

## OKTOBERFEST FROM A TO Z

### Sitten und Gebräuche / Customs and Traditions

#### Trachten- und Schützenzug / Costume and Riflemen Parade (held first Sunday of Oktoberfest)

##### Oktoberfest Costume and Riflemen's Parade

This Oktoberfest parade is one of the best and most colorful displays of Bavarian history, culture, and tradition; watch regional costume groups, "troops" in historical uniforms, marching bands, riflemen, thoroughbred horses, and even oxen, cows, and goats pass by in a 3-mile long procession.

The parade leads through Munich's city center and boasts more than 7000 performers, showcasing ribboned trees, harvest garlands, and historic craftsmen's tools.

**When:** First Sunday of Oktoberfest: September 22nd, 2013; 09:45 a.m.

**Where:** Max II Landmark - Maximilianstraße - Odeonsplatz - Pacellistrasse - Karlsplatz-Stachus - Sonnenstraße - Schwanthalerstraße - Kaiser-Ludwig-Platz - Theresienwiese

The world-famous Oktoberfest costume and riflemen's procession, Sunday, September 23rd, gives an impressive insight into the fascinating diversity of customs rooted in the heart of Bavaria, in Franconia, Swabia, the states of Germany and in neighboring European countries. A varied succession of regional costume groups, "troops" in historical uniforms, marching bands, riflemen, thoroughbred horses, oxen, cows, goats, the decorated drays of the Munich breweries, floats displaying typical local traditions and historic carriages all pass by in a 7-kilometer-long procession through the streets of the city center. Ribboned trees, harvest garlands, craftsmen's tools from bygone days, harvest produce, dancers decorated with flowers, stars and crowns, trumpeters on horseback, flag-throwers and a host of other performers transform this traditional Munich procession into a brilliant highlight on the first Sunday of the Oktoberfest.



Women in traditional Bavarian dress participate in a parade through Munich.



A group of women dressed in colorful costumes participate in the *Oktoberfest* parade in Munich, a city in southern Germany.