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Bavarian National Museum in Munich

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Upon entering, the first thing to see is the 13th century religious art. There´s even a hall where the interior of a church with altarpieces is partially recreated. There is also an extensive collection of shining suites of armor and swords from around the same time, perfect for families with children who are fascinated with knights and castles. Moving on in history, the museum also has a display of decorative household items from the 16th and 17th century. Be sure to look out for the pineapple motifs on the furniture at the time reflecting high society´s fascination with the South American fruit.

Upstairs on the top floor, visitors can take a look at how fashion has changed through half millennia between the 13th and the 18th century. Though trends may change, the clothes of the clergy never change. A quick look at the two-story room with clergy items will reveal that not much has changed in terms of fashion for the clergy since the Middle Ages. Downstairs in the basement, it is highly recommended to take a look at the many detailed nativity scenes on display there.

The Bavarian National Museum is open everyday except Monday, from 10 in the morning to 5 in the evening. For those looking to maximize their time there it does close late on Thursdays at 8 in the evening. The price is €7 for adults, €6 reduced, €1 on Sundays, and free for children under 18. For a more complete experience visitors can also use the audio guide for €2. Most of the building is wheelchair accessible. The location can be reached by tramline 18 or bus line 100 that brings you straight to the museum.
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