

OKTOBERFEST FROM A TO Z
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Trachten- und Schützenzug / Costume and Riflemen Parade
(held first Sunday of Oktoberfest)

Folklore parade

When Sunday, September 21, 2003, 10 am

Start Maximilianstraße

Length ca. 2,5 hours

Description

Held for the first time in 1835 in honor of the silver wedding of King Ludwig I. and Therese of Bavaria, this procession of national costumes has been taking place



regularly since 1950 and turned into an outstanding Oktoberfest event. The German public TV channel broadcasts it live all over the world.

Approximately 8,000 participants will march from the Maximilianstraße through downtown Munich to the Oktoberfest fairgrounds displaying a diversity of customs, music and folk-dance. Traditional costume and music groups will represent many different German states.

Festively clothed traditional costume group members, known as "Trachtler" alternate with colorful succession with sport clubs and mountain marksmen, brass bands, marching bands, trumpeters and brilliant fan twirlers. The magnificent brewery teams will also be present, augmented by over one hundred noble thoroughbreds pulling beautifully decorated carriages. Among the guests of honor we again find the "Kindl", who will also lead this parade on horseback, the Mayor of Munich and Bavarian Governor.

The Festrings München e.V. are the organizers of this impressive parade, which is one of the largest and most beautiful in the entire world. This club is also responsible for the engraving of the annual Munich Oktoberfest medal and the Oktoberfest program.

Entry tickets are not necessary for the parade. It is however possible to reserve a grandstand.

Parade line up: Franz-Joseph-Straße and Leopoldstraße

Further Infos: Tickets can be acquired at the Munich Ticket office: Tel. Nr. 089 / 548 181 81.
 Parade line up: Franz-Joseph-Straße and Leopoldstraße
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The second day of Oktoberfest is especially interesting for its show of traditional dress and outfits from all over the world and the second weekend of Oktoberfest is commonly "Italian weekend," bringing with it ample crowds and even less room to find a seat in your favorite beer tent. If you are looking to travel to the festival with family, Oktoberfest has set aside certain family days, usually on Sundays with discount prices and a somewhat toned down, but still fun, atmosphere in many of the tents.

Highlight of the festival is the first Sunday when 100 folk groups, bands and marksmanship clubs parade through the city in costumes going back as far as the 12th Century. Peasant costumes of Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Yugoslavia, France and Belgium also are represented.

Theresienwiese (or simply: Wies'n) and the tapping of the first cask by the Lord Mayor. On the following day there is the great Trachtenfest parade, with thousands of participants in folk costumes, with bands, floats and decorated beer wagons drawn by the famous brewery horses. The parade winds through Munich's downtown streets and ends on the festival grounds, the Wies'n.

Oktoberfest Costume and Riflemen's Parade
Sunday, September 17th, 2000

Route of the parade: from the Maximilianstraße through the streets of the city center to the Oktoberfest grounds.

On the first Sunday, the Costume and Riflemen's Procession takes place. About 7,000 performers, marching bands, riflemen, groups in traditional garb and historic uniforms, horses, old-fashioned carriages and floats parade for two-and-half hours through the city center. The second Sunday features an open-air concert by 400 musicians from all of the Oktoberfest bands. Between events and beer tents, guests can