



## **Germany Travel Planning Podcast**

Ep 17 - Inside Oktoberfest:

Anne's Unforgettable Adventure in Munich [Trip Report]

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Cate (00:00)

Are you thinking about going to Oktoberfest in Munich and wondering what to expect? Are you asking questions like, should I book a tour? How do I get a table in a tent? Should I wear traditional clothes? And if I do, where do I even buy them?

Welcome to the Germany Travel Planning Podcast, the show that helps you plan a super fun trip to Germany. My name is Cate and I'm your Germany destination specialist. I'm here to help you plan your dream trip.

Today I'm chatting with Anne, one of our clients who recently visited Oktoberfest with her husband on their trip to Germany and Switzerland. She's sharing all of the fun and super helpful details so you can plan your own trip to Oktoberfest. So if Oktoberfest is on your bucket list, or if you just wanna hear what it's really like from someone who's recently been there, this trip report episode is packed with tips, stories, and inspiration you'll love. Let's dive in.

Cate (00:54)

Hi Anne, I'm so excited to do this Oktoberfest trip report with you today. Let's start with your introduction. Tell us who you are, where you're from and who you travel to Germany with.



Anne (01:05)

Hey, I'm so excited to be here with you, Cate So my name's Anne and my husband and I went to Oktoberfest this past year. We were traveling from the United States, from Louisiana, and we stayed in Munich for seven days for Oktoberfest.

Cate (01:24)

So before we jump into Oktoberfest, let's talk about some nuts and bolts of your trip. First of all, when were you in Germany? Were you there in September or October for Oktoberfest?

Anne (01:33)

So we went September 10th because Oktoberfest actually starts in late September and that's because it's based off of a wedding festivity that they were celebrating back in the 1800s for Prince Ludwig and the Bavaria Princess.

We decided to go at the beginning of Oktoberfest to kind of start it off, catch the parades and all the fun and festivities.

Cate (02:01)

that is awesome. And I know that you went to some other places. You want to just give us a quick, like, 20-second summary of where else you went on your trip?

Anne (02:12)

gosh, how do you do that all in 20 seconds? Yes, we would love to. So thanks to your guidance, honestly, you were so very helpful in helping us plan and coordinate. We didn't want to do a whole lot of hopping around and packing a suitcase and going. So we actually made Munich our main hub and we did a lot of day trips. So we went to go to see Salzburg, Austria for a day.



Anne (02:39)

We did the strudel making class there that you'd recommended. Amazing. Loved it. My husband even loved it too. I was surprised at that. And then, right? It's like you don't expect it, but they thoroughly enjoyed it. Like I thought it was something for me, but no, he got into it too. And then we also did a day to the Garmisch area so we could go see Mount Wank so we can overlook the German Alps.

Cate (02:48)

That's popular one, everyone loves that.

Anne (03:08)

we decided we wanted to overlook the German Alps versus, you know, go in them since it had just snowed there, wasn't fresh, you know, it was fresh snow, but it wasn't quite enough for skiing. So we thought this was a smaller trip versus, you know, going up a big mountain. Then we also did Ettal Abbey to go see the monks and we sat in their cafe, enjoyed their cheese that they had made and enjoyed the beer that they made.

And then we didn't do the tour because it turns out it's only in German, which was not helpful for us. But we did take home the schnapps that they made to try them out. from there, the next day we also ended up going a day trip to Nuremberg on the fast ice train. That was wonderful. We loved it. Spent a day there, did a couple of tours. We did the, it was like the underground castle tour to see the different like defense arms that you'd recommended, loved it so much. It was great. We learned so many things. And then we did a couple of days in Munich itself.

Yeah, so then we also did, after Nuremberg, we did a couple of days in Munich, just so we could see the sights, you know, get acquainted. So the first day when we had gotten there, we did go look for our special attire, our Tracton clothes. We went to Steidl Tracton. It was a pop-up place that actually had the authentic, you know, outfits that you would wear to Oktoberfest.



knew we wanted to get the real thing. We knew we wanted to get it there. We knew we wanted the full experience of everything. And so we found a pop-up place. It was actually right near Karlplatz, like between Karlplatz and Merriamplatz. And it was like an escalator to go up. And there was a very kind gentleman, spoke very well English, helped us out because the sizes were just throwing me off. I didn't know what to do with it.

