

Oktoberfest Cape Town

The traditional Oktoberfest, brought to Cape Town by Namibia Breweries, will take place at Hillcrest Quarry, Durbanville from 21-22 October 2016. The event offers German food, games and activities, entertainment and Namibian beer, brewed according to the Reinheitsgebot, the 1516 Bavarian Purity Law.



Origin of Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is a beer festival, celebrated annually in Munich, Germany. The first Oktoberfest was held in 1810 in honour of the Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig's marriage to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. Over the centuries, it has grown to be one of the most important traditional festivities in the Bavarian culture. Other cities across the world also hold Oktoberfest celebrations that are modelled on the original Munich event.

The opening of the keg will take place on the Friday night. With the exclamation "O'zapft is!" ("It's tapped!"), the first beer is handed to the mayor of the city who then declares the Oktoberfest officially open.

The Reinheitsgebot was introduced and adopted in Bavaria in 1516, restricting and regulating the ingredients that could be used in German beer production to ensure a purer, more perfect product. All the beers on offer at Oktoberfest Cape Town have been brewed according to this law. There will be a "Festbier" available, brewed specially for the Oktoberfest by braumeister Christian Müller. Also available will be the Stellenbrau Jonkers Weissbier.

Weekend activities

Highlights over the weekend include the 500 years celebration of the Reinheitsgebot and performances by the Kirchdorfer band. They have been the official band in the "Hacker-Festzelt" at the Oktoberfest in Munich since 1994 and will be flying straight from there to perform at the Cape Town Oktoberfest. Typical to a traditional fair, there will also be lots of games of which the most prominent are "Stamm-sägen" (Log-Sawing); "Bierstemmen" (Beer-Lifting); "Hau den Lukas" (High Striker); Nageln; Beer Pong and Catty shooting.

Traditional German food on the menu will include Schweine Haxn (Pork Knuckle), Schweinebraten (Pork Roast), Bretzn (Pretzels), Weisswurst, Bratwurst, Obatzda and much more.

Tickets info

Tickets are R120 from Computicket and R150 at the gate. Friday night is for over 18s only and on Saturday guests may bring their children for a family day out. Kids under 12 free entry on Saturday. Gates open Friday 18.00 till late and Saturday 10.00 till late. Contact no for queries: 021 551 3683 or email info@eventsandmore.co.za

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