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For how long have you been skiing, and where are your favourite slopes?

I stood on skis for the first time at the age of five. I loved it from the start, even though the beginning was tough – I broke my leg on the second day. Today skiing is a part of my job. We're privileged in Munich in the sense that we can reach all kinds of ski resorts in no time at all. For a short day trip with my family, I like nearby Lenggries or the family-friendly but snow-safe resorts in Tyrol like Alpbachtal. For a real challenge, I go to Kitzbühel to ride the legendary Streif slope. If I have more time, then it would be Alta Badia or Sölden in the pristine Dolomites.

How does the city change when skiing season starts?
The shape of the city changes instantly. Many locals have been waiting for this moment all summer long. The shop windows are all about winter sports, and you meet skiers in full gear on the subway. Many locals take a day off to enjoy the first powder snow.

What do you like about living in Munich?
Munich offers all the advantages of a big city, but you can also very quickly reach pristine nature to enjoy all kinds of active recreation.

What are things one should not miss to feel the real spirit of Munich in winter?

If you want to feel the typical *Gemütlichkeit* and *Geselligkeit*, you have to visit a beer garden and have a huge beer with the locals. Thanks to an old law from the time of the monarchy, you're allowed to bring your own food to a beer garden. A walk in the Englischer Garten park is wonderful, especially when it's covered in snow. And you have to visit the Viktualienmarkt farmers' market for refreshment after a long day of skiing.

Where would you reserve a table for friends from abroad?
For Bavarian traditional food and the world's biggest dumplings, it has to be *Wirtshaus in der Au*. If they're gourmets like me, then *EssZimmer* at BMW Welt or *Tantris* in the Schwabing district are a must with their special ambience and world-class chefs Bobby Bräuer and Hans Haas. If my guests were vegetarians, we'd go to *Tian*.

Where is the best selfie spot in winter?
Olympiapark hill above the stadium from the 1972 Summer Olympics with its iconic roof pavilion. It offers wonderful panoramic views of the city and of the Alps framing the city at their feet.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

WHERE TO STAY

The Lovelace
A pop-up design hotel, party place, creative centre, and gym in an abandoned palace built for the Bavarian State Bank in the 19th century. Huge rooms overlooking Munich, furniture by famous designers, and artwork by Florian Süßmayr. In fact, the place is more of an extravagant happening than an accommodation. And, being a pop-up hotel, it will very likely close in January.
Kardinal-Faulhaber-Straße 1
thelovelage.com
prices from EUR 100

Hotel Louis

This stylish boutique hotel at Viktualienmarkt features carefully selected details and high-quality materials. Laid-back luxury at its finest.
Viktualienmarkt 6
louis-hotel.com
prices from EUR 230

Roomers

A new boutique design hotel where 1970s retro meets the latest in interior design. *Roomers* has an Asian restaurant and an elegant bar as well as an infinity pool with a huge movie screen showing selected film classics.
Landsberger Straße 68
roomers-munich.com
prices from EUR 175

WHERE TO EAT

Servus Heidi spoils you with local cuisine with a slightly modern twist. Treat yourself to the Münchner Schnitzel with fresh horseradish and sweet mustard in an cosy yet slightly ironic Bavarian-style interior to the sounds of alternative Bavarian rock music.
Landsberger Straße 73
servusheidi.de

Mary's Coffee Club

Hidden in the Amalienpassage, a small shopping mall with customised bikes, organic food, and fashion boutiques from

small brands, this is an *Instagram* and blogger wonderland, a place to indulge in all-day breakfast and delicious, healthy Tel Aviv-inspired food. The espressos are also very fine.
Türkenstraße 86A
maryscoffeclub.de

Werneckhof by Geisel

Kaizen, a Japanese word meaning to continuously improve, could serve as the motto for this outstanding Japanese-Bavarian gourmet restaurant with an impressive Jugendstil ambience. Cooking genius Tohru Nakamura uses the freshest ingredients, including rarely used products such as burdock, to prepare meals in his own style, which combines purity with playfulness. It's a place to go with friends, and the atmosphere is very relaxed for a two-star *Michelin Guide* restaurant.
Werneckstraße 11
geisels-werneckhof.de

Roman's

Munich's best handmade ravioli in an unpretentious yet beautiful *ristorante* near Nymphenburg Palace Park. Check the weekly offers, such as venison or *tagliatelle al nero di seppia*.
Romanstraße 1
romans.meinlieblingsitaliener.de

WHERE TO SHOP

Bogner Store Munich
In the 1970s, former German alpine ski racer Willy Bogner Jr. invented both upscale ski fashion and action camera techniques, which he used to film the skiing scenes in several James Bond movies. His winter sports collection still sets the tone for the fashion-conscious skier.
Residenzstraße 14-15
bogner.com

SportScheck and SportScheck Outlet

Germany's most popular sports shop – a huge multi-storey temple of sports equipment and fashion. If you're looking for a

bargain, head to the outlet store at the Ostbahnhof train station.
Neuhauser Straße 21 and Einkaufspassage im UG Ostbahnhof, Orleansplatz 11
sportscheck.com

DON'T MISS

A game of Bavarian curling
Curling has always been popular in Munich, but now it has become even more hip and cool. There are dozens of fields in Nymphenburg Palace Park where you'll find locals trying out the game. The huge Baroque palace, which was designed by Italian architect Agostino Barelli in 1662 and is bigger than the Palace of Versailles, was the summer residence of the Bavarian royal family. Now it hosts five museums.
schloss-nymphenburg.de

Tollwood Winter Festival

This event will put you in the right mood for Christmas. It was founded 20 years ago and has won locals' hearts, offering a unique mix of an alternative Christmas market, shows, and performances by various artists, such as this year's *Model Citizens show* by *Circus Oz* (opens November 23).
tollwood.de

Müller'sches Volksbad

This Jugendstil bathing temple opened in 1901. It's one of Europe's most beautiful swimming pools and, with various types of saunas and fitness classes on offer, the perfect place for a nice winter wellness evening. Don't miss the small café inside.
Rosenheimer Straße 1
www.swm.de **BO**

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