

A student's guide to Tübingen, Germany



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Hello fellow students! Buckle up some comfy shoes and dress down – Tübingen awaits. This guide is meant to help you get acquainted with the town. **EXPLORE, get LOST, eat ICE CREAM and make Tübingen your own.**

Arguably one of the most prominent cities of Bavaria (a **province** located in southern Germany), Tübingen is a “university town” around the University of Tübingen (colors are red and white). What a treat, because UofT is one Germany’s most famous and oldest universities, begun in 1477 and today has a student population of 27,000+. The school boasts an esteemed faculty and is internationally recognized for its departments in medicine, natural sciences and the humanities.

Geography / climate / architecture

You will feel it right away, the charm of Tübingen. It is full of green – trees, plants, parks, much like its surrounding countryside. You can admire the fertile green hills on the train. Expect to engage your thighs because Tübingen is a hilly town, and also paved with cobblestone (primarily in Old Town). The architecture is largely medieval, with houses painted in bold colors, and a castle at the top of the hill. When you gaze out from this peak, you can admire the orange pointed rooftops and chimneys. The medical school is located on a giant hill, but luckily we are saved by the bus.

During the end of June the weather heats up, with temperatures averaging around 65 – 70°F. (unless Dean Ip shows up then the temperature usually soars into the 80s or 90s...) However, expect summer showers as well. Dress comfortably! Tübingen is very much a relaxed and easy-going place where casual style reigns.

Packing recommendations

Summer clothes – t-shirts, shorts, flip flops, sandals

Sneakers/ walking shoes (A MUST. There is a **long hike** at the end of the trip)

Sun glasses + sunscreen

Mosquito repellent

Water canteen

Umbrella

Light jacket/ cardigan

ACCOMODATIONS

We stayed at Hotel Meteora, a quaint hotel/Greek restaurant located in the residential area. It is conveniently located a block away from “the best bakery in town” **Café Lieb**, which we hit up everyday. Also, just a few blocks away is a great hill for climbing, that has sheep running around in the morning. At night it offers a majestic view of the city lights.

BUS STOPS

Getting to the medical school (1 transfer)

From Hotel Meteora, walk to the main street Wilhelstraße and CROSS to other side where bus stop is.

Take bus **1, 2, 7**

Get off at Hölderlinstraße

Change to bus **13, 18, 19** (anything with “kliniken” on it)

Get off at **Uni Kliniken Berg**

Walk up the hill until you see the Vagina sculpture (Dean Ip says DO NOT CLIMB IN OR ON THIS STATUE) and turn left – you have arrived

To Neckar Bridge

From the same bus stop on Wilhelstraße, take bus **1, 2, 7**

To Train Station

From the same bus stop on Wilhelstraße, take bus **1, 2, 7** to the end

To the Stuttgart Airport

From Hotel Meteora, walk to Café Lieb and **turn left (do NOT cross Wilhelstraße)**

Bus stop is located right outside an Indian restaurant at the end of the block

Take bus 98 ** there is a time table included in your welcome packet. You pay around 5€ fare; Tübingen card does not work.

SUSTENANCE + FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

Luckily, the program hands each of us 150 Euro for our meal stipend, which you can use on whatever you like (thanks U of T! and the “Exchange” program). Here are some recommendations from our favorite lunch / dinner spots.

Note on local delicacies: Pretzels, Ritter Sport chocolate, strawberries

- *Supermarket* -

REWE Supermarkt

Mohlstraße 26, 72074 Tübingen

- located only 5 min walk from Hotel Meteora
- inexpensive alternative to eating out

- *Kebab* -

Kalender-Kebap

Gartenstraße 1, 72074 Tübingen, Germany

- inexpensive, durum and kebab with generous servings

Restaurant Istanbul

Karlstraße 1, 72072 Tübingen, Germany

- *Pizza* -

Manufaktur

Vor dem Haagtor ½, 72070 Tübingen, Germany

- great selection and variety of pizzas. Also have big salads and pastas
- student friendly

Collegium

Lange G. 8, 72070 Tübingen, Germany

- awesome flat pizzas
- daily special -> great deal with salad, dish, smoothie/ espresso
- refreshing homemade juices

- *Asian* -

Hao's Box

(right next to Kebab stand) Gartenstraße 1, 72074 Tübingen, Germany

- inexpensive takeout box with spring rolls/fried chicken on rice/noodles

Tulsi Palace Restaurant

Wilhelmstraße 88, 72074 Tübingen

- AMAZING Indian food, conveniently located close to Hotel Meteora

- *Dessert* -

Eiscafé San Marco

Beim Nonnenhaus 14, 72070 Tübingen

- best ice cream in town! wide variety of flavors
- recommendations: ultra-dark chocolate, hazelnut, coconut
- also serves other crazy dessert + icecream arrangements

Care Lieb [2]

(near Hotel Meteora) Wilhelmstraße 74, 72074 Tübingen

(near Neckar River) Karlstraße 3, 72072 Tübingen

- a favorite among Brown students and “best bakery in Tübingen” as said by German students
 - mouthwatering pies, pretzel buns, pastries, massive portions
- *Bars/ Nightlife* -

The Living Room

Mühlstraße 20, 72074 Tübingen

- large area, open space, student friendly, located near Neckar River

Black Sheep

- located across the street from “Living Room” bar
- inexpensive shots, good music, cozy space

TOP10 Tübingen

Reutlinger Straße 45-61, 72072 Tübingen

- located near Neckar River

Club 27

Düsseldorfer Str. 4, 72072 Tübingen

- located further out, may need taxi for transportation home

LOCAL EXCURSIONS

Climb up the Sheep Hill (large grass hill behind Hotel Meteora)

Bunting on the Neckar River (a popular past-time)

Sitting along Neckar River, esp on sunny day

Botanical Gardens

Rent a bike - ride around town and into the countryside

Vagina Sculpture outside Medschool building

ENJOY

