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OKTOBERFEST

This month, crowds of brew lovers will flock to Munich, Germany, for the start of the 183rd Oktoberfest. Bound by a shared love for the rich, malty Bavarian lager, they'll consume millions of liters of beer, emptying their *Bierkrüge* (steins) while filling their bellies with pretzels and pork knuckles. While there will be plenty of libation-induced laughter, Oktoberfest beer itself is a serious affair: It can only be made by six approved Munich breweries, all of which strictly adhere to the methods set forth by the Munich Purity Law of 1487. The sole ingredients permitted are malt, hops, water and yeast. Don't worry if you can't make it to Munich. Doppelgängers of the festival abound, with annual celebrations in South Africa, Hong Kong and the United States.



\$35.19

Approximate cost of an official 2015 Oktoberfest beer stein. Last year, instead of purchasing a souvenir stein, 110,000 people attempted—and failed—to smuggle one out of the beer tents.

742

Number of wallets brought to the Oktoberfest lost and found in 2015. Other items recovered: 804 passports, 479 cellphones and three wedding rings (whoops).

7.5 million

Estimated liters of beer consumed at last year's Oktoberfest in Munich—down from 2014, when 7.7 million liters were quaffed. The 5.9 million festivalgoers also gorged on 122 oxen and 51 calves.

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Record number of beer steins carried over 40 meters (about 131 feet) without spilling. The record was set in 2014 by German Oliver Struempfel. Anita Schwarz is the female record holder with 19 steins.