



Oktoberfest parade



Keg Tapping Ceremony

# OKTOBERFEST IN LEAVENWORTH

October 15, 2021 - 4 Days

*Great music and entertainment in Washington's Bavarian village*

Germany's Oktoberfest began in Munich in 1810, as a celebration of Prince Ludwig's marriage to Princess Therese. Leavenworth decided to copy the idea in 1998 with modest beginnings. Today, the Leavenworth event is ranked as one of the top Oktoberfest celebrations in the USA and is attended by well over 10,000 people during three weekends in October. We stay three nights at the lovely Enzian Inn, located near Leavenworth's town square and convenient to the shops. We have tickets for two evenings and one afternoon at Oktoberfest with entertainment at several venues. We also take a tour of the Aplets & Cotlets candy factory, visit Rocky Reach Dam and fish ladder on the Columbia River, and shop at the Wenatchee Public Market.

Activity Level: 1



6 Meals Included:

3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner

Fares per person:

\$1,425 double/twin; \$1,885 single; \$1,270 triple

The tour is exempt from GST.

Early Bookers:

\$80 discount on first 15 seats; \$40 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 33 points on this tour.

Redeem 33 points if you book by August 17, 2021.



Front Street, Leavenworth

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Friday, October 15

We cross the border at Osoyoos and travel south along the Okanogan and Columbia Rivers to Wenatchee. Soon we arrive in the quaint Bavarian-themed town of **Leavenworth**. We stay three nights at the lovely Enzian Inn, located near Leavenworth's town square and convenient to Oktoberfest events. After a traditional German dinner at the hotel, we enjoy all the music and entertainment in three venues at the **Oktoberfest** grounds: Festhalle, Tanz Halle, and Bier Stube.

**Meals included:** Dinner

**Accommodation:** Enzian Inn

### Day 2: Saturday, October 16

Listen to a playing of the Enzian's Alphon during breakfast. At noon, the Muenchner Kindl leads the **Bavarian Procession** with the village people carrying country flags. Leavenworth's own Musikkapelle rides in a blue and white colourful band wagon, playing familiar and traditional Bavarian marches and polkas. Other villagers and visiting guests are wearing typical Bavarian dirndls and lederhosen. Following the band is the Edelweiss Tanz Gruppe and the Bier Wagon, beautifully decorated with red and white carnations, other horse-drawn wagons, and a carriage carrying the

mayor and city officials. The procession ends at the Festhalle where the **Keg Tapping Ceremony** is held, a Bavarian tradition. For the rest of the afternoon and evening, Musikkapelle is joined by musical groups from the USA, Canada, and Germany. All four musical venues are open today and tonight. There are food and beverage outlets around the grounds for your convenience.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Enzian Inn

### Day 3: Sunday, October 17

This morning, we take a tour of the **Aplets & Cotlets candy factory** and the Rocky Reach Dam and fish ladder on the Columbia River. This afternoon, there is free time to browse in Wenatchee's Public Market.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Enzian Inn

### Day 4: Monday, October 18

We drive along the Columbia River and pristine **Lake Chelan**. A stop is made at the Duty-Free Store at the border before heading home up the Okanogan Valley.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

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## NEXT BEST THING TO BEING IN MUNICH

Germany's Oktoberfest began in Munich in 1810, as a celebration of Prince Ludwig's marriage to Princess Therese from Saxony-Hildburghausen. A wedding feast was held on the outskirts of Munich where guests ate, drank, and celebrated. It was such a success that it became an annual tradition now enjoyed by more than 10 million people throughout Bavaria.

Leavenworth is proud of its Bavarian heritage. In 1996, Projekt Bayern was born, a society dedicated to improving, enhancing, and promoting the authenticity of the Bavarian theme throughout Leavenworth and region. To this end, the first Oktoberfest was held in 1998 and attended by 400 people. The very next year, this number grew to 1,700. Today, the Leavenworth Oktoberfest is ranked as one of the top Oktoberfest celebrations in the USA and is attended by well over 10,000 people during three weekends in October. Festivities are held in several venues: Festhalle, Tanz Halle, and Bier Stube on Friday night, plus Spass Platz on Saturday afternoon and evening. During the weekend, enjoy continuous live entertainment, German food, arts and crafts vendors, Bavarian clothing dealers, and fun activities for all ages. There are many bands from Germany, Canada, and across the USA, including Leavenworth's own Bavarian band Musikkapelle Leavenworth. Also featured are dance performances by the Edelweiss Tanz Gruppe. Get ready for fun, food, and friendship — Willkommen to Leavenworth Oktoberfest!

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights of accommodation in Leavenworth at Enzian Inn and hotel taxes
- 2 evenings and 1 afternoon at Oktoberfest with 3-4 venues of music and entertainment
- Aplets & Cotlets candy factory tour
- Rocky Reach Dam and fish ladders
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **6 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner

## TOUR NOTES

**Early booking is essential:** Some people are inclined to book late for a short tour like this one. However, Leavenworth Oktoberfest fills every room in the town and in Wenatchee, 30 km away. The Enzian Inn has strict policies for room contracts and unsold rooms will be recalled in August. It is very unlikely that we can get those rooms back for customers who book late.



**Activity Level 1:** Light activity including short distances to walk. Our coach provides transportation to the Oktoberfest grounds on Friday evening (but not back to hotel), and there are 2 trips on Saturday. There is also a free shuttle service provided by Leavenworth. Otherwise, it is a walk of 600 metres or 10-15 minutes from the hotel to Oktoberfest. The coach cannot carry a scooter. If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 1, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities.

## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 17, 2021. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$80 discount on first 15 seats and \$40 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 17, 2021.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to July 16, 2021, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 17 to August 17, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 18 to September 17, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After September 17, there is no refund.

**Travel Insurance:** A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please call for details.

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**Experience Points:** This tour earns 33 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points or e-points. One point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until August 17, 2021.

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