

Munich – Germany’s innovation engine and world’s most livable city



TUM is based in the European metropolitan region of Munich: a research, business and cultural hub of global standing. Munich is Europe’s leading IT center, Germany’s innovation engine and was ranked the most livable city in the world several times.

The Bavarian capital is the chosen headquarters for a raft of blue chip companies, among them seven DAX 30 enterprises and numerous start-ups. Almost all major branches of industry establish a presence or even a hub in the city, including global players from abroad. This is particularly true of high-tech fields such as IT and communications, as well as for medical engineering, biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, and of course the cultural and creative industries. Thanks to the economic power of the surrounding region, the city’s first-rate educational and research institutions, and its location at the heart of Europe, Munich ranks as Europe’s leading ICT hub – as an EU study confirms.

Against this backdrop, TUM has built up a dense network of research partnerships, collaborating with companies such as BMW, Siemens, SAP and Google. It also maintains close ties with the Max Planck and Fraunhofer Institutes and the Helmholtz Zentrum München (German Research Center for Environmental Health), ensuring the best possible platform for scientific and entrepreneurial careers.

Munich and the surrounding area also offer a virtually unlimited range of leisure activities. With its sights, cultural attractions and shopping facilities, the region attracts millions of tourists and business travelers every year. Similarly, in rankings of the world’s best locations for students or most livable cities, such as Mercer, QS or Monocle, Munich regularly occupies the top spots.

With museums, palaces, churches and historic buildings, Munich is renowned for its warmth and cosmopolitan flair. More than fifty theaters, music venues, jazz cellars and clubs ensure a varied nightlife. The English Garden – one of the world’s largest inner-city parks – and the Isar river create an oasis of green within the city. Here, locals and tourists alike gather to walk or play sports, surf the man-made wave on the Eisbach canal or go on bike rides. Outside the city, the Alps lie to the south and the lakes of Bavaria are easily accessible.