



# Pre-departure guide



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## Pre-Departure checklist

- Your passport (valid for at least six months from your return date) and all travel documents
- Valid visas for Germany and transit countries (where applicable)
- Photocopies of your passport and visa(s) (for easy replacement if necessary)
- Accommodation booking confirmation
- Essential medication (and a note from your doctor for prescription medication)
- Your mobile phone and headphones if you plan to access simultaneous interpretation during sessions (free Wi-Fi will be available)

Please familiarize yourself with the AIDS 2024 [code of conduct](#)

**Important:**

Medication: If you are travelling with medication, please find relevant information on medication and medical items [here](#). We invite you to consult this website carefully before leaving for Munich.



# Transport

Transport from Munich International Airport to the conference venue



## Public transport

### Option 1:

- o Take the Lufthansa Express Bus to Munich Central Station. There are buses every 20 minutes.
- o Take the U2 line in the direction of Messestadt Ost.
- o Exit at the stop "Messestadt West" and walk to the conference venue.

### Option 2:

- o Take the S1 line at "Flughafen München" in the direction of Leuchtenbergring. There is a train every 20 minutes. One adult single ticket costs EUR 16.
- o Change at Feldmoching and take the U2 in the direction of Messestadt Ost.
- o Exit at the stop "Messestadt West" and walk to the conference venue.

## Public transport tickets:

**Conference delegates are required to buy public transport tickets as follows:**

- o Please buy a zone M-5 ticket if you are travelling from Munich International Airport to Messe München, the conference venue.
- o Please buy a zone M ticket if you are travelling from Munich city centre to Messe München, the conference venue.
- o A budget-savvy option is the Weekly IsarCard if you wish to have a valid ticket for a week.

More information on ticket prices can be found at [this link](#). For more information on transportation from Munich Airport to the city centre, please click [here](#).

**Taxi:**

- o Taxi ranks are in the departure and arrival areas of Terminal 1 and 2.
- o A ride to the conference venue costs approximately EUR 80.

**Public transport stop near Messe München**

Please note that the closest public transport stop is "Messestadt West". All conference delegates can access the venue via West Entrance only.

**Getting around Munich**

Munich features excellent public transport connections, making it easy to navigate the city. A variety of options, including streetcars, underground trains and bicycles, ensure convenient travel for everyone. You can plan your journey by using the MVV Journey planner [here](#).

Find more information about public transportation in Munich [here](#) and a public transportation map [here](#).

# The conference venue

**Messe München: the Trade Fair Center Messe München and the ICM  
International Congress Center  
Messe München  
Am Messesee 2  
81829 München**

Find more information about Messe München [here](#) and the direct Google Maps link [here](#).

Gender-neutral toilets are located in the West Entrance area next to the cloakroom, as well as at the entrance of the Global Village halls.



# The conference programme

Explore the online programme of AIDS 2024, the 25th International AIDS Conference, at [this link](#). The conference will feature over 200 sessions, including plenary presentations, invited-speaker symposia, oral abstract sessions, workshops, Global Village activities, pre-conferences and satellites.

Find more information about the AIDS 2024 programme [here](#).

## Language interpretation and English captioning

AI language interpretation and English captioning will be available for the opening and closing sessions, plenary sessions, special sessions, the rapporteur session, Global Village sessions and symposia. Pre-conference sessions or satellite symposia may also offer interpretation and captioning. As headphones will not be provided, we kindly ask that you bring your own to avoid disrupting others during live interpretation. Your cooperation ensures a pleasant experience for all conference participants.

