



Itinerary For a Four Day Languages Study Tour to Munich. Prepared For The Languages Department.

Dates: To Be Confirmed



The itinerary is designed to balance visits of the greatest interest with recreative activities. It aims to make the maximum use of time without exhausting participants. The itinerary we have proposed is flexible and is only finalised after discussion with the Group Leader(s). Flexibility is also built into the tour itself as changes can be made at very short notice according to weather conditions etc. The tour can be guided throughout. All excursions are well-prepared and are backed by notes and a commentary. The tour guide is able to run the tour according to Group Leader wishes. In this way Group Leaders will be free to concentrate on the care of their pupils rather than the organisation of the tour. The whole stay is underpinned by excellent accommodation, catering, transport and security.

ACCOMMODATION



The Hotel Meininger Munich Central**

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A finalist of the Global Youth Travel Awards, our hotel lies within the heart of historic Munich. The hotel is located north of Tiergarten Park & is surrounded by parks & green spaces. There are several delightful restaurants & cafes in the surrounding area & travel connections allow for rapid transfers between visits.

There is a popular meeting area with café & bar at reception where students can meet & chat. There is also a games rooms with a pool table, table tennis etc. free Wifi operates throughout the hotel. The breakfasts are plentiful & will fill up young tummies for a day of sightseeing.

All bedrooms have flat-screen TV's, en-suite bathrooms with towels & toiletries provided. Some of the rooms are dormitory style with bunkbeds, each with their own nightlights & USB chargers.

The reception team are extremely helpful & friendly & we have found the Meininger Hotel to provide dynamic, exciting yet homely & comfortable accommodation for our groups visiting Berlin.

CATERING

The catering in Munich proves to be a highlight for many of the groups that have joined us.

En Route

We ask parents to supply a packed lunch for the outward journey. On the final day, lunch is the final meal provided by Varsity Travel so participants should keep £10 to purchase an evening meal at the airport.

Breakfast

An extensive continental breakfast of croissants, bread, butter, jam, coffee, tea or hot chocolate is served in a large open-space area next to reception.

Lunch

The basic tour cost does not include lunches but we can include these in your tour price should you wish to.

For lunch, the Tour Guide will distribute lunch money to students before taking the group to a particularly good area of the city for cafes, restaurants & pizzerias. Participants will have a wide choice of food & can either purchase a sandwich & a drink, enjoy a pizza on the terrace of a restaurant or try a bowl of pasta from one of the many good outlets. The use of lunch money has proved to be very popular with students as it provides an opportunity to explore, try the local food & converse with the locals who are always friendly & helpful.

Dinner

Evening meals are a time for participants to experience authentic German food in one of the city's historic beerhouses. Students will enjoy dining on traditional Bavarian dishes such as bratwurst sausage with potatoes, pork knuckle with sauerkraut or chicken schnitzel. Ice-cream desserts are always popular with our groups. There is often a live traditional German band serenading diners while they enjoy their dinners. Together with tuba, singing traditional songs & wearing leiderhosen, the lively beerhouse restaurants have proved to be immensely popular with our groups and are flexible enough to cope with all dietary requirements.

DAY ONE

05.00	Coach arrives at School.
05.15	Depart School. Coach transfer to Local Airport.
06.45	E.T.A. Local Airport. Commence check in.
09.50	Easyjet flight 8584 departs Gatwick Airport.
12.55	E.T.A. Munich International Airport. <small>(Please note: Continental time is 1 hour in advance of British time)</small>
13.50	Coach transfer to Hotel Meininger Munich.
14.45	E.T.A. Hotel Meininger Munich. Check-in & allocate room keys.
Students will have some time to unpack, settle into rooms & relax after the transfer from the U.K.	
15.30	<u>Guided Walking Tour of central Munich.</u>
We will have a local tour guide for the afternoon walking tour of central Munich to help show students around this fascinating city. Starting on the central square in front of the Marienplatz we will visit the Residenzstrasse, scene of the crushing of the 1923 Putsch, Hitler's apartment at Thierchstrasse, Burgersaalkirche, the parish church & grave of Rupert Mayer, one of the Catholic opponents of Nazism & the White Rose Memorial.	
After the walking tour, students will enjoy some free time to explore the central square in groups, perhaps visiting some of the shops or simply enjoying an ice-cream & a rest.	
19.00	<u>Dinner at The HofBrau House, central Munich.</u>
On our first evening students will enjoy their dinner in a 500 year old historical & cultural site in the heart of Munich. The Hofbrau House is the most famous brewery restaurant in the world & is enormous. Local groups sponsor their own tables & locals have personal beer mugs kept in the safe below ground. Waitresses carry huge steins of beer to jubilant tables while the band plays traditional Bavarian songs in their traditional deerskin lederhosen. Impromptu singing often happens from the surrounding tables. We will enjoy traditional Bavarian dishes followed by cherry pie & ice-cream. This is a sight to behold & will provide students with a glimpse into the culture & history of Bavaria.	
21.45	Walk to The Hotel Meininger.
22.10	E.T.A. Hotel Meininger.

DAY TWO

08.00 Breakfast.

09.15 Walk to Viktualienmarkt.

09.45 **Visit to The Viktualienmarkt.**

Relocated from the Marienplatz in 1807 when the market grew too large for the main square, this foodmarket is a Munich institution & is always a popular visit with our languages students visiting the city.

With hundreds of stalls selling local foods, students will enjoy browsing the stalls, perhaps bravely using their German language skills to communicate with the stallholders. There is a popular café & beergarden in the middle of the market as well as a tantalising array of food outlets selling local wurst or schnitzel for visitors to sample.

12.00 **Lunch in The Viktualienmarkt.**

We will break for lunch in the Munich food market where students can sample a local lunch amongst the many stalls.