And so, you know, he helped me and then he, picked up my outfit and then we matched my husband to my outfit. ~ very excited, very fun, fun day. Then we went on and we saw, you know, St. Peter's tower. My husband climbed it. I happily shopped downstairs. And then we went to the Isetar and we did a couple of beer gardens throughout. ~ you have to try beer gardens when you're there. mean.

We got to try them all. And then we did continue on. We walked to the English garden and then there was a beer garden within there that I think it was like the Chinese beer garden or there was a Chinese tower there. And it was a very nice setup. It was a park. They had some kids running around while the parents could just enjoy their.

Cate (05:40)

Absolutely.

Anne (06:07)

beer and they had snacks and like the whole thing was set up, you know, bathrooms, whole nine yards. Like it was just, we need to learn to do this in America. I'm just saying. It's so fun. And then another day we did, you had recommended that food tour for us. That was amazing and to die for. Yes. Oh my gosh. It was so great because they took us through and

Cate (06:26)

Yeah, the one in the Viktualienmarkt Yeah.



Anne (06:33)

You it's like you go through a farmer's market and you don't know what to order, but you get so excited because of all the wonderful smells and you see all the lines and you're like, well, this has got to be good. That's a long line. Well, how do I know what to order or what if I order the wrong thing or what if I want to order all of it? And so it was just, it was so perfect because she had taken us through all the highlights. And I mean, we had multiple stops of food along the way. there was a cheese stop, which I was so thankful for. It was delicious. We tried wasabi cheese. was, I'm not a wasabi person, not my ideal. My husband thoroughly enjoyed it. I loved the other ones. That was an herbaceous cheese. And then we had tried different sandwiches. There was like a meat sandwich. And then at the end we tried, was it a, it was like a kernuckle, I think it's called. And yes.

Cate (07:05)

Mm-hmm. that's that pastry, right? Yes.

Cate (07:28)

Yeah. So when we were in, we were in Munich a couple months ago and I hadn't tried that. So that was the first place we went and it was so good. It was so good.

Anne (07:35)

so good. You can't go like, right? You can't not try it now every time you go.

Cate (07:42)

Oh, I know it was delicious. And then they like dip it in cinnamon sugar, I think. And you know, you think like it's just going to be a donut or something, but it was so much better than it was absolutely delicious. And it was inexpensive. It was fantastic. I will write the name of that in the show notes. So if anyone listening to see because I cannot remember the name of it of the place, but I do have a picture of it. I can see it in my mind. Also link up the tours that you mentioned.



Anne (07:46)

Yes!

No!

Perfect.

Yes.

Oh yeah, because they were phenomenal. mean, you nailed every single one of them that you recommend. We did not have a bad tour that you had suggested. They were very on point. We were so happy.

Cate (08:22)

good, yeah, yeah, those tours are really fantastic. Yeah.

Anne (08:25)

Yes,

it was so delicious. So we did all that, kind of get a taste of Munich as much as we can. Of course, you walked around Marionplatz and Karlplatz. And the best part about the food tour as well to the market was she included a lot of history, history on the beer gardens and why you only see a certain amount of different.

I breweries that, you know, showcase their emblem and that are allowed to present in Oktoberfest. Like she had all of that. It was, was phenomenal. ~ so that was all beforehand. And then we knew we wanted to go to Oktoberfest at the beginning. ~ just because it was a timing thing. It was, you know, a weekend thing. It just kind of all worked out for us. So I wanted to be sure that



Cate (08:57)

Mm-hmm. Yeah.

