

Oktoberfest Facts

- Oktoberfest is the largest festival in the world. Oktoberfest attracts 6 million visitors from all around the world to Munich each year and inspires similar fall festivals around the globe as well. While many associate this German festival with just tents and beer, there is far more history and tradition to it.
- On October 12, 1810, the future King Ludwig I married Princess Therese. The citizens of Munich were invited to celebrate the wedding on the fields in front of the city gates. In honor of the Princess, the fields have become known as Theresienwiese (Therese's Green) and each year, the anniversary is commemorated with the celebration of Oktoberfest.
- Each year, Oktoberfest is celebrated for 3 weeks, beginning in mid-September and ending on the first weekend of October.
- The locals call the event "Wiesn" named after the Theresienwiese, which is the name of the land where it takes place. It's pronounced as "Vizen".
- The festival is celebrated on the "Wiesn" in 14 tents assembled on the grounds, each representing different regions of Germany with different foods and themes.



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