.volksfest-straubing.de/startseite.html>) is another Bavarian folk festival in the town of Straubing along the picturesque Donau ('Danube') river. While originally an agricultural fair, today the Gäubodenvolksfest offers so much more: thrilling rides, historical parades, fireworks, and, you guessed it, beer. The six tents serve the 1.2M visitors litres of beer from the Straubing-Bogen region, with Beck being the most internationally recognized. While Gäubodenvolksfest has changed quite considerably since its inception, traditional elements are still very much alive including Bavarian cuisine such as pork knuckle and roasted oxen, attire of lederhosen and dirndls worn by the vast majority of locals, and classic Bavarian band's which energize the beer drinkers. This August festival is beloved by locals, who refer to Gäubodenvolksfest as the 'fifth season', and many businesses shut down for the event's eleven days to partake in the festivities.

The Straubing Gäubodenvolksfest runs from August 12 to 22, 2016.