13.00 **Visit to The Residenz Museum.**

The Munich Residence has been open to the public as a museum since 1920 and is today one of the most important palace museums in Europe. The extensive building is a monument in stone to the self-image of its patrons, the rulers from the House of Wittelsbach, who governed Bavaria first as dukes, from the 17th century onwards as electors and from 1806 to 1918 as kings.

The function of the Residence as the main residence and seat of government of the rulers, which it retained for centuries, is still reflected in its architecture and furnishings: from the 16th to the 19th century interiors of high artistic and material quality were created in Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassicist and Historicist styles. Here visitors can still see the changing forms of princely self-representation in the ages of humanism, Counter-Reformation, the Enlightenment, the divine right of kings and constitutional monarchy.

15.00 **Exploration of Central Munich.**

Students will enjoy some free time to explore the central shopping area of the city before dinner.

17.30 **Dinner at a central Munich Brewery Restaurant.**

19.30

Bowling at Bavaria Bowling Alley.

We always combine visits of the greatest interest with recreational activities & pupils will enjoy an hour of bowling with prizes provided for the highest scorers.

21.00

Transfer to Hotel Meininger.

21.30

E.T.A. Hotel Meininger.

DAY THREE

08.00 Breakfast.

09.15 U-bahn transfer to Hellabrunn Zoo.

10.00 **Visit to Hellabrunn Zoo.**

In 40 hectares on the meadow-covered right bank of the Isar in the south of the city, Hellabrunn Zoo rarely ranks outside the top five in Europe.

Established in 1911, it was one of the first in world to adopt moats and ditches as barriers instead of cages, but also introduced the concept of the Geo-Zoo, where animals are located according to their geographical regions.

The zoo participates in breeding programs for endangered species like silvery and drill baboons, as well as elephants, arctic foxes and gorillas.

Alpacas, polar bears, South American sea lions and giraffes are a few of the 760-odd species.

There are two separate petting areas for visitors to pet & feed the pygmy goats and Damara goats.

12.15 Lunch at the Hellabrunn Zoo.

Students will enjoy choosing their lunches from the excellent café in the zoo complex.

13.15 **Transfer to The BMW Museum & Showroom**

Located in front of the worldwide BMW Headquarters, the futuristic museum was completed in 1973 & is known to locals as 'The Salad Bowl' due to its modernistic appearance. The interior of the museum's galleries are designed on a Guggenheim-esque spiral & are spacious & futuristic. Students will enjoy learning about the company's technological development over the decades. There are vintage cars, aircraft, motorcycles, turbines & engines as well as outlandish concept vehicles from the last two decades, all accompanied with information via multimedia.

Did you know Elvis Presley owned a BMW? Well he did and it's on show here.

After visiting the museum we will visit the amazing glass modernist showroom, without doubt the most spectacular car showroom in the world. Buyers often collect their new cars from this showroom & are treated to an unveiling ceremony as their new car arrives through the floor on a special carlift.

Students can view the latest BMW cars in the light-filled showroom, perhaps even sitting in the driver's seat behind the wheel.

15.00 Return transfer to Hotel Meininger, Munich.

15.30 Rest & relaxation time in hotel.

After the day's sightseeing, students will enjoy some time to rest in their rooms, have a drink at the hotel's café or perhaps play table football or snooker in reception.

17.00 **Free Exploration Time in The Marienplatz.**

Students will enjoy some time to explore the café's, shops & ice-cream parlours in the central square before dinner.

18.30 **Dinner at local Beerhouse Restaurant.**

20.15 Return walk to Hotel Meininger.

20.45 E.T.A. Hotel Meininger.

DAY FOUR

08.00 Breakfast & hotel check-out.

09.30 Walk to The Munich Documentation Centre.

10.15 **Visit to The Munich Documentation Centre.**

As the place where the National Socialist German Workers' Party was founded, Munich is associated more than any other German city with the rise of National Socialism. The former 'Capital of the Movement' played a pioneering role in the establishment of the Nazi regime of terror and was home to the Nazi party apparatus.

The Documentation Centre has been built on the site of the former 'Brown House', once the headquarters of the National Socialist German Workers' Party (NSDAP). The new construction is designed to be an open and lively forum of information and discussion.

The permanent exhibition documents the history of National Socialism in Munich, the city's special role in the Nazi system of terror and Munich's difficulties in confronting its past after 1945. As well as the permanent exhibition, there are also a series of special exhibitions, a learning centre, a varied programme of events and various educational resources.

11.15 Walk to The Olympic Tower.

11.45 **Ascent of The Olympic Tower.**

Built in 1968, the Olympic Tower is visible throughout Munich & weighs around 52,000 tonnes. We will take a high-speed lift to the viewing platform at the summit of the tower to enjoy panoramic views as far as the Northern Alps on a clear day.

13.00 **Exploration of The Olympic Park.**

After descending from the top of the tower we will have some recreational time in the popular Olympic Park.

13.45 **Lunch & Final Exploration of Central Munich.**

Students will enjoy some final time in the popular shopping streets of central Munich before transferring to the hotel, airport & back to the U.K.

15.45 Walk to Hotel Meininger.

16.15 Collect suitcases from Hotel Meininger & meet coach.

16.45 Coach transfer to Munich International Airport.

17.30	E.T.A. Munich International Airport. Commence check-in.
19.55	Depart Munich on Easyjet flight 5634.
21.00	E.T.A. Local Airport (North Terminal).
22.00	Meet coach outside Local Airport. Transfer to School.
23.15	E.T.A. School.

! Please note: this itinerary is for illustration purposes & remains subject to change. The final itinerary is confirmed upon receipt of deposit payments once the hotel, flights, sites & museums have been reserved. The flights & airports are suggested only !