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WHAT TO EXPECT AT MUNICH OKTOBERFEST 2015

Whether you're a first-timer or an old hand looking to learn a little more about the world's greatest booze-up, The Local has you covered with our in-depth guide to Oktoberfest.



Saturday is the big opening of the 205th edition of Bavaria's cultural touchstone.

It all kicks off with a parade of 1,000 brewers, barmaids and other booze purveyors onto the festival grounds.

In front of an audience of TV cameras, celebrities, and the city's great and good, the governing mayor of Munich taps the very first cask to cries of "O'zapft ist!" (it's been tapped) at noon.



Munich mayor Dieter Reiter taps the first cask at Oktoberfest 2014.