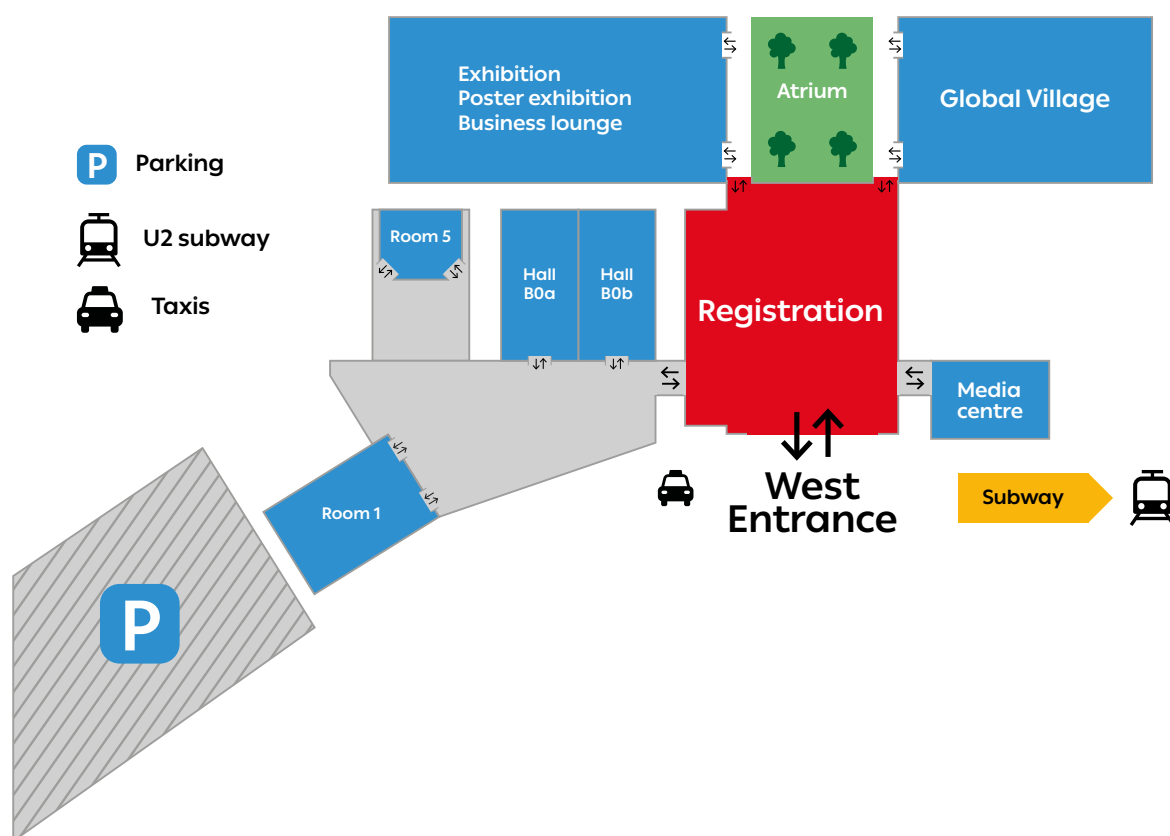
For more information on language interpretation and English captioning, click [here](#).



# Registration requirements and arrival process

## Where:

Messe München, West Entrance



## When:

Saturday, 20 July – Sunday, 21 July	07:00 – 18:30
Monday, 22 July	06:30 – 18:00
Tuesday, 23 July – Thursday, 25 July	06:30 – 18:30
Friday, 26 July	08:00 – 15:00

We encourage you to finalize your registration in advance to avoid unnecessary queues at the registration desks.



### Payment

If you have paid by bank transfer but have not received an invoice or registration confirmation, please bring a proof of payment or bank transfer slip with you to the conference.

Payments in person can be made by credit card. Cheques will not be accepted.

### Arrival process

- o If your registration is confirmed, please have the QR code confirmation ready on your smartphone or as a printout from the email you received from the AIDS 2024 Registration team. Go to the badge self-printing desks located in the registration area and print your name badge.
- o If your registration is pending, please proceed to the registered delegates counters in the registration area to complete your registration.
- o For media, please go to the registered media counters in the registration area to complete your registration. Any missing media credentials must be provided and approved by the IAS Media team before your media registration is completed.

**Please note that we cannot guarantee approval of pending media registrations on site.**

### Delegates registered as part of a group

If you are registered as part of a group, please check with your group manager about when and where you will receive your name badge.

### Please note:

To pick up your conference name badge or finalize your registration, you need to go to the registration area, which can be accessed only via the Messe München, West Entrance.





# The virtual platform

## How to log in to the AIDS 2024 virtual platform

The conference platform will be accessible through the AIDS 2024 [website](#). To access the conference platform, you need a conference account, which is linked to the email address you used to register for AIDS 2024.

We recommend that you check your [conference account](#) now to ensure that your registration status is shown as "registration confirmed". Without this confirmation, you will not be able to access the AIDS 2024 platform. You are also encouraged to access and make yourself familiar with the conference platform before the official start of AIDS 2024.