Anne (09:17)

you know, we would 100 % be able to do the tour or to be able to get a table because I knew it was extremely hard to get a table. And I said, well, I'm not going to go all this way, go to Oktoberfest and not get a table. And so then we booked a tour. was through Fat Tire Tours. And they did the authentic Oktoberfest. And of course, it was a little expensive, but it made sense because

They're getting you a table in the tent. It comes with two liters of beer per person, and it comes with a chicken, like a whole, like a half a chicken, that's your traditional Oktoberfest request and order. But not just that, it was also a history tour. So we did the early morning tour, we did the 9 a.m. which was the best move ever because...

You meet in Karlplatz, you meet them at their place in Karlplatz, and then they take you through the subway train, which is a part of the ticket as well that you've already paid for, so you don't have to worry about getting it. And then they take you into the grounds, so you're actually allowed with them to go into the grounds before anybody else has entered. It was so cool to see the grounds just empty. And it was a second day of Oktoberfest and it was actually, it was extremely clean. And they gave us a history, a history on the rides, a history on Oktoberfest and the beers. And they gave you suggestions on which tents to go to and which food to eat at which tent and so forth and so forth. I mean, they were just, they knew their stuff. It was phenomenal.

Cate (11:00)

How many people were on that tour with you?

Anne (11:03)

So they had enough in our group to fit on one table. I wanna say it was like eight or 10, I believe, to a table. So it was enough for one table. Now they had multiple tours that



went out that day. It wasn't just us because they had about four tables in one tent and I believe four tables in another tent. But they did a really great job of trying to keep it small so that you can hear the person and such. can ask questions and it can be very interactive. The tour guides, you can tell they love their job, which I mean, who wouldn't love that job? Let's just be real first off, okay? You're at a job where you get to bring people and tell them the history, which they're huge history fans. You can tell it shows and you feel it and they're huge Oktoberfest fans because who's not? And when they're there, like when you're in the table,

They teach you what's the proper etiquette, what's the proper things to do and not to do. Turns out you don't want to stand on a table and chug your liter of beer like they do in that movie because you'll get kicked out that way. Yes, somebody did ask that question. I about laughed. But they also give you, you know, there's certain songs that they sing throughout while you're in the tent like very German typical songs, so much fun. And they actually wrote it out for you. They had a little paper for you to read the actual words. They went over it with you so you can participate. So that you can, when everyone else is standing on the table, not chugging a beer, but they're standing on the table and singing, you can sing with them if you want. You can be a part of them.

Anne (12:52)

And these tour guides do it with you, right? So you're not alone. You don't feel silly like you're all in a table. I know sometimes it gets love conscious about that. I'm guilty of it. I was very guilty of it there, but they were very encouraging. They stood next to us like on the chair of the table top. Like it was just, it was fun. It was a good time. And you know, they're there with you and they're eating with you and they're drinking with you. They did tell you, they messaged us ahead of time to let us know like the ins and outs, like for example and i still request you have to bring cash there's no credit card not an option ~ everything is a cash exchange tips buying your beer buying your food everything is cash exchange and these waiters and waitresses they are very fast





right i mean they're they're carrying like ten liters of you know beer at a time and they're paying for and they're very diligent very great about it it's like

Somebody told us you're basically going to a party with 60,000 of your other friends and they are very organized. They know what they're doing and you go with the flow and don't stand in the aisle way.

Cate (13:55)

Yeah. Did you book that tour ahead of time? How far in advance did you book it?

Anne (14:10)

I'm excessive, so I book things ahead of time. So it might have been probably a good eight or nine months ahead of time. And I'm actually thankful I did because they do say they sell out every year.

Cate (14:22)

Yeah, see, I think that that tour sounds great because I've talked to so many clients who want to go to Oktoberfest, but they're not quite you know, they're maybe going by themselves or with one person or two people. And they want to have that full experience. So I think this tour is just great because it's I love that it's a small group. I love that you get some history, you get some insider information. And then you also get more of that that full experience of singing and eating and drinking and being with other people. Yeah, I think it sounds great.

