



Stubborn Brothers Brewery Bavarian Tour 2021



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Michael Plank and Sons - 17 generations of brewers and 12 World Beer Cup Awards!



Bamberg's old City Hall



FLY FROM USA ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

Day 1: Friday, October 15: After gathering at Munich Airport, we drive north through the world's large hop growing region, the [Hallertau](#). Our first leg is 85 miles to the small village of Laaber. Here, we visit the brewery of [Michael Plank XVI](#). Founded in 1617 and now led by the 16th generation, Michael XVII is already in training with his dad (a HUGE AC/DC fan). Plank leads the world with 12 World Beer Cup Awards. We'll have lunch here and conduct a tasting of the main Bavarian styles.

The second leg is another 90 miles to our lodgings. We will be sleeping inside the [Fassla Brewery](#)! Turn in early or join us downstairs for some Franconian Specialties and some great Fässla Beer.

Day 2: Saturday, October 16. [Erik the Storyteller](#) will be on hand to take you on a walking tour of Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will learn all about the history and legends of this amazing baroque city. Lunch is planned at the storied [Schlenkerla](#) brewery – the quintessential example of [Rauchbier](#). This smokey flavor permeated all beer in the medieval period and Schlenkerla saw no reason to change. Perfectly paired with the [Bamberg Onion](#), you will never forget it. After lunch, you can explore the cathedral, one of the many museums, or explore several of the 14 other breweries in this city of 70,000.

Day 3: Sunday, October 17: Journey to the medieval walled town of [Rothenburg ob der Tauber](#). It's about a 90 minute drive to this lovely town which is known for its history and souvenir shopping. With a meal at [Hotel Glocke](#), you can try their phenomenal Franconian food, paired with their handcrafted local wine.

Day 4: Monday, October 18: Tour the [Weyermann Malt factory](#) in Bamberg. Focusing on specialty malts, Weyermann's white and red malt bags are found in almost every craft brewery in the world. The tour is highly informative, and you will acquire a new respect for the malting process. Board the ICE fast train to Munich. In the evening, we'll check into [Hotel St Paul](#) and then have dinner at the Augustiner Brewery's tap room

Day 5: Tuesday, October 19. Munich! Founded in 1158, Munich has a rich history from the "First Reich, Second Reich" and was, of course, the birthplace of the infamous "Third Reich." Our [walk](#) through Munich's old town covers all these periods – medieval architecture, historical anecdotes and insights into the culture. The history and distinct culture of Munich will come alive!

In the evening, tour the [Bier und Oktoberfest Museum](#) and enjoy a wonderful meal made by friend, Oliver. The building dates back to 1340 and was not destroyed in the destruction of WWII. Of course, we will also enjoy the Augustiner beer fresh from a wooden cask too!



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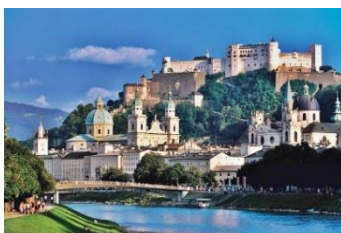


The Bavaria Specialist

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Day 6: Wednesday, October 20. Departing in the morning, we drive 85 Miles south to the Alps. It's a steep 40 minute climb to the castle, but it's worth it to see this inspirational construction of Ludwig II. After the tour, we stop in Füssen for a snack and enjoy a little free time before heading 45 miles north to the "Holy Mountain." Many Bavarians say that if you had just one day to experience Bavaria, you should spend it at [Kloster Andechs](#). This historical site, still run by Benedictine Monks, offers art, architecture, and spiritual refreshment. The Bräustuberl offers more earthly refreshments - their [Doppelbock beer](#) is world-famous and many come from miles around to eat the [Schweinshaxe](#) (pork knuckle). Around 8 PM, we head 30-45 minutes back to Hotel St Paul.



