

DEFINITELY WORTH A VISIT!

The EuroGames from 29th July to 1st August 2004 in Munich are the largest sports event prior to the city hosting the football World Cup in 2006. During the lesbian and gay multi-sports championships almost 5,300 athletes from all over Europe will compete for medals in 26 disciplines covering anything from aerobics to cheerleading, from fencing to karate and volleyball. Munich is looking forward to welcoming 20,000 visitors among them Jimmy Somerville.

Munich, 14th June 2004 – Participants and visitors can look forward to the ‘EuroGames-Kulturwoche’ – a rich programme of culture and tourism. Christopher Street Day on 24th July will mark the start. Christian Ude, Mayor of Munich, will be the patron of this gay and lesbian parade, as well as of the EuroGames themselves. The highlight of the Kulturwoche is the grand Opening Ceremony on 29th July. From 8 pm athletes will follow Olympic tradition and parade into the Olympic Hall, guaranteeing thrills and cheers among the gay community and their friends.

An impressive array of stars booked for the evening will also help to fill the 12,500 seats: **Jimmy Somerville, Marla Glen**, the singing rebel, Georgette Dee, the Croonettes with their homage to Swing music, the lesbian show-dance group Swinging Sisters, the world’s only gay Lederhosen-clad Schwuhplatter Group presenting this typical Bavarian dance and last but not least, the USC wheelchair dance group.

The ‘Kulturwoche’ offers further attractions such as the choir festival featuring twelve gay and lesbian choirs, the gay and lesbian film night or the Literatur-Lounge during which the literature prize of the gay and lesbian book stores will be awarded. The EuroGames offer guided city and museum tours, excursions to Neuschwanstein’s „Cinderella“ castle and even a trip across Lake Starnberg aboard a steamer. The ‘Kulturwoche’ ends on 1st August with a concert at the Prinzregententheater.

Tickets for all cultural events can be obtained from München-Ticket or on www.eurogames.info/2004. The visitor’s package La Ola is available at € 35 and contains a Munich transport pass, tickets for the opening and the closing ceremony as well as admission to all sports events.

The EuroGames are intended for sportswomen and sportsmen who actively support the integration of homosexuals in sport. Everyone is welcome to attend, regardless of background, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs. In particular the participation of athletes with special needs is encouraged. The association „EuroGames München e.V.“ is the organizer of the EuroGames Munich. More than 250 volunteer helpers are active in nine project groups. They have largely been recruited from lesbian and gay sports clubs in Munich. The preparations are being coordinated by a nine-person board.

Information and material for the press at www.eurogames.info/2004

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