Anne (14:54)

Very much so. mean, they were there. They even gave us some tips as well. know, like once they set us off, we had the full reservation. So we were there for the full reservation. When it was time to go, they told us ahead of time, like, just a heads up in the next 30 minutes or so, you know, we need to be wrapping up because our reservation will be over. But if you want to go to any of the other tents that we talked



about, you know, come let me know and we'll talk about it. And they did. And they gave us recommendations. And it was, they even had suggested that

If you're going to Oktoberfest and you can't find a table, then go to the Old Wisen. And it's a smaller tent. It's very unknown, kind of, guess, a best kept secret. It's not one of those big ones. It's kind of more of one of the original tents. And the Old Wisen, you do have to wear the proper tracton, the proper attire. You can't just wear... There were some people that were wearing

the, not to sound terrible, but the cheap outfits. And it showed, it really did. And I mean, I get it, right? You don't wanna go. And I think our track and attire was about 200 to 275 just for mine. And so I get it, you don't want to, but honestly, we were very glad that we did.

Cate (15:59)

Mm-hmm. Yeah.

Anne (16:21)

felt very comfortable. was super fun. And so you do have to wear the proper attire to go into the old Wison. And then it does cost like five euros to get in, but five euros for that experience? That's nothing, right? I mean, you're talking about going back to when it first started in the original Oktoberfest, a small tent. They still have the

Cate (16:37)

Yeah, that's not good. Yeah.

Anne (16:50)

music, they still have a band, it's still an experience, they still have food and so forth. I think even for kids too, like they have little carousel areas, like the smaller original rides in that area as well. So.



Cate (17:05)

So the tour was four hours on one day and I think you said you also went to the opening parade

Anne (17:12)

Yes, so we did the, the, we decided the very first day was gonna be the parade day. So we intentionally booked the Oktoberfest day on that Sunday. So opening day Saturday and we went, we decided that we weren't, so funny, we decided we weren't gonna do the parade because we knew that in order to do the parade you had to stand out there like super early. It was gonna be, you know.

I don't know, half a mile of people deep because it was a beautiful day, beautiful weather. It was just perfect. But I just wasn't about that. then we actually started going and waiting in line. And it's funny because you're walking, we walked from our hotel. So we stayed at the Eden Hotel Wolf, which is actually right by the main train station and which was great for day trips and so forth. And so

we actually walked across the train station where you then joined in with maybe 10,000 of your other friends in Germany and we're all walking together to go into Oktoberfest. Mind you, my husband and I are like, where are we going? And I said, we're following those people. And they did have little stickers, I guess, kind of on the ground showing you Oktoberfest this way. And so we followed the signs, we followed the people. So much fun. We weren't originally going to see the parade and we just kind of

Cate (18:32)

you

Anne (18:38)

ended up the parade came by us anyway. I mean, it wasn't an official way of the parade coming. wasn't the official route, but it was how they all exited. And it was so

neat. Oh my gosh, the horses were beautiful. They were very well done up with their headdresses and their neck pieces and all the things. then those on the actual

float, I guess you call it a float, it's like a carriage. And the way they're showcasing their different houses and their different beers, like their different tents, it was very neat. It was definitely an experience. If you're up for going early in the morning and waiting and getting a really good spot so you can see 100%, go for it. It's worth it. I mean, we were a few people, a few lines deep of people and we could still see very well because they are

beautiful big horses, they are very high wagons, you can still see it.

Cate (19:39)

I agree.

I mean, I highly recommend doing that if you can. I haven't seen the one in Munich, but we did see the one in Regensburg last spring. They had a spring festival. like a smaller, very small, ~ Oktoberfest type thing in the spring. And, ~ we just happened to be there when they started the parade and we got to watch the whole thing. And it, it's just, it's so beautiful. Like everything you were saying, it's just so fun to see everybody in the traditional clothes and the horses and the...

Anne (19:43)

It is.

It really is.

Cate (20:08)

And then we got to see them tap the vat and open the festival. It's so much fun.

