

Guided Walking Tour

Through Munich's Historic Old Town



Thursday, September 3, 2026 · 6:30 pm at Marienplatz (Mariensäule) · 7:00 pm Conference Dinner at Augustiner Stammhaus (Neuhauser Str. 27, 80331 München)



1. Marienplatz

The heart of Munich

- The city's central square for more than 860 years
- Old Town Hall: 14th century, rebuilt several times, today toy museum
- New Town Hall: 1867–1909, looks older (Neo-Gothic), 100 m long, over 400 rooms
- Glockenspiel at 11 am & 12 noon (& 5 pm in summer): shows royal wedding & jousting tournament above, and Coopers' Dance below
- Mariensäule: built 1638 as a thanksgiving for surviving the Thirty Years' War

Insider facts: The Bavarian knight wins the joust at every single performance - No surprise, as Bavaria always wins! ;) Whenever FC Bayern wins the Bundesliga, they celebrate on the Town Hall balcony – almost like a royal reception!



2. Alter Peter

Munich's oldest parish church

- 11th/12th century: roughly as old as the city itself (first documented in 1158)
- Tower 91 m high, over 300 steps, 360° view reaching the Alps on clear days
- Eight clock faces: two on each side of the tower, one at the top and one below → Nobody has an excuse for being late ;)
- Served as a fire watchtower for centuries: the watchman rang bells and hung out a flag pointing toward the fire

Insider fact: In 1796 an Austrian cannonball crashed through a window during a service. Nobody was hurt, the priest finished the service, and the ball got walled into the choir apse as a reminder and a symbol of resilience: Munich has survived wars & crises.



3. Viktualienmarkt

Munich's "stomach" since 1807

- Over 140 stalls; the city's central food market for more than 200 years
- The only beer garden in Munich where the brewery rotates: all six large breweries, changing every 5–6 weeks
- Maypole: blue-and-white, figures of Bavaria's traditional crafts. Re-raised on May 1. Rival villages may steal it, but only before it is raised, and only if they carry it undamaged across the municipal boundary. Caught inside, the theft fails. If successful, the pole is ransomed back – usually for a large quantity of beer.

Insider fact: A Weisswurst must not hear the noon bells: it used to be sold raw and spoiled within hours. Today, the rule is more cultural rather than microbiological: for true Bavarians, it remains a law of nature!



4. Frauenkirche

Munich's iconic landmark

- "Cathedral of Our Blessed Lady": in honor of the Virgin Mary, patron saint of the city and of the cathedral
- Built 1468–1488 in just 20 years, but without domes; consecrated in 1494
- The onion domes were added in 1525
- Towers just under 99 m high; no building in the center of Munich may exceed 100 m → church = symbolic reference point
- South tower is open to visitors: one of the best panoramic views over Munich, and on clear days all the way to the Alps

Insider fact: The Devil's Footprint in the floor near the entrance. The architect is said to have made a pact with the devil to finance the church, promising a building without visible windows. From one spot the pillars hide them all – one step further, the devil saw them and stamped in fury.

Questions? – Please ask your guide
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