
ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT SOMMERSPRACHKURSE IN BAYERN 2023

Herkunftsland:	Kosovo
Heimathochschule:	University for Business and Technology (UBT) in Pristina
Sprachkurs in Bayern:	von 02.08.2023 bis 25.08.2023
Kursort in Bayern:	München
Sprachkursniveau:	B2.2

Dear Applicant,

I hope that, by reading this report, you will be inspired to pursue a scholarship for a month-long summer program in Munich, often considered one of the most beautiful cities on Earth.

I learned about BAYHOST and its summer scholarships through friends, and since I had knowledge of the German language, I thought it would be a good idea **to apply**. I carefully completed the application form, and I would suggest you to pay attention to your motivational letter and CV. Fortunately, I received an email stating that I had won the scholarship. Following that, I started my Visa application process, as it usually takes time to process. If there are still **visa** restrictions in Kosovo next year, I strongly recommend taking this part seriously.

After obtaining the visa, I promptly booked a flight to Munich and thoroughly reviewed the student guide provided by the course organizers. I purchased a 49 euro monthly Deutschland ticket and packed essential items for my stay. Navigating from the airport to the meeting point in Munich was surprisingly easy. Munich is well-signed, and its **transportation** system is among the best. Upon reaching the meeting point, I met fellow course participants and received the keys to my dormitory.

The **student residence** was excellent, featuring a personal kitchen with a stove and fridge, as well as a private bathroom. I recommend bringing your kitchenware if you plan to cook at home to save money. Additionally, consider taking an ethernet cable with you. Personally, I brought my router to ensure Wi-Fi access in the student residence on multiple devices (just make sure to learn how to set up IP addresses beforehand).

The **scholarship funds** were more than sufficient for the entire month. Occasionally, I dined at the mensa, where the food was both good and healthy. However, most of the time, I cooked in my room, saving a significant amount of money for other activities in Munich.

On the **first day**, we enjoyed a city tour, exploring Munich's architecture. Later in the evening, there was an event organized for students, featuring a delightful dinner with Bavarian cuisine. The following day marked the start of our lectures. As for lectures, I was placed at level B2.2 where I had

an energetic teacher who was always willing to answer questions, which I found crucial for learning German.

I made friends on my first day in **Munich**, and together, we explored the city. Munich is a vast city with numerous attractions, making it challenging to decide where to start. Some of my favorite places included the park near the student residence, *Olympiapark*, where I walked almost every day and enjoyed picnics with friends. I also loved spots in the city center, such as *Marienplatz*, *Odeonsplatz*, and *Maxvorstadt*. I recommend a visit to the beautiful *Englischer Garten* for swimming. Shopping sprees with friends were also enjoyable, with visits to *Olympiaeinkaufszentrum* and PEP shopping center. Munich's museums were wonderful, especially on Sundays when the entrance fee was just 1 euro. I explored the *Alte Pinakothek*, *Neue Pinakothek*, *Brandhorst Museum*, and *Deutsches Museum*.

With my Deutschland ticket, I even ventured to **Augsburg**, a city close to Munich, to visit the magnificent Schaezlerpalais Castle, one of my favorite memories. Seeing the interior of that palace was really amazing. I also explored **Salzburg** in Austria, visiting Mozart's House and Museum and Mirabell palace. The trips organized by the course were informative, though sometimes emotional, such as our visit to Dachau concentration camp. Of course, I cannot forget to mention Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the most memorable trips for me. The palace's view was truly out of this world, and its interior was breathtaking and an amazing experience as a whole.

I suggest watching the sunset from Olympiapark, BMW world, trying bubble tea, enjoying a beer with friends, cycling around Munich, and experiencing the magic of Marienplatz at night. As the month went by, I made sure to check off everything on my to-do list. **By the closing ceremony, I noticed that my German had significantly improved to the point where I was thinking primarily in German, and my confidence in speaking the language had grown.** Nonetheless, saying goodbye to the friends I had made and to such an amazing month was really emotional.

I would like to personally thank BAYHOST for selecting me as a scholarship winner because, without them, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to be a student in Munich. This scholarship truly offers the best opportunity to learn German, explore Germany, and have fun all at the same time. I encourage anyone who knows about this scholarship to apply for a well-spent time in Munich. I promise it will be worth it.









