

# OCTOBER

## 2<sup>nd</sup> October – October Festival

The Oktoberfest/October festival in Munich is said to be the biggest folk festival in the world. Over 6 million people visit the event every year, coming from all over the world for example from the USA, Japan or Australia.

The first October festival was on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October because of the marriage between Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese on grassland in front of the city wall of Munich. That year there was just a horse race in the fair. Since then the location has been called "Theresienwiese".

In 1818 the first merry-go-round was put up on the Theresienwiese and a new era started for the October festival. Nearly every year some new attraction has been added to the fair and it has got bigger and more popular year after year.

In 1880 beer was sold on the fair and the first chicken grill was opened. Later electric light was installed and today there are about 400 stalls, tents or little shops, attracting even more visitors.

This is a celebration from Germany.

