

OKTOBERFEST FROM A TO Z

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

Oktoberfest at its best



On the first Oktoberfest Sunday, a parade through Munich is a dazzling showcase of traditional costumes. It was first staged on the 25th wedding anniversary of King Ludwig I and Therese of Bavaria in 1835.

The Trachtenumzug

Having warmed up with this solemn little pageant, the real deal starts on Sunday, at 10 am. That's when a crowd of up to 8,000 costumed representatives of various clubs from all over Munich, Bavaria, Germany, and even parts of Europe gather on the banks of the Isar to the east of the city and march merrily towards the Oktoberfest grounds to the west in the *Trachtenumzug*. There are stag-hunting clubs, sports clubs, craftsman's clubs, huge ornate floats, the inevitable marching bands, and clusters of Swiss, Austrian, Croatian, Italian and Polish people dressed in extremely expensive outfits to look like what their native peasants used to. It's all televised by public broadcaster ARD – so be sure to set your video recorder!



Der Trachten- und Schützenzug



Ein Wagen beim Trachten- und Schützenzug