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✈️ check in Bavaria what to take and where to go

YOU MUST STAY

If you can possibly afford it, at the Kempinski Four Seasons (below) on Munich's Maximilianstrasse. It has the best location, and the lobby is known as 'the drawing room of Munich'. You won't want to leave your room but the swimming pool on the roof is heaven (kempinski-vierjahreszeiten.de).



LIKE CLOCKWORK

Spend a day with Brendan McGurk of Radius Tours, easily Munich's best tour outfit (find it online at radiustours.com and at the Hauptbahnhof). He'll tell you everything about the city as he takes you round the sights, including the Rathaus-Glockenspiel in Marienplatz (right).



Last minute

Visa required
No
Time difference
+1 hour
Flight time
1½ hours
Exchange rate
£1 = €1.20



SUPER STRASSE

Dienerstrasse is where to find some of the best shops in Munich: Manufactum (manufactum.de) for Quaker quality homeware (it has a chic café attached called Brot&butter); venerable Dallmayr (dallmayr.de) for ornate foodie splendour (left); and Johanna Daimer for all your crafty felt needs (daimer-filze.com).

ANYONE FOR SAUSAGE?

Try Alter Simpl, Türkenstrasse 57 (eggerlokale.de), a dark, panelled 1900s student dive oozing history and atmosphere; the Hofbräuhaus (hofbraeuhaus.de) at the Platzl for getting drunk and oompah bands; or Dean & David if suddenly you have a craving for crunch and chlorophyll (deananddavid.com).



FEELING FRUITY

The Viktualienmarkt in Munich's city centre is like an open-air Selfridges Food Hall for carnivores. White asparagus in the Spargel season in May; berries in summer; sausages all year round (viktualienmarkt-muenchen.de).



TRAVEL CLINIC

Lufthansa flies from London to Munich. Economy-class fares start at £49 one-way and £99 return (lufthansa.com). Catch the train to Garmisch-Partenkirchen (left) and Oberammergau (08718 80 80 66; bahn.co.uk).



PLAYTIME

Book your tickets for the *Passion Play* in Oberammergau (above) in 2010; it is only performed every ten years. Stay at Hotel Maximilian (maximilian-oberammergau.de) or in Garmisch-Partenkirchen at the Staudacherhof (staudacherhof.de). For Passion packages, call 020 7317 0908 or visit germany-tourism.co.uk.

✈️ check out

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Carthusia
Aria di Capri,
£55 for 100ml,
at Selfridges
(0800123 400)

● **Inn style...** Modern architecture is changing the face of Israel, with works by Santiago Calatrava and Ron Arad all the rage. Now Jerusalem's first design hotel, The Mamilla, has arrived. Built by local architect Moshe Safdie with minimalist interiors by Italian Piero Lissoni, you can now do the city of God in style (mamillahotel.com).

● **Starry nights...** Stargazers will love the Hotel de Larache in the Atacama Desert. No light pollution and the very high altitude make the

Atacama one of the best spots to see the night sky in the southern hemisphere, and the hotel boasts a huge telescope. Take astronomy lessons, watch demonstrations and come home with intergalactic holiday snaps (explora.com).

● **Capri sun...** If you're in Capri this summer, visit the Carthusia perfume factory in Capri Town. In 1944, the prior of the Carthusian monastery shared the secrets of the monks' perfumes (first cooked up in the 14th century) with a chemist who turned their work

into a local industry. Then pop into the boutique for a hand-wrapped bottle of Aria di Capri (carthusia.it).

● **To cap it all...** The Grand-Hotel du Cap-Ferrat is celebrating a century as Europe's chicest auberge. Everyone from film stars and artists to royalty has stayed; they'd no doubt approve of the hotel's facelift, which includes a new spa and restaurant, Le Veranda. As a bonus, traditionally open for ten months of the year, 'Le Cap' is now open year-round (grand-hotel-cap-ferrat.com).