

RESTAURANT AND BAR SUGGESTIONS

With the world's biggest beer festival, beer cellars galore and the best beer gardens on the planet, Munich has an enviable reputation for... well, yes, that drink they call beer. There is, however, so much more to the city's bar scene than that.

The Bavarian capital has for centuries been a cultural powerhouse, and nowadays world-class art and design museums often come with quality restaurants and cafés – meaning visitors can take in a Kandinsky or Twombly followed by a glorious bev (or three). Whether it's for a local beer, a lush wine or a glitzy cocktail, you're never too far away from a brilliant bar in this city – so if you need some direction, here's where to start:

Bars

1. Die Goldene Bar
 - a. Shimmering beneath the gorgeous modernist chandelier, they lend the interior a luxurious atmosphere, but it's the relaxed, mixed crowd that makes the Goldene Bar such a favorite.
2. Zephyr Bar
 - a. Zephyr is like a beautiful, trippy botanical garden, and nearly always packed.
3. Bar Garçon
 - a. The bar is small, with predominantly stouling (though snag the coveted window seat if you can) and a fun, easy-going atmosphere. Bar Garçon is cash only.
4. Zum Wolf
 - a. Taking inspiration from 'classic American cocktail bars and Southern-style juke joints', Zum Wolf is more speakeasy than Bavarian beer cellar.
5. Schumann's Bar
 - a. Arrive earlier rather than later, or book a table so you can segue seamlessly from dinner to dirty Martini
6. The High
 - a. The interior channels '80s Miami and come rain, shine or thick winter snow, the aesthetic is pure sun and saturation: tropical plants, striped paper straws and drinks as orange and pink as a ride down Ocean Drive.
7. Bayerischer Hof Roof Terrace
 - a. Offers arguably the best bar views of the Munich cityscape.
8. Bürgerhaus Glockenbachwerkstatt
 - a. Don't expect fancy cocktails here – this is more of a no-frills and big-smiles Kneipe (pub) vibe.
9. Chinesischer Turm
 - a. Try the Stecklerfisch (grilled fish on a stick) and Schweinshaxn (roasted pork knuckle) while you're there.
10. Augustiner-Keller
 - a. Not sure what to order? Go with the Augustiner helles, a crisp, light lager and a classic Munich beer.

Restaurants

1. Hofbräuhaus
 - a. Call it touristy. Call it overrated. Call it what you will, but at least go so you can see the Bavarian stereotype in full swing and decide for yourself.
2. Tantris
 - a. Voted among the 50 best restaurants in the world and awarded with two Michelin stars, Tantris is celebrated as the most renowned restaurants in Munich, one of the best in Germany, and one of the finest in continental Europe.
3. Nomiya
 - a. Marry a Sushi bar with a beer hall, and what you get is the culinary concept of Nomiya: a Bavarian Japanese restaurant that has the best of both worlds.
4. Fraunhofer Wirtshaus
 - a. The Fraunhofer Wirtshaus is a traditional Bavarian restaurant that serves genuine and organically sourced Bavarian specialties like pork knuckle, potato dumplings and coleslaw.
5. Broeding
 - a. Broeding's six-course menu changes every night. (There is also a 3 and 5 course option.) Everything is made from scratch, with care, by chef and owner Manuel Reheis in this simply elegant setting.
6. Hey Luigi
 - a. The food is simple but tasty, and the place is well-known for its wide selection of pasta variations and salads. After all, Italian is German's favorite cuisine.
7. Atelier
 - a. This intimate, fine-dining experience in the Haidhausen, Munich's French quarter, features modern design and innovative cuisine.
8. Augustiner Klosterwirt
 - a. If you're looking for a traditional Bavarian restaurant in Munich, look no further than Augustiner Klosterwirt. It's smack dab in the center of town.
9. Ristorante CA`D`ORO
 - a. The result is a timely and stylish restaurant boutique with connection to the classical restaurant, which invites you to linger over a glass of wine or for an honest Italian meal.
10. Café-Bistro Dallmayr
 - a. Besides coffee, inside the Dallmayr shop you will find a wide range of fine foods, from seasoned olives and light, fresh lox to creamy exotic chocolate truffles and cooled white wine; the Dallmayr café has something that impresses everyone.
11. Woerner's
 - a. Woerners is a café that serves decadent cakes, bite-sized pralines, ice cream, fancy coffees, and Glühwein (mulled wine), just to name a few. Especially during the warmer months of the year, patrons fill the outside seating, which spills into Marienplatz and gives a front-row view of the famous Rathaus (town hall).
12. Prinz Myshkin
 - a. Prinz Myshkin is a delicious vegetarian restaurant in Munich, but that doesn't necessarily mean that it's "healthy eating." The menu is full of fresh, decadent dishes that fall into several categories. There is definitely something for everyone here, including vegans and people who don't normally stick to a vegetarian diet.