



Florence 2 Munich Springfest- HOSTEL

Included

- Round trip transportation by private coach with DVD's, A/C and bathroom
- Accommodation at a top rated hostel with your friends
- Breakfast
- Exclusive Bus2alps discounts
- Bus2alps trip leader

Optional Activities

- Munich Bike Tour
- Dachau Concentration Camp
- Frühlingsfest
- Deutsches Museum
- BMW Museum
- Neuschwanstein Castle Day Trip

Currency

- Euro

What to Pack

- Passport
- Towel
- Weather-appropriate clothes
- Comfortable shoes / sandals
- Extra spending money

Detailed Itinerary

Please Note: For accurate departure times, travel times, prices of activities, and suggestions on how much extra money you will need, please contact info@bus2alps.com.

Day 1

The trip departs Florence from the Santa Maria Novella train station. The meeting point is in the International Ticketing Hall opposite tracks 8 and 9. Please meet your trip leader 20 minutes prior to departure. Travel to Munich is by private luxury coach with A/C, DVD, and bathroom. We play DVDs through the duration of the trip. We make one 45 minute stop. Upon arrival in Munich, we will store our luggage at our accommodation.

Day 2

On Friday morning after breakfast guides will be leading groups to the city center of Marienplatz, which is also the best location to buy traditional dirndls and lederhosen for the weekend. Bus2alps Trip Leaders will also begin heading over to the festival grounds as the tents open. There are two beer tents, the Augustiner and Hippodrom, which feature live music, traditional bavarian food and steins of beer. We recommend arriving to the festival grounds prior to tents opening to ensure a spot in a tent as entrance to the beer tents are on a first come first serve basis.

If you choose to explore Munich, the day is free to head out to some of Munich's museums and attractions like the Dachau Memorial, Olympic Park and BMW World (situated next to each other), the amazing Deutsches Museum or to the Theresienwiese, the site of Springfest. You can speak with your Trip Leader to plan your day accordingly. The festival tents close for the night at 23:00. If you choose to not attend the festival, you can check out Munich's famous beer halls, bars and great nightclubs! A great after festival club spot to check out is Kultfabrik that has over 40 bars and clubs in a converted warehouse area.

Friday also offers the optional bike tour of Munich.* You must pre-book to reserve a spot as there is limited space. Meet your trip leader at the meeting point they will designate during the weekend for the bike tour.* The Munich Bike tour is the best way to see all of Munich and the international guides leading the tour are some of the best in Europe. This easy, flat bike tour takes in all the historical and cultural landmarks in central Munich while providing a fantastic Bavarian history lesson. There will be a stop for lunch at The Chinese Tower in The English Garden (weather dependent). The bike tour lasts approximately 3 hours. Since the bike tour will end near the city center it is also a great time to purchase lederhosen or dirndls.

*Limited spots available. Please note that the bike tour may be offered either Friday and/or Saturday and times may vary based on the weekend. Your Trip Leader will inform you in advance of the exact days, times and meeting location.

Day 3

If you are interested in taking a day trip to Neuschwanstein Castle*, you have the opportunity to pre-book a guided tour through Sandemans New Europe, available on our website. Located in the heart of the Bavarian Alps, this beautiful castle became Walt Disney's inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's Castle. This tour is an additional cost- please check with your tour leader for details.

*Departure time subject to change, please check with your tour leader.

For those not joining the castle tour who wish to return to the festival, this is the most popular day for the locals! Bus2alps will have a group leaving after breakfast from the hostels in the morning to head to the festival. It is likely tables will be reserved by locals in the afternoon so it is important to get there early if you would like a table. If you arrive late and are not able to enter the tents, it is recommended to grab a spot in the outside beer garden until they start allowing more people to enter the tent. For those of you looking for a good meal away from the festival atmosphere, your Bus2alps guides will be happy to suggest local venues and beer halls for an authentic Bavarian meal.

If you choose to not attend the festival, Saturday is free to explore Munich at your leisure, lounging in one of Munich's beautiful parks or checking out sites like Dachau, the Deutsches Museum, Olympic Park, or BMW World.

The beer tents turn into a party in themselves at night featuring live performances and bands. The festival closes for the night at 23:00. If you choose to not attend the festival in the evening, you can check out Munich's famous beer halls in the city center and great nightclubs.

Day 4

Sunday morning is yours to explore Munich, or to head back for one more day of partying at the Theresienwiese before departure back to Italy. Sunday at the festival is more subdued and obtaining entrance into the beer tents is easier. There is enough time if you wake up early to check out any of Munich's great museums.

Your Bus2alps trip leaders will be organizing times early on Sunday morning to go to Dachau Concentration Camp. Entrance to Dachau is free as it is now a memorial site for those who lost their lives at the camp, which was the first concentration camp in Germany.

Check out is at 10:00 am. You will need to return your room keys and store your luggage in the hostel luggage room. Please meet in the hostel lobby at the designated departure time. We make one 45 minute stop for dinner.

Optional Activities

Fruhlingsfest: The main reason most of you chose this weekend to come to Munich, the festival will be rocking out each day until 11:00pm. Fruhlingsfest showcases two beer tents, Spaten's Hippodrome and the Augustiner tent. Entrance to tents is free.

Munich Bike Tour: Hailed by travelers as the best bike tour in Europe, the Munich Bike Tour is the ideal way to cover all of the major city sights be entertained and learn about the city. Stops on the bike tour include, Marienplatz, Hofbrauhaus, English Gardens, Chinese Tower, Surfer's Bridge, and Bavarian Parliament.

Dachau Concentration Camp: Located a 20 minute ride on the train from downtown Munich, this humbling experience brings into perspective the atrocities that occurred during Nazi rule in World War II. Open 9:00 - 17:00.

Deutsches Museum: This interactive museum is the largest technological museum of its kind and is known for its historic artifacts that mark important steps in the field of science and technology. Open 9:00 - 17:00.

BMW Museum: The museum's exhibitions, remodeled every few years, takes visitors into the motoring world of yesterday. Open 10:00 - 18:00.

Neuschwanstein Castle Day Trip: Located in the heart of the Bavarian Alps, this beautiful castle became Walt Disney's inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's Castle. It is only possible to enter the castle on a guided tour. The location also hosts an Alpine Sledding track.