

Munich Pre Cruise

July 3-6, 2025

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Thursday July 3, 2025

Check in at Munich 4 star+ hotel Excelsior by Geisel

Completely renovated in 2017, their double rooms have been restored to their former glory. Timeless elegance meets contemporary comfort. Beds that promise a good night's sleep, light colours and stylish details ensure a comfortable atmosphere.

Deluxe/premium rooms have been reserved for you with daily breakfast included

Official check-in is at 3:00 pm, we can gladly arrange for guaranteed early arrival to make sure your room is ready at additional cost

3:00 pm to 6:00 overview orientation tour

3:00 pm Meet your city expert in the hotel lobby and start exploring city highlights

Munich's cathedral, the church of Our Lady (Frauenkirche), built in late Gothic style in the 15th century. Its two enormous towers are capped with very un-Gothic-like, onion-shape domes

The magnificent Residenz, the official home of the Wittelsbach rulers. Built in various styles – German Renaissance, Palladian and Florentine Renaissance – the 100-room museum contains art and furnishings collected over centuries by the ruling family

Marienplatz, a square named for the gilded statue of the Virgin Mary, with its 19th-century Gothic New Town Hall (Neues Rathaus) whose famous Glockenspiel is rung twice daily.

The Hofbräuhaus beer hall, Munich's most popular attraction and the city's best known drinking establishment, where approximately 10,000 litres of beer are served daily.

Pass the Italian Renaissance-style church of St. Michael (Michaeliskirche), built for the Jesuits in the late 16th century and the baroque St. Kajetan (Teatinerkirche), a former royal church decorated with elaborate stucco work.

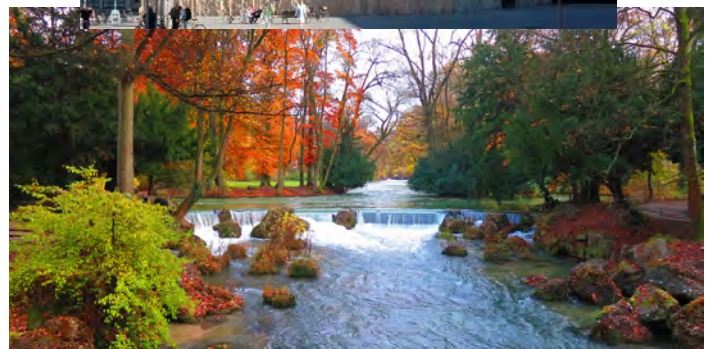
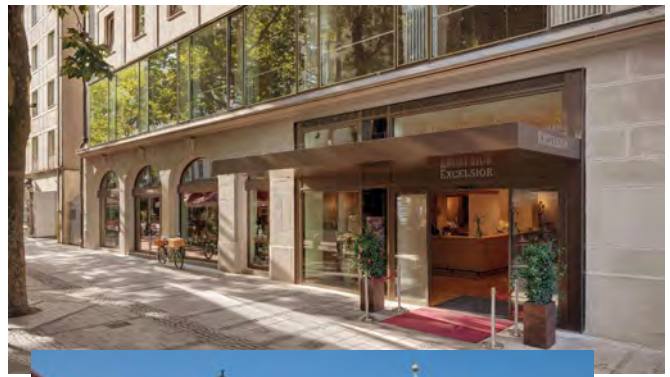
Visit the Old Town with Alter Hof, the interior courtyard of the original palace of the Wittelsbach family, rulers of Bavaria from 1385 to 1918

The Ohel Jakob synagogue, the new main synagogue of the Munich Jewish community, which was inaugurated on November 9, 2006, on the 68th anniversary of Kristallnacht

Drive to Nymphenburg Castle the former summer residence of the rulers of Bavaria and home to the famous Nymphenburg Porcelain. Built in 1700, Nymphenburg is located in the western part of the city in the middle of one of Munich's most beautiful parks

See the 'surfers' on the Eisbach River in the center of Munich. A man-made three foot wave has been created on one section and has become a popular surfing spot all year long. Great fun to watch!

7:30 group dinner at local favorite





Friday July 4, 2025

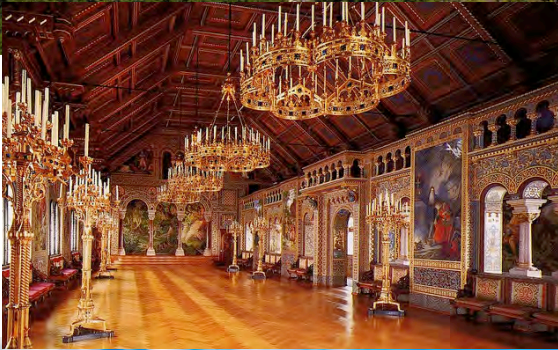
Excursion to Neuschwanstein castle and Oberammergau

9:00 am Depart Munich for a drive through the Bavarian Alps to Neuschwanstein the celebrated castle of King Ludwig II of Bavaria

Travel to the end of Germany’s famous ‘Romantic Road’ and visit the fairy tale castle of Neuschwanstein, named for the Swan Knight, Lohengrin, of the Wagner opera and the later inspiration for the Disney logo

The castle sits on a hilltop above the village and is accessible by a steep, narrow road either by horse and carriage or on foot

This castle and its amazing interior, contains 360 rooms many with decorated with ornate furniture, paintings and tapestries, some of which depict scenes from the operas of Richard Wagner



Group lunch at one of the restaurants en route back downhill

On the return trip to Munich, stop at Oberammergau, home of the ‘Passion Play’ which is performed every 10 years. The town is also known for its outstanding wood carvers

We will include a stop where you can witness one of the many village artisans carving religious scenes and figures out of their wooden blocks

Continue to Steingaden and see the Wieskirche (Pilgrimage Church of Wies) an oval rococo church, designed in the late 1740s and added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1983



8:00 pm Festive 4th of July group dinner at local favorite



Saturday July 5, 2025

10:00 am Depart for Dachau concentration camp, site of the first concentration camp in Bavaria which was erected by the Nazis in 1933, under the direction of SS commander, Heinrich Himmler

This notorious camp, in which over 32,000 people were murdered, became the model for all other camps in the Nazi regime. It is now a memorial with a museum, an archive and a library



1:00 pm Group lunch on the way to BMW

Spread over two floors in an award-winning building, see the latest BMW model cars including a full display on the “Mini” as well as classic cars and motorbikes. The adjacent BMW Museum features changing exhibitions related to the brand.

5:00 pm: End of tour at the hotel



Sunday July 6, 2025

Morning at leisure

Please check out settling personal incidentals at your convenience

10:45 am luggage at bus

11:00 am Departure transfer for Passau (about 2 hour ride)