The platform will be available from 18 July. Please log in via your conference account here: [iasociety.org](https://iasociety.org).

# Other useful information

## Accessibility in the city

Find detailed information on accessibility in the city [here](#).

## Banks and currency

Exchange offices can be found in Munich Airport and throughout central Munich, particularly in the more tourist-oriented districts. Banks are a safe option but may have higher fees.

Most places in Munich accept credit cards. However, make sure that you check with your bank before arrival in Germany to be aware of any extra fees that you may be charged for using ATMs and credit cards.

## Business and shopping hours

Monday – Saturday: 08:00 – 20:00

Sunday: closed



### Cloakroom

Only modest-sized handbags and laptop bags are allowed within the venue; anything larger must be placed in the cloakroom (which can be accessed via the Messe München, West Entrance only). All bags are subject to being searched. This measure will significantly enhance public safety and make it easier for all guests to gain access to the conference. We therefore advise you to leave your luggage at your hotel and limit the number and size of bags you bring with you to the venue as much as possible. If required, AIDS 2024 attendees can store luggage (for free) in the cloakroom (subject to availability and operating on a first-come, first-served basis due to space restrictions).

### Emergency telephone numbers in Germany



Police: **110**

Fire and Ambulance: **112**

### Harm reduction and medical services

Information on the following services will be readily available throughout the conference:

- o Medical services and treatment centres for HIV and sexual health
- o Medical facilities and services for people who use drugs
- o The use of drugs while in Munich
- o Access to drug paraphernalia and counselling
- o Access information for prescriptions (methadone or suboxone) or opioid agonist therapy while in Munich

For information on harm reduction services at AIDS 2024, please [visit our website](#).



### Security and safety

Munich is generally a safe city. However, to enjoy your time in the city to the fullest, you are advised to remain alert to petty crime, especially in crowded areas, public transport and the busy city centre.

### Smoking laws

Please note that smoking and use of e-cigarettes, e-cigars and vape pens within the conference venue, including the atrium are not permitted.

Find more information here: Smoking & [smoking laws in Germany](#)

### Time zone

The time zone in Munich is Central European Summer Time (CEST).

### Tipping

Tipping is entirely voluntary. Usually, customers tip between 5% and 10% of their bill.

### Useful links

Useful apps for your travel to Munich: [MVV App](#)

Official tourist guide and map: [here](#) and [City-Map](#)

Free Wi-Fi is available in various locations in Munich, as described [here](#).



## Museums and theatres

### Bayerische Staatsoper

Richard Wagner's Parsifal on 23 July at 17:00

In his final music drama, Richard Wagner explores wounds that burn within individual people and within communities and responds with miraculous means that can alleviate suffering. The composer created a new myth with motifs from various legends, Christian and Buddhist religions, and Schopenhauer's world of ideas. Artist Georg Baselitz designed the powerful yet simple stage set in Pierre Audi's production.

You can find more information at [this link](#).



Giacomo Puccini's La fanciulla del West on 26 July at 19:00

These are sounds that get under your skin. In Giacomo Puccini's La fanciulla del West, a love triangle unfolds between Minnie, Jack Rance and Dick Johnson. Director Andreas Dresen translates Giacomo Puccini's setting of gold mining into the equally rough and male-dominated world of coal mining, set against moving music.

Find more information at [this link](#).

To buy tickets from the batch of 30, please contact the box office by phone at 089 21 75 19 20 or by email at [tickets@staatsoper.de](mailto:tickets@staatsoper.de) using the keyword, "IAC 2024".





### Gärtnerplatztheater

A limited number of tickets are available for AIDS 2024 participants for the popular musical, CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG, at the Gärtnerplatztheater in Munich.

About the play:

Inventor Caractacus Potts lives with his two children and eccentric father. The children have lost their hearts to an old racing car from the scrapyards, which is why their father has no choice but to buy it and restore it to its former glory. What's more, he turns it into a miracle car that can even swim and fly and whose strange engine noises immediately earn it the name, "Tschitti Tschitti Bäng Bäng".

However, the car's magical powers arouse the envy of Baron Bomburst of Vulgaria, who wants it at all costs. When he doesn't succeed, he has Caractacus' father, who he believes to be the inventor, kidnapped. Naturally, Caractacus and the children, together with Truly Scrumptious, daughter of a rich confectionery manufacturer, immediately set off for Vulgaria to free their grandfather with Tschitti's help! You can find further information about the performance [here](#).

