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Surf&Style at Munich Airport

Surfing fun for everyone

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USPA NEWS - Surf&Style at Munich Airport is set to start for the sixth year running: Surfing fun for everyone on the world's biggest stationary wave. From 16 September the world's biggest stationary wave will be back at Munich Airport giving passengers and visitors a chance to surf between terminals once more.

There's still a lot of summer left: From 16 September the world's biggest stationary wave will be back at Munich Airport giving passengers and visitors a chance to surf between terminals once more. This total "Hawaii feeling" can be experienced until 9 October at the sixth "Surf & Style" event being held at Europe's largest covered outdoor area in the MAC Forum. "Surf & Style" appeals to anyone who fancies climbing onto a surfboard and catching a wave to enjoy the fascination of surfing – whether beginner or pro. To make sure that everyone who wants to surf can do so in the skill slot that suits them, one-hour slots are being offered throughout the day in three different skill categories adults and children from 10.00am.

Beginners, for instance, will be able to use a balance bar to help them get started. Anyone who has already had some practice on a surfboard can register for the advanced slots and seasoned surf enthusiasts can put their skills to the test in the pro category. The cost of a one hour slot is €19 for adults and €10 for children (8 to 14 years of age). This includes a comprehensive introduction to surfing given by professional surfing instructors. Even the full equipment – comprising a helmet, surfboard, neoprene and Lycra wetsuits – will be made available for borrowing by Munich Airport. Reservations for surfing the waves can be made from 5 September at www.munich-airport.com/surfandstyle.

Anyone wishing to ride the surf must be at least 8 years of age. The stationary surfing installation may be temporary but it boasts a wave more than 10 metres wide and 1.50 metres high and is open for surfers and visitors from 9.00am to 8.00pm every day. This year the 10 metre x 20 metre module has even been fitted with an additional pump to provide the perfect conditions for riding the surf. Also new this year are the extended opening times from Thursday to Saturday when the surf will be up until 9.00pm.

"With "Surf & Style" we are bringing the carefree lifestyle of the beaches of California and Hawaii to Munich Airport," says Martin Korosec, Head of Advertising, Marketing and Media at Flughafen München GmbH. "This event has become a real crowd puller and we are certain to welcome even more international guests this year as we are hosting the surf event at the same time as the Oktoberfest." Special training sessions for children will be held once again this year. On 2 October the wave is dedicated to the family: At the first "Surf & Style Family Day" both young and older surfers can come and enjoy the many surprises.

The sporting highlight this year and simultaneously the spectacular finale is once again the European Championship in Stationary Wave Riding, which will take place on 8 and 9 October. Registration for the competition is still open – numerous international surfing stars have already announced their participation, such as Noah Beschen from Hawaii and the newcomer Francesca "Frankie" Harter from California, who will come to challenge the local surfing heroes.

The event organiser is expecting more than 130 participants from all over the world to appear and wow the spectators with their amazing rides. Spectators are of course warmly invited to cheer on their favourites from the stands and to get into the spirit of the exciting competition. Admission to the European Championship is free of charge on both days.

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