



Pack & Prep

SCHLADMING *Austria*

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Before the Trip

Book Your Flight

Outbound: Schedule your flight to Munich to arrive on or before **SATURDAY morning before 11:00 AM**.

Inbound: To prevent a stressful morning on the last day of the Ski Adventure, try to schedule your return flight home on Saturday morning to **depart from Munich after 11:00 AM**. The only Delta flight to Atlanta departs at around 9:30 AM, which makes it imperative the bus leaves promptly at 5:00 AM. Keep in mind that border security at the Austrian-German border has been significantly tightened. It took 45 minutes last year for everyone's passport to be check on the bus. To save yourself some stress, schedule your flight home somewhere around noon.

Book Your Munich Hotel

If you plan to arrive in Munich a day early, reserve your hotel room now. **Our top suggestion** is joining the Hilton Honors program, then reserving a room at the Hilton Munich Airport hotel – located directly in the airport just steps from the Meeting Point and subway – for a substantial discount off the published room rate (*as of this writing, the price drops from €159 to €111*)

Hilton Munich Airport Hotel (*in airport...steps from Meeting Point and subway*)

Web: hilton.com

Email: info.munichairport@hilton.com

Phone: +49-89-97820

Other Options

Novotel Munich Airport (*closest to airport, airport shuttle*)

Web: novotel.com

Holiday Inn Express Munich Airport (*2-3 km at end of runway, airport shuttle*)

Web: ihg.com

Holiday Inn Munich – City Centre (*in downtown Munich, 40 mins. via subway*)

Web: ihg.com

Packing List

Ski equipment (skis, boots, and poles) can be rented from the shop next door to Tauernhof at a discounted price.

- **Passport** (*CHECK YOUR PASSPORT: if the Ski Adventure occurs within 90 days of your passport expiring, you will need a new passport. They **WILL NOT** let you leave the country if this is the case*)
- Towels and wash cloths (*these are **NOT** provided; only bed linens are provided*)
- Toiletries
- Indoor shoes/slippers
- Casual "apres ski" wear; plan layered outfits due to temperature changes
- Ski/Sledding gear: gloves, ski clothes, hats, goggles, thermal undergarments, turtlenecks, etc. A **hiking style boot is recommended** for sledding and snow shoeing.
- Sun screen, lip balm and sunglasses
- Bible and pen
- Money for shopping, refreshments, activities and excursions
- Sleep comfort items: ear plugs, eye shades, small travel alarm

Money Matters

Monetary exchange is very easy throughout Europe. Money can be exchanged at the Munich Airport (MUC). Banks and ATM availability is similar to the US. If you are not using an ATM, it is highly recommend to exchange enough money in Munich to cover your expense while in Germany and for your first day in Schladming because **banks and exchange bureaus are not open in Austria on Sunday.**

- **Travelers checks** are accepted at all exchange bureaus, however exchange rates are typically better with cash. If you decide to use travelers checks, bring checks in higher values (i.e. bring \$50s and \$100s rather than \$20s) because a commission fee is charged for each check you convert.
- **Credit cards with chips** are accepted by most local shops. It's a good move to alert your credit card company that you will be traveling in Europe so it won't decline your card due to "suspicious activity."
- **Debit cards with chips** are used as easily as in the U.S. If you do plan to use your ATM card, check with your financial institution before the trip regarding availability of your ATM provider in Schladming and card limits on foreign transactions.

Currency Converter

You may find it helpful to visit www.oanda.com to calculate the required funds for your trip. This website provides a currency converter which can be printed. For more accuracy, check the exchange rate in the newspaper or via the Internet prior to leaving for Schladming. Allow a ten percent (10%) cushion for subsequent rate shifts.

Cancellation

Please let us know as soon as possible if you have to cancel. This courtesy allows us to accommodate others on the waiting list.

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Munich and Schladming are six (6) hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time zone.

5 JET LAG BUSTING TIPS

1. If traveling from North America, make all your connections on this side of the pond.
2. Immediately after dinner on the flight, turn everything off and try to sleep.
3. After arriving in Europe, eat breakfast, then take a shower followed by a short nap (2 hours max).
4. Get up, get out, and get your blood moving by seeing Munich in the afternoon.
5. Stay up until at least 10PM to help lock you in quickly to the new time zone and prevent those “wide awake at 3AM” nights.

