

Transport to Ringberg

Getting around in Germany



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1 Useful information

We present quite a lot of information in the following, the majority of which is only intended for those of you travelling from outside Germany. While a lot of you have most likely travelled through Germany before, we are of the opinion that it is better to have too much information than not enough. We look forward to your attendance at “Stars and Planets” and we hope that the following will get you there with the minimum amount of fuss.

The main company that runs the train service in Germany is [Deutsche Bahn](#). You will see the following symbols and logos throughout your travel through Germany.



Figure 1: 1. Deutsche Bahn 2. S-Bahn 3. Unter-bahn 4. Bayerische Oberlandbahn

While a lot of Germany is very tourist-friendly with multi-lingual ticket machines and signs, you should be aware of a few vital words and phrases to get to Ringberg. Below are a list of words, their abbreviations if they are used, and their meaning in English for a successful trip.

Word/phrase	Abbreviation	English translation
Bahnhof		train station
Bayerische Oberlandbahn	BOB	Bavarian overground regional train
Fahrkarten		tickets
Flughafen		Airport
Gleis		Track

Hauptbahnhof	Hbf	Main train station
S-bahn		regional train
Schloß		Castle
U-bahn	U-bahn	underground / subway

1.1 Buying tickets

All DB machines are multilingual and will at least offer English as well as German. In order to travel on any of the trains in Germany you will need to locate and use one of these machines. They look like the following.



1.2 Group tickets

If you are travelling in a group you can buy a group ticket. This ticket is **only valid** from Munich Hauptbahnhof to Tegernsee. Therefore, you must also pay for a separate ticket that takes you from the airport to Munich Hauptbahnhof. We also **highly** recommend that you find the DB ticket office and speak with a teller rather than using the machine. The offices look like the following, and most tellers at the airport will speak English.



The website that details the group ticket can be found using this [link](#). The website is only available in German, but Google Chrome is able to translate German to English fairly well. In any event the text of interest falls under **“Bayern-Ticket”** and reads:

“The day ticket is for up to 5 people travelling through Bavaria on any local train (including M, BOB, RE, RB, ALEX, BLB, S-Bahn), all transport associations and almost all buses. They are valid between Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and 3:00 am the following day, on weekends, and public holidays.

...

Price / person: €25. Each additional person pays an additional €6”

2 Getting to Munich Hauptbahnhof

In order to get to the Schloß Ringberg, you must first get to Munich central station. Below are a few options for this depending on where you are flying to.

2.1 ... From Munich airport

By far the easiest way to get to Munich Hbf from Munich airport is to use the S-bahn. When you locate a ticket machine (depicted in Sect. 1.1) you can take a single ticket for the entire journey. Here is a simple step-by-step guide:

- Set the language to English.
- Enter your location (this is often already filled in) as Munich airport (München Flughafen).
- Below that enter your destination as Tegernsee
- Press search
- The price is approximately **€23.20** and includes a single change

You must change at **either** Munich Hauptbahnhof **or** Donnersbergerbrücke. We recommend you change at the Hauptbahnhof (Hauptbahnhof) as this will be well sign posted and easier to get around.

Figure 2 depicts the public transport schematic of Munich. The Airport is in the top right, highlighted in yellow. The Hauptbahnhof is in the centre of the image with the DB image on top of it. Donnersbergerbrücke is two stops to the left of the Hauptbahnhof.

After you buy your ticket, make your way to the correct platform (usually platform 1 or 2 but double check at the time) and take the **S1 or S8** to Munich Hauptbahnhof or Donnersbergerbrücke. It doesn't matter whether your ticket says to change at the central station or Donnersbergerbrücke, you are permitted to take any line as far as your destination. The exceptions to this are the IC and ICE lines, but these do not run local lines.

The travel time for this leg of the journey is approximately 40 – 50 minutes.

2.2 ... From Frankfurt International Airport

There is a direct **ICE** train from Frankfurt Airport to Munich Hauptbahnhof. Locate a ticket machine (depicted in Sect. 1.1). You can take a ticket for the entire journey

that will have a single change at Munich Hauptbahnhof:

- Set the language to English.
- Enter your location (this is often already filled in) as Frankfurt airport (Frankfurt Flughafen).
- Below that enter your destination as Tegernsee
- Press search
- The price is approximately **€94–130** and includes a single change at Munich Hauptbahnhof

Be aware that prices will vary according to availability. If you travel to Frankfurt and are spending the night there before continuing your journey to Ringberg, we **highly** recommend you [book online here](#) before travelling to reduce the cost and guarantee a place on the train, which can be very busy. You will simply have to type in a code at one of these ticket machines and probably have to verify the card you used to book, so please make sure you bring that with you.

After you buy your ticket, head to the correct platform. This is a fairly long journey at approximately 3 hours 40 minutes.

3 Getting to Tegernsee

From Munich Hauptbahnhof (or from Donnersbergerbrücke) you will need to find the **BOB** train to **Tegernsee**. This typically departs from platform (Gleis) 34 in Munich Hauptbahnhof or platform (Gleis) 2 at Donnersbergerbrücke. Again, you should double check this.

The time table for the BOB from Munich Hbf to Tegernsee can be found by clicking this [link](#).

4 Getting to Ringberg from Tegernsee

Unfortunately, there is no public transport from Tegernsee train station to Ringberg Schloß. The [Ringberg website](#) suggests that you should take a taxi. However, we will look into organising a special shuttle service from the train station to the Castle closer to the date of the event. This should appear on the website some time soon.