Anne (20:12)



yes. Yes. So

I think I was told, because I did ask all these questions, because I tried to find where you can reserve a seat or buy a seat in the stands, and I just couldn't find it any which way. I tried very hard. So I don't know how to do that. I don't know if that's a thing or not. And I believe we learned that you have to be invited into that tent to watch them tap the first beer of

the festival. that's why we ended up saying, okay, we're just going to go wait in line to get in, which it ended up being our lucky day and we still got to see it. It was phenomenal. So then they opened the doors and be aware you cannot bring bags in. They are not joking about it. They are very intense about it. Some people had bags, they did get turned away. And the reason being that somebody explained it to me, which makes sense, is because they don't want people walking away with their steins.

That's very fair. But you also don't want, when you're trying to control a crowd of, I don't know, I'm just going to say 60,000 people, and I think it might be 20,000 just in one tent alone, you don't want bags everywhere, right? Like your waiters are coming in and out with food and drinks. And when I say they're coming in and out with food, I mean they're coming in and out with like 10 plates of food that you're just like, my gosh, how does that waiter or waitress not break their hand or arm or

Cate (21:38)

Yeah, there's this huge trays.

Anne (21:39)

Yeah, I did send a picture of the waitress or maybe it was the waiter holding all the different Steins. It was so cool to see. It really was.



Cate (21:45)

So check the show notes everyone so you can see the photos.

Anne (21:50)

Most definitely. And so that first day we went in and we said this was going to be the day to experience the carnival portion of it. It's actually a kid-friendly event, believe it or not. I know many don't think that, but it really is. There's so many rides for kids and ourselves. Let's be real. So we ended up going on the Ferris wheel. That was the one of, not that specific one, but

Cate (22:01)

Mm-hmm.

Anne (22:18)

The Ferris wheel in general is one of the original rides to Oktoberfest, they said. And I think I sent a picture for you to post in the show group pictures. The view from the Ferris wheel was just phenomenal. And even though the lines look long, don't let that fool you. They are very efficient. They, I mean...

man, the people are efficient, the workers are efficient, like getting them in and out of the Ferris wheel, and then you still get your appropriate time, and then it goes through and you're not really stuck in the air for a long time at all. Like they were efficient. And that line went fast. I was thoroughly impressed, very impressed. And so it was very worth it. The line went pretty fast, even though it looked long. also had opportunities to, and we

The first day, my husband didn't wear his full attire because he had a different shirt that he had just brought from home. And the second day he did. And so we were going to do it the second day. They have this place where you can take professional pictures. Y'all, these professional pictures were only like eight euros. I mean, it was



nothing. And so it was supposed to be on our agenda for the next day. Don't wait. He had a little too many beers the next day. So we did not get those.

pictures because they would not have looked very well.

Cate (23:44)

How did you connect with the person who took the photos?

Anne (23:46)

No, so it's there. It's like a tent. It's like a stand. Yeah, it was, ~ my gosh, it was a stand and it was there. So they have one in black and white and then they have one in color that you can go to. And so it was, it was offered. It was phenomenal. Honestly, I mean, you can't beat that, right? Family picture, eight euros? Like, yes, please wear your proper attire and do that first. Don't wait.

Like we did.

Cate (24:20)

about the tents you went into and then also some of the things that you got to eat and drink.

Anne (24:26)

Okay, yes. So with the first day, we decided that we were just going to give it our best shot, which was a crazy attempt. And we decided to go to Hoffbro House, which they say is the quote unquote party tent, the quote unquote, like, you know, all Americans go there type thing. And because it was opening day, because it was a weekend, because it was beautiful sunny day, of course.

It was supposed to be next to impossible. And it was. So what people had suggested us to do was, if you can, stand on the side, try and find a waiter or waitress and ask them like, hey, do you have an open table? Do you have an open seat for however



many guests? So they ended up finding us a tape. And so we were able to scooch him and we made friends with the people next to us. They're actually, they were locals from Germany. was Northern Germany don't recall where. And they were just so fun to chat with. was a dad that brings their kids that are, I mean, their kids are now, you know, twenties, thirties, not really kids anymore. And he brings them every year and he has, and this is just kind of their tradition. It was so fun to be a part of it. And so we had the traditional meal that they had served, which was like the chicken. And my husband got something else. I can't remember what it was. We're adventurous. We kind of just like look at a menu and point and go.