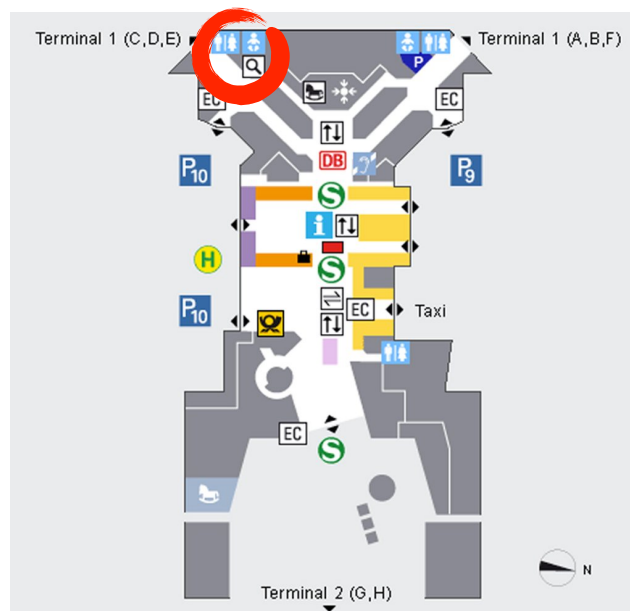
Arrival in Europe

When to Arrive in Munich

You should plan to arrive at MUC on SATURDAY morning early enough to catch our chartered bus at NOON. Allow enough time to clear customs and gather your bags.

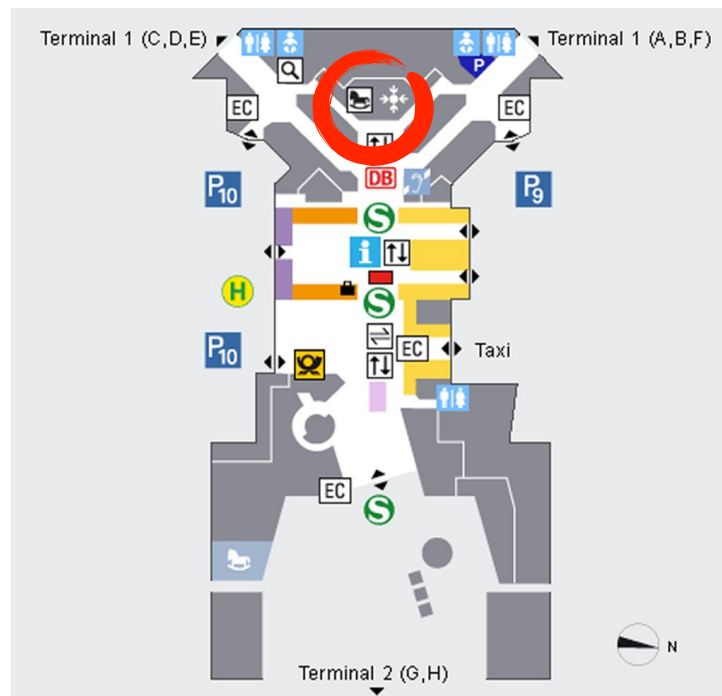
Storage at the Munich Airport

If you are arriving early in Munich, luggage and ski equipment storage is available at the Munich airport if you don't want to carry all your luggage to your hotel. The Munich Airport is shaped like the letter "H". The map diagram below is the crossbar of that letter "H". Baggage storage is located just a few steps from the Meeting Point.



Where to Meet the Bus

After clearing customs and picking up your bags, follow the airport signs to the airport's **Meeting Point** (see diagram below) beginning at **10:30 AM on Saturday**. Someone will be there to meet you holding an FCAP Ski Adventure sign. Our chartered bus will promptly **depart at 12:00 noon** for the three (3) hour ride to Schladming, so please plan your flight arrival accordingly. This is our **only chartered bus connection to Schladming**,



Message Center

There is a message center at the Munich Airport for notes. Should the need arise, please place any messages in the **"F"** box for FCAP.

Arrival in Schladming

Traveling by Car or Train

For those of you traveling by car or train, please plan to arrive in Schladming in the **afternoon on Saturday by 5:00 PM** so you can check in and rent your skis before the festivities start in the evening. The bus should arrive sometime between 3:00 and 4:00 PM.

