



# Mandarin Oriental, Munich

Munich, Germany



Mandarin Oriental, Munich is an elegant stay in the Altstadt, the city's Old Town.



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## About your stay

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Munich might be best known for beer and pretzels, but style and substance dominate Germany's third largest city. Mandarin Oriental, Munich adds sumptuous class with a firm nod to its location in the heart of Bavaria. Soak in the Old World flavors (the legendary Hofbrauhaus beer hall is next door) or spend the day shopping in the haute boutiques on Maximilianstrasse before retiring to these elegant neo-Biedermeier style digs with a Michelin-starred restaurant looking out over the street scene and a rooftop pool and bar with views of the city's red rooftops and church spires.

### What we love

- The rooftop pool with 360-degree views of the city
- Complimentary minibar in all room categories
- Prime location in the city center, next door to the Hofbrauhaus, Munich's most famous beer hall
- Free Mercedes-Benz loaner bikes and maps
- Cocktails with views of the Bavarian alps at China Moon, the summer roof terrace bar

### What to know

- The buffet breakfast costs approximately \$48 but is worth it, if you can eat enough
- The fitness center has new equipment and a sauna, but is small
- Trendy types seeking hip digs might feel out of place: this is a refined, distinguished hotel
- Rooms on the top floor are closest to the pool and roof terrace but the elevator stops at the floor below
- The hotel offers airport transfers but the S-Bahn regional train is a 5-minute walk away and whisks you to the airport for a fraction of the cost

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### Jetsetter review

Located in a historic neo-Renaissance building in the center of the Altstadt (Old Town), Mandarin Oriental, Munich feels like a hidden surprise. One minute I'm surrounded by high-end boutiques like Dior and Chanel on Maximilianstrasse, Munich's version of Rodeo Drive or Bond Street; the next, a side street reveals this intimate, 73-room hotel.

Inside, the lobby's cascading grand marble staircase hints at its former life as a 19th-century ballroom. Velvety copper and gold tones dominate the guestrooms, with neo-Biedermeier furnishings and soft ivory-colored walls. Like all Mandarin Oriental hotels, there are subtle influences to the Far East – an Asian ceramic pot here, oriental art there. But all rooms include Bang & Olufsen flat screen TVs, Bose docking stations, complimentary minibars (with non-alcoholic beverages) and even yoga mats – after all, a morning dose of sun salutations might be in order after enjoying hearty Bavarian beer. Desks feature international outlets, a convenient fix for my mountain of electronic gadgets. Bathrooms are a sea of marble, with deep soaking tubs and rain showers.



The hotel's rooftop infinity pool presents a stunning contrast of modern and Old World Munich.

Junior suites and higher categories enjoy the same decor but more space, with sitting areas and added perks like free WiFi, Nespresso coffee machines and complimentary white wine in the minibar.

The roof terrace beckons with its infinity pool overlooking Munich's rooftops, and summer brings an alfresco bar, so you can lounge with a cocktail. Downstairs, live piano music takes place daily at 7 p.m. in the Mandarin Bar. Dine at Mark's, their Michelin-starred restaurant or enjoy a more casual meal at BistroMO, followed by a cigar in their smoking lounge, the Rum Club.

Do splurge for the buffet breakfast, a gargantuan affair that includes champagne, a la carte warm dishes like eggs and pancakes plus a vast buffet including fresh German breads, pastries, Bavarian pretzels and mustard, meats, cheeses and seafood.

### What to do

- **Drink.** Enjoy a gigantic mug of frothy Bavarian bliss under the cross vaults at the **Hofbrauhaus**, Munich's legendary public beer hall.
- **Watch.** See the Neo-Gothic New Town Hall's **Glockenspiel** (carillon) spring to life with chimes, bells and figures of Bavarian knights spinning as they perform a joust and dance. The show takes place at 11 a.m. daily (plus noon and 5 p.m. in the summer).
- **Marvel.** Admire the **Church of St Peter**, the majestic structure with a Gothic exterior and a flamboyant baroque interior.
- **Shop.** Wander through the **Viktualienmarkt**, one of Europe's best gourmet food markets in the heart of the old town.
- **Visit.** Embrace science at the **Deutsches Museum**, the world's largest science and technology museum. Exhibits include a U1 submarine and the first car by Karl Benz.
- **See.** Tour treasures of the royal dynasties at the **Residenz**, the vast palace that housed Bavarian rulers from 1508 to 1918.
- **Walk.** Stroll through the **English Garden**, one of Europe's largest city parks filled with picturesque ponds, paddle-boats and the sprawling Chinese Tower, the sprawling beer garden that seats up to 7,000 beer revelers.

## How to get there

Flights are available to Munich Airport (MUC) from major U.S. cities on a variety of carriers. Transfers to/from MUC, about 28 miles away, are approximately \$228 for up to three people per car, each way, and can be arranged through the property. Taxis to/from MUC are approximately \$76, each way. If you're renting a car for the transfer, self-parking is available for \$38 per day.



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