

Travel Packing List

Clothing

Since the festival occurs in late September and early October, there are a range of temperatures you might experience. Even if you plan on renting a *dirndl*, the authentic local dress, you should also bring things to wear outside of the festival. We will discuss where to find one of these dresses later in the post.

1 pair of jeans – If you don't find a dirndl, jeans and a sweater will work just as well.

1 pair of leggings – You can wear them under your dirndl or as pajamas.

1 pair of tights – I threw a pair in my bag to put on under my dirndl if my legs got cold.

2 bras – One black and one nude should work.

4 pairs of underwear – Pack less if you plan on washing and wearing your *ExOfficios*.

1 light jacket or cardigan – It's smart to bring something to throw over your shoulders.

1 short sleeved shirt – Good for layering.

1 long sleeved shirt – I was glad to have a long sleeved shirt to change into after my day at the festival.

1 sweater – Yet again, if you didn't find a dirndl, wear a sweater instead.

1 light scarf – Ideal for throwing over your shoulders.

1 pair of flats – I wore flats with my dress and out for dinner.

1 pair of flip flops – **Hostel** showers are particularly dodgy this time of year.

1 pair of ankle boots or athletic shoes – To wear during the rest of your trip.

2 pairs of socks – Keep your feet toasty.

Small **purse** or garter belt – You don't want to carry a large purse or camera bag because you're more likely to leave it under the table and forget about it. Local stores sell small purses and garter belts to hold your phone and cash under your dirndl. The **Clever Travel Companion** (see [this post](#)) is another good option.

Toiletries

Shampoo and conditioner – You might not have much time for cleanliness during the festival, but it's always nice to be prepared!

Prescriptions – If you have any prescriptions from home, be sure to bring them along. If you need something while in **Germany**, however, you can walk into the pharmacy and they will give you what you need.

Birth control – In case you meet a fellow festival goer.

Diva Cup – It's the easiest way to deal with "that time of the month."

Deodorant – Keep yourself smelling nice.

Towel – Hostels typically don't provide them and will run out of ones to rent during Oktoberfest.

Hair brush and hair ties – Travel sized works best.

Toothbrush and toothpaste – You don't want to wake up to the stale beer taste in your mouth.

Aspirin – You will need it!