Checking In at Tauernhof

Once arriving at Tauernhof, you have 3 things to do before 6:00 PM:

1. Check in, **pay for your lift ticket** – which you can now pay via credit card!!!
2. Throw your bags in your room
3. Head next door to Tritscher's (**before 6:00 PM**) to **rent skis**.

The only other plans for the day are Opening Ceremonies at 6:30 PM, followed by dinner (on your own).

Important Info about Lift Tickets and Ski Rentals

As soon as you rent your skis and boots on Sunday, **take a picture of the numbers with your mobile phone**. Do the same once you receive your lift ticket after breakfast on Monday morning. If your lift ticket or ski equipment is lost or stolen, you can replace it at no charge if you have these numbers. If you don't have this number, you will have to pay full price for another lift ticket.

The First 24 Hours

No meals will be served by Tauernhof on Saturday or Sunday until the Sunday evening dinner. The week will begin with **Opening Ceremonies on Saturday night at 6:30 PM**. After brief introductions and orientation to Tauernhof, **everyone is on their own to walk into the village for dinner**. A map is included so you can take a sneak peek of what's available in town.

Sunday is a free day of skiing (no ski instruction will be available). **Grab a quick breakfast in town** then hit the pistes, and **plan on eating lunch in one of the many hüttes** up on the mountain. For beginner skiers, we will most likely plan an rodeln outing for Sunday

(sledding on a 5-mile course) for Sunday. This is something everyone can quickly learn and do (and will have you grinning from ear to ear!).

Sunday night, dinner will be served in the Tauernhof dining room at 6:00 PM.



BREAKFAST

- 3. Bakery & Café
- 5. Landgraf Konditorei

DINNER

- 1. Platzhirsch-Alm (Austrian and right across street)
- 2. Restaurant Al Bashir (pizza/pasta/Indian)
- 4. Café Niedrl (Austrian)
- 6. Ristorante Amalfi (fantastic pizza & pasta)
- 7. Talbachschenke (Austrian, 400 years old)
- 13. Die Tischlerei (very nice, upscale Austrian)

SHOPPING

- 9. Thaler (traditional Austrian lace, textiles)
- 10. Billa (grocery store)
- 11. Spar (grocery store)
- 12. Eurogast (like Costco, buy chocolate in bulk)

EMERGENCY & TRAVEL

- H – Hospital / Clinic
- P – Pharmacy
- T – Train Station
- TH – Tauernhof

At the Ski Adventure

Ski Gear Storage at Tauernhof

Skis: Skis are stored in the ski room, which is located in the back of the white house (halfway to the Lecture Hall).

Boots: If you're staying in the **Main Building**, your boot storage room is immediately to your left when entering the Main Building. If you're staying in the **Chalet**, your boot storage room is in the basement of the Chalet (go downstairs, turn hard right).

Food

The price of the tour includes three delicious meals each day. The meals, prepared by our Austrian hosts, feature wonderful local and ethnic cuisine served "family style." In keeping with the local culture, the mid-day meal (lunch) is the largest meal of the day.

Dietary Needs

If you have special dietary needs, please bring or purchase items to supplement your meal. The kitchen staff can only accommodate special and individual requests to a certain extent. Supermarkets and cafes are a three (3) minute walk from Tauernhof.

Phones & Internet

Phones are not available in rooms, however Tauernhof does have a public phone booth and has calling cards available for guests.

Tauernhof also has a few **computers** available in the Eagle's Nest where you can check your email. If you are bringing your own laptop, tablet or smart phone, there is also **WIFI** in the Wintergarten and Eagle's Nest where you can use Skype to contact your family and friends.

Paying for the Trip

The balance due (which is for room and board) of your trip will be settled directly with Tauernhof during the trip. Tauernhof accepts credit cards, but keep in mind that there will be an **additional charge of 2%** added to your bill.

Personal checks cannot be used as a method of payment for Tauernhof.

Heading Home

Planning Your Flight Back Home

In an effort to arrive in time to check-in for North American flights, the bus will depart Schladming promptly at **5:00 AM on Saturday**. Estimated arrival time at Munich Airport is 8:30 AM, but with the new security measures at the border crossing, arrival at the airport could possibly be considerably later.

Contacts

In the unlikely event of trouble while you are traveling, here are some contacts that will be able to help should the need arise.

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