Day 7: Thursday, October 21: Enjoy the city of Salzburg! We take a two-hour train ride direct to Austria. There is plenty of history as you stroll through the city still haunted by Mozart's spirit - and Sound of Music tourists! Do your own thing, or join me for a few of my favorite things: [Bosna Grill](#), [Sporer Schnapps](#), and [Fürst's Mozart Balls](#), & climb the hill up to the [Stiegl Keller](#). In the late afternoon, we'll visit Salzburg's best beerhall, [Augustiner zur MülIn](#), for a nice lengthy session! After the fun, we hop back on the train to Munich.



Day 8: Friday, October 22: We continue our tour of Munich with a visit to the [Palace of Nymphenburg](#), birthplace of Ludwig II. Then we walk to Munich's largest Biergarten, [Hirschgarten](#), with 8,000 and a pen full of deer and goats. Heading back into the old town, we'll complete any historical details we may have missed the other day. In the evening, we will visit the famous [Schneider & Sohn Brauhaus](#) in downtown Munich. Their Weissbier is considered top notch and we will explore as many as we can!

Alternatively, you can opt for some free time to tour the [Dachau Concentration Camp](#) or one of Munich's great museums - just ask me for details.



Day 9: Saturday, October 23 We take the train about 1 hour to the city of Abensberg where we visit the world's most unusual brewery, [Kuchlbauer](#). A giant Hunderwasser tower to house elves, animatronics, and philosophy are all parts of the this very strange tour, but we think you will love it! Next up is a 40-minute river cruise through the Danube Gorge. At the end is fantastic church and the 3X World Beer Cup Gold Medal winning Baroque Dark Beer, brewed here since 1050.



Day 10: Sunday, October 24: Departure day. Munich airport is 50 minutes from your hotel and trains go to the airport every 20 minutes. Munich airport even has its own brewery, so be sure to stop for one last *Weißbier* at [Airbräu](#) before departure!

(Group ticket to airport included. If you are not flying with the group, you may need to purchase your own ticket to the airport).



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Pricing

Per Person, double occupancy	\$2,399
Per person, single occupancy	\$3,160

Airfare and Travel Insurance details will be determined in January of 2021

Services Include

- Lodging for 9 nights in smaller, privately owned Bavarian Inns.
- Breakfast Daily
- One other group meal daily including two 0,5 liter beer, 0,25 liter wine, 0,4 liter Soft Drinks and 0,33 liter water.
- Private Bus from Munich airport to Bamberg, afterwards public transportation.
- English/German speaking guide & Diplom BierSommelier for the entire time of the tour.
- *Airline Ticket not included*: First Class Travel will assist in making group air reservations & Insurance

Payment Terms

- ***This Tour is on a first come first served basis with a 30 passenger limit.***
- ***Registration due by January 4, 2021.***
- **Initial Booking:** \$500 non-refundable per person deposit by check payable to First Class Travel is due to hold space along with a signed contract/waiver.
- **July 31, 2021:** Full and final payment due.

Scheduling Note: There will be itinerary adjustments possibly some additions and perhaps some deletions or substitutions.



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Scott Stephens is US-American and is fluent in German, having studied in Kassel, Germany. His undergraduate work was in German Language studies and European History at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. Until Dec 2010, Scott was co-owner of [Ironwood Plastics, Inc.](#), located in Upper Michigan and Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Now a [Diplom Bier Sommelier](#), he lives in Munich full time and has operated [BayernTrips LLC](#) since 2005. He is the first non-Bavarian-born member of the *Aventinus-Buam*. His passion for the Bavarian culture and history has made him an authority on all things Bavarian!



Vonia Stephens handles the administrative work but also gets involved during the tour. She keeps everyone together, handles all the money, and often provides an alternative program for the non-beer aficionados or those who need a break. Scott & Vonia spent several years in the hospitality industry at [Grand Hotel](#) on [Mackinac Island](#), Michigan.

Together they own a small stake in [Cedar Springs Brewing Company](#) in lower Michigan, have two sons - 1 of whom is a brewer at [Victory Brewing](#) in Parkersburg, PA.

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