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Oktoberfest 2009 - Cultural Beer Tours with Bier-Mania: Incredible Oktoberfest tours have been designed to not only introduce you to the world famous annual Oktoberfest in Munich, but also to show you more of Munich and Bavaria! Experience the Alps, King Ludwig's castle Neuschwanstein, Monasteries, Oberammergau and great architecture along the trip as well as beer gardens, beer halls, breweries - and of course some great beer! Bier-Mania offers exclusive and escorted small group tours with 8 people maximum for your comfort! In 2009, the 176th Oktoberfest takes place from September 19th to October 4th. The historical background: The very first Oktoberfest was held in 1810 in honor of the Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig's marriage to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. The festivities began on October 12th, 1810 and ended on October 17th with a horse race. In the following years, the celebrations were repeated and, later, the festival was prolonged and moved forward into September. That simply allowed better weather conditions and in the warmer September nights, the visitors were able to enjoy the beer gardens outside the tents and stroll "die Wiesen" (the meadow) much longer. Historically, the last Oktoberfest weekend was in October and this tradition continues into the present. The locals in Munich refer to the Oktoberfest as "die Wiesen" because of its location "Theresienwiese" (Therese Meadow), which was named after the Princess Therese. By the way, the "typical Bavarian" toast & song "Ein Prosit der Gemuetlichkeit" was composed by a Mister Bernhard Dittrich from Chemnitz in Saxony. In cooperation with The German American Connection, Bier-Mania also has an exciting "Go East German Beer Tour" in the program - which takes you to the roots of German Beer Brewing tradition in Berlin and East Germany. Especially the Free States of Thuringia (Thuringen) and Saxony (Sachsen) are famous for their huge diversity of beer specialties and their many microbreweries.

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