And we were never disappointed. Then the next day with the tour, we went to Schottenhamel. Did I say that right? And they already had the chicken ordered for us, but you could get something else if you wanted. It would just cost extra. And so you had a voucher, right, for the chicken. And if you wanted something different, you would just tell the waiter or waitress.

Cate (25:54)

Maybe. Mm-hmm. Yeah.

Anne (26:21)

Well, we both wanted the chicken. I mean, it was just delicious. That's what they were busting out. Everybody was getting it. It looked phenomenal and it was. The other thing that we went to was, all right, I'm sorry, I'm going to say this wrong. Oshen Brotary? That sounds more like it. Yes.

Cate (26:38)

think. Yeah.

Anne (26:42)

Yes, that one. And so they're actually famous for oxen meat. And so I'm just a crazy person and I had to go try it. And it was honestly really good. We went in, we found a





table, thankfully right away, and we were able to order it. And it was surprisingly delicious. I mean, nothing to write home about as far as like amazing, phenomenal, but nothing terrible, right?

It was very good. We also, of course, had some brats throughout. We then also had churros, which surprisingly was our favorite food of the event, was churros. We had to get those two days in a row and twice each day. I don't know what it is about the churros. I mean, they were made fresh. You can put whatever you wanted on it. You can get it with chocolate syrup. You can get it with...plain cinnamon, you can get it with nothing on it. And it was divine. I mean, I've had very many churros. I'm Spanish myself, you know, in heritage. So like I've been to all the places and these were just divine. And we still talk about it to this day. Like several months later, we're still talking about the churros.

Cate (28:01)

funny because we actually had churros a few times at Christmas markets this last season and they were so good. We really, really liked them. They're really popular right now in Germany.

Anne (28:12)

I, right? I mean, I don't know what it is, but they nailed it. They really did.

Cate (28:16)

Yes, they were delicious. I definitely recommend getting them. Did you find that you had a favorite beer?

Anne (28:23)

So we did and funny enough, the favorite beer was actually not one of the tents that we went to in Oktoberfest. While my husband's tip is that remember that Oktoberfest Marzen beer is stronger than normal beer. And the other thing is that remember that it flows like water. Well, he forgot that. I'm not...



I enjoy beer, do, but I'm not a huge drinker or I'm not a huge day drinker. Like I just can't do it. And so he ended up having a lot of my beers. so we also went to tents just so we could try the different beers, but I didn't want a whole liter of beer. And so he would have to finish the beer. So he says that his favorite beer was the one at the auction, auction retire.

Anne (29:19)

I'm sorry, I can't do it. The tent where we had the ox and meat. So that was his favorite. And then my favorite was actually Augustine or Keller. While we didn't go into the tent at Oktoberfest, their actual beer garden was actually very close to our hotel. And so we actually went there to the beer garden outside of Oktoberfest three different times.

Cate (29:49)

Yeah, that's a great one. We

left that beer garden too and the beer.

Anne (29:54)

Yes, my gosh, their beer garden is so beautiful. It really is. And the best part is we went three different days, three different times a day, and we actually ended up in three different parts of the beer garden. So the first one we ended up inside in like the main dining hall, the first time we went, we went very early in the morning. I think it had just opened, if even, and there were actually locals eating lunch there on a weekday.

The second time we went was after one of our day trips. We came back and we went in and they took us to, it was like their downstairs cellar, which was such a cool atmosphere. It really was. And just be aware, like when you go to their beer garden, same thing, right? They have it set up such that you go and ask the hostess and the



hostess seats you. Be aware, you're gonna sit with random people and they may or may not talk to you. Not a big deal.

doing your thing. You might sit across from each other, you might sit next to each other, you don't really get to pick, but that's part of it. And so a second time, my husband and I, we sat across from each other and we were actually one of the first ones in the downstairs, I'm gonna call it the cellar, with all the tables and everything. And then by the time we ordered our food and turned around, my gosh, the whole place was full and just buzzing, everyone gotten off work, and it was just, it was a hyped up crowd. It was so much fun.