Tickets from the batch of 30 can be ordered by telephone on 089-2185 1960 or by email to [tickets@gaertnerplatztheater.de](mailto:tickets@gaertnerplatztheater.de) with the keyword, "AIDS 2024", by 11 July. Tickets are available at the following prices: EUR 69, EUR 59, EUR 48 and EUR 38.

The performance will be in German without subtitles.





### **Buchheim Museum at Lake Starnberg**

A limited number of reduced-price online tickets, reserved for participants of AIDS 2024, can be booked at [this link](#).

About the museum:

The Buchheim Museum, situated at Lake Starnberg in Bernried, is primarily known for its Expressionist collection. But Lothar-Günther Buchheim's Museum of the Imagination unites four collections under one roof. At the centre of the Buchheim Museum is the Expressionist collection with paintings, drawings and prints by the Expressionist "Brücke" painters, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Erich Heckel, Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, Max Pechstein and Otto Müller.

The Buchheim Museum exhibits folk and ethnological collections with handicrafts from all over the world, Bavarian folk art and African cult objects. It also exhibits works by Lothar-Günther Buchheim himself. The special attraction of the architecturally valuable museum is a footbridge suspended 12 meters above Lake Starnberg. On a clear day, the view extends from Starnberg to the Alps. Another special feature is a museum ship, unique in Bavaria; it takes visitors from Starnberg to Bernried by water.

Find further information, opening times and prices at [www.buchheimmuseum.de](http://www.buchheimmuseum.de).





### **Classical concert**

As part of AIDS 2024, the Munich Chamber Orchestra (MKO), in cooperation with the Bavarian State Opera and the City of Munich, will be giving a top-class charity concert for the benefit of Munich AIDS-Hilfe in the Prinzregententheater on 24 July at 20:00.

World-class soloists will perform with the MKO for this good cause. Under the direction of Ivor Bolton, soprano Hanna-Elisabeth Müller, tenor Pavol Breslik and violinist Arabella Steinbacher will bring a varied programme to the stage, with rousing music by WA Mozart, Maurice Ravel and Astor Piazzolla.

Please click on [this link](#) to buy tickets.



### **Museum Brandhorst**

- ANDY WARHOL & KEITH HARING: PARTY OF LIFE EXHIBITION

This is the world's first comprehensive institutional exhibition dedicated to both artists, exploring not only their vibrant art, but also their engagement with the AIDS epidemic and themes of mortality. This exhibition is a wonderful addition to the programme for AIDS 2024 delegates, offering them the opportunity to explore the Kunstareal district and its urban surroundings in Munich.

In conjunction with the exhibition, a limited-edition charity T-shirt featuring Keith Haring's 1989 artwork, "Ignorance = Fear Silence = Death", is available. Created at the height of the AIDS crisis in New York, this piece underscores Haring's activism, a central theme in his work. Proceeds from the sale of this T-shirt, priced at €65, will be donated to Münchner AIDS-Hilfe e. V. The T-shirt is available in our museum shop.

More information can be found on [this link](#).



## Contacts

AIDS 2024 Abstracts	<a href="mailto:abstracts@aid2024.org">abstracts@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Accommodation	<a href="mailto:accommodation@aid2024.org">accommodation@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Accessibility	<a href="mailto:accessibility@aid2024.org">accessibility@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Affiliated Independent Events	<a href="mailto:affiliatedevents@aid2024.org">affiliatedevents@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Continuing Medical Education	<a href="mailto:cme@aid2024.org">cme@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Educational tours	<a href="mailto:educationaltours@aid2024.org">educationaltours@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Exhibition	<a href="mailto:exhibition@aid2024.org">exhibition@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Info Box	<a href="mailto:info@aid2024.org">info@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Media	<a href="mailto:media@iasociety.org">media@iasociety.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Pre-Conferences	<a href="mailto:preconferences@aid2024.org">preconferences@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Registration	<a href="mailto:registration@aid2024.org">registration@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Satellites	<a href="mailto:satellites@aid2024.org">satellites@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Scholarship Programme	<a href="mailto:scholarships@aid2024.org">scholarships@aid2024.org</a>
AIDS 2024 Visa	<a href="mailto:visa@aid2024.org">visa@aid2024.org</a>