

Day 1

Today when I got off the plane I got called a taxi and went to my hotel to drop off my suitcases. When I got to the hotel Hyatt the man at the door took my suitcases and showed me up to my room which was a luxury room with a spa and a pool and lots of free food in the fridge. The man put my clothes in the cupboard and gave me my key. I decided to have morning tea at a small bakery near my hotel. I went into the bakery and decided to have a chocolate Bavarian dessert, these were first made in the German state of Bavaria. After morning tea I caught my first tour bus of Munich from the posh and expensive hotel Hyatt. The bus went through the oldest part of town, we stopped in the Marienplatz which is German for Saint Mary's Square, in the middle is an old Gothic building which our tour guide told us was the old town hall, after that the bus dropped me off at my hotel. It was about 6.30pm when I got back from the tour so I put on my dinner suit and went down to the bar for a drink before dinner. After dinner which was deep fried prawns and soup which wasn't German but they were serving it anyway I went back to my room because I was really tired because I had been flying all last night and I went to bed.

Day 2

Today I woke up early and went down to the hotel restaurant for breakfast, I had bacon, eggs and some sliced bratwurst in toast. After breakfast I walked down the street and caught the subway or U-Bahn in German to the famous Alte Pinakothek an art gallery. When I got there the tour guide at the art gallery said that this gallery contains an excellent collection of German and Flemish paintings. A tour through the whole of the Alte Pinakothek took all day so I decided to grab a quick dinner on the go at an authentic Bavarian McDonalds store! After my German McDonalds I caught the U-Bahn back to my hotel, by that time it was 10pm so I went to bed.

Day 3

This morning after breakfast I caught a taxi to the Glyptothek a world famous sculpture museum. I spent about 2 hours walking around the Glyptothek then caught another taxi to the Neue Pinakothek which also contains a lot of excellent and important art collections. After visiting the Neue Pinakothek I went on a tour around the industrial section of the city the tour guide said that there are a lot of high technology factories like optical instruments and computer parts. After that I went back to my hotel and swam in the pool until 9.30pm then I went up into my room and into bed.

Day 4

Today when I woke up I was pretty tired so I decided to spend the day just relaxing, so I didn't do much at all except swim in the hotel's pool and play tennis on the roof.

Day 5

Today when I woke up I was nice and refreshed because of my nice relaxing day yesterday, then I remembered that today I was going to the Oktoberfest which is a Bavarian festival of beer! I got dressed and grabbed my wallet on the way out of the hotel. I caught the bus or Die Bus in German to the Oktoberfest which is in a massive hall. Lots and lots of German beer and jumbo sized pretzels were some of the things on sale at the Oktoberfest, I must've bought about 20 30cm pretzels and about 10 litres of beer and soft drinks, after about 2 hours I was pretty woozy and tipsy from strong German beer. At about 12pm I sat down and watched a big spectacular of German dancing and music, I couldn't really see anything properly though because I had had 8 beers in the last 2 hours. I decided to stop drinking beer and catch a taxi back to the hotel. At about 7pm I got back to the hotel, a kind employee walked me up to my room because I couldn't even remember which room I was in. I vaguely remember walking along the hall and entering my room I was so drunk I just fell on my bed and went to sleep!

Day 6

I didn't even wake up today until 4.30pm I had such a headache I couldn't even move, my body was so stiff and last night's experiences came back in a vague blur of memories of beer, pretzels and German dancing! At 6.30pm I got up out of bed and had a 2 hour bath just soaking away until I looked like an 100 year old prune. I got up, got dressed in my good clothes because I was going to a huge production of "The Phantom Of The Opera" at the impressive Nymphenburg Palace near the Amalienburg Pavilion. I thought to myself I think I will arrive in style to the concert, so I called a Limo hire company and asked them to send their nicest limo to the Hyatt Hotel! When I arrived at the Nymphenburg Palace I stepped out of my classy limo and walked inside. The concert was excellent since it was in such a famous and elegant venue and it was very expensive because these are the best actors in the world. I called my limo and I went back to the Hotel and sat in the bar for a while with a glass of orange juice which I thought after a while was the best orange juice I've ever had, although it should be because I am in a five star hotel. I went up to my room had a quick shower and went to bed.

Day 7

Today I have been in Munich a week exactly so I thought I should go and find out some information about it, so I went to a tourist information center near my hotel. At the information centre I learned that Munich is the capital of the German state of Bavaria in the south east part of Germany. It is the third largest city in Germany and has a population of 1,211,617 people. It is situated in the valley of the Isar river in the southern part of Bavaria and is a mere 48 kilometres from the foothills of the Alps! It was interesting to find out that the city (Munich) has an area of 310 square kilometres. Most of the population are Roman Catholics. I thought this was all very interesting but I was getting hungry and it was about 12 pm so I went to an old tiny caf  in the old part of town for a nice cold milkshake and a very rich slice of Black Forest cake. After lunch I went to the huge palace or Residence of the Dukes and the kings of Bavaria, it was converted in to a museum. After going to the Museum or Residence I had a quick dinner at the hotel and went to bed.

Day 8

Today after breakfast I went for a walk in the park near my hotel. There were lots of different interesting people in the park, some of them picnicking some of them lying down enjoying a good book and some of them just walking around like me. Eventually I came to a big square and it

was market day it was absolutely filled with stalls and bustling people buying and selling their hearts out. There was a lot of very good bargains at these markets, first I went to a fruit stall and just couldn't resist buying 1 pound or Ein Pfund of oranges for only DM 3,- which was a good buy. After that I found an antique stall which was mostly selling old clocks, there was this one clock which was supposedly over 200 years old and belonged to the former king of Bavaria, it was brass with gold trimmings and was selling for only DM 65,-, I just had to buy such a beautiful clock for my living room mantelpiece at home. After going to the markets I had heaps of fruits sausages or wursts and a lot of genuine bargains that I just couldn't bear to leave behind, I was at the markets all day till about 8.30 pm at night and I only spent about DM 120,- which is about \$75! I eventually got back to the hotel and ate some of my bargains that I got from the markets then extremely full I went to bed.

Day 9

I woke up this morning and had to pack up all my clothes and newly acquired possessions into my suitcases and prepare to check out because today was my last day in Germany. After I finished packing I checked out of the hotel and walked along the street one last time to the taxi station, I caught the taxi to the airport, paid the driver and got all my luggage and put it on the conveyor belt thing and boarded flight 8472 back to Sydney then I would catch flight 359 back to Canberra.

The End

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