Then the third time we went, I can't remember where we went, but I know it was nighttime and it was towards the end of our trip. And we went to the outside beer garden. We went to, was actually the waiter that had us the original night was moved outside and he saw us. He grabbed us, found us a table and we sat with some others, made great friends with them. Turns out they went on the same tour as well as us and they thoroughly enjoyed it as well.

But it was a good time. So our favorite beer was, mine was the Augustiner Keller.

Cate (31:51)

Yeah, I agree with you. I like one a lot too.

I wanna circle back real quick to something you had said earlier. You said that you're not allowed to bring in bags and backpacks and things. So my first thought was, okay, how am I going to bring in my chapstick and my money? So I'm sure that listeners are asking the same questions. So what did you do? How did you bring those types of things with you?

Anne (32:06)

Yes.



Yes. So I'll be honest, that was my panic as well when I had gotten that message and I actually got that message from the tour company to these and this well ahead of time, which was very nice of them. So the regulations is you can't bring anything that's bigger than like a 20 centimeter by 15 centimeter by 10 centimeter. I'm like, okay, that's like nothing. Right. So then I went on Amazon and I had found this it's like one of those like theft.

proof bags, not that I really needed that, that was just me being extra. And it literally was enough that just fit my phone and my driver's license and my lip gloss. And I, of course, had to take out my wallet, couldn't really put anything else in there. It was literally just my phone. Of course, my husband, he had his shorts so he could put whatever he wanted in there. And so that was actually the perfect fitting. And honestly, I found that very relieving that I didn't have to worry.

about a bag because it was just a cross-shoulder body bag. I'll see if I can find it and I'll try and send it to you as far as the Amazon link to.

Cate (33:19)

Yeah, let me know what it is because then I can link that up in the show notes for everyone. And this has been so awesome. I have one last question for you. What are your tips for first time Oktoberfest visitors?

Anne (33:22)

Yeah, for sure.

Yeah, so I would say definitely just go in it with a great attitude. Just have fun, right? Don't stress about anything. Even if you can't get a table, that's okay. It's not a big deal. You know, they have some other outside little areas that you can, you know, try and find a space and get drinks at. Know that each tent has a different personality, right?



Even if you can't go in and find a table to each tent, that's okay. Go in, try to find a table, try to find a spot, but get a feel for the atmosphere. So inside each place has a different band playing, whether it's fun, young, hip, whether it's a DJ late at night, whether it's traditional music traditional German music, they had some bands that were playing what seemed like young adult favorites or other ones that were playing older adult favorites, go in and get a feel for every tent. Really no tent is a bad tent. And then if you can get a table, amazing, then you can get a beer. You can't get food or beer unless you're at a table. They were very strict about that. I will say that. And the other thing is,

If you're just stressed or worried about it, then go on a weekday. They said that was the best advice they could give is if you go on a weekday, then you will be fine and it'll be easy for you to find a table and get a spot. For us, we couldn't maneuver it or couldn't manage it that we could stay an extra day on a weekday. And that was why I ended up booking that tour. So I could guarantee we're at least gonna get one table. We ended up getting three different tents and three different tables. So it worked out really well.

Cate (35:26)

Well, thanks so much for joining us today. This has been wonderful. I always love hearing about travelers' experiences, especially because we had worked together previously. And so it's wonderful to how the trip goes after the consult. So I'm thrilled.

Anne (35:40)

my gosh, I was so thankful for your help. I would not have been able to have done that.



Cate (35:45)

Well, it was really wonderful working with you and your husband. And I'm just so thrilled that you guys had such a wonderful trip. Thanks so much for sharing all your experiences and tips. know listeners will find it super helpful.

Anne (35:57)

For sure. Thank you so much for having me and for helping us out too.

Cate (36:00)

Thanks, Anne.

Cate (36:01)

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