REUNITE

RESOURCE GUIDE

Come experience Michigan’s Little Bavaria here with us at Bavarian Inn!

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Willkommen!

We are here to make your family trip, reunion or special occasion a SUCCESS! That's where we come in...

What you want is functional ... what you want is FUN, so...
Make your reunion a FUNction to remember!

Our “ein Wiedersehen” (reunion) begins with the trust of the Bavarian Inn family to make sure your reunion, get together, or gathering is perfect!

We put over 135 years of experience into everything we do!
We've done top-notch party planning for thousands of groups, so we've got it down to a science! Just follow our simple directions for a perfect group gathering:

1. Use this guide to choose your list of adventures.
2. Share your plans with your family or group.
3. Relax and enjoy a perfect Bavarian Inn event!

Whether you select our Bavarian Inn Lodge or Bavarian Inn Restaurant for your group gathering, you'll be delighted by our friendly efficient service, excellent food, and concierge-level service: all with a traditional German flair.

Let Our Family, Serve Your Family

Generations have come to the charming community of Frankenmuth to reveal the traditional German elegance and charm that permeates the very air!

Every reunion is a family reunion because the Bavarian Inn Zehnder family is here to oversee your event!

Back Row left to right - Bill Zehnder, and Don Keller
Middle Row left to right - Katie Zehnder Weiss, Amy Zehnder-Grossi, Dorothy Zehnder (Co-founder of Bavarian Inn), and Judy Zehnder Keller (Founder of Bavarian Inn Lodge)
Front Row left to right - William Keller, Karen Zehnder, Martha Zehnder Kaczynski, and Michael Keller Zehnder
One Day Events

Bavarian Inn Restaurant
The 1,200 seat Bavarian Inn Restaurant features several menus including: traditional home-cooked family-style chicken dinners, delicious German dishes, steak and seafood entrees, light plate luncheons, and sandwiches, salads, appetizers and entrees. Costumed staff serve meals in a pleasant southern German atmosphere. Reservations available in a private room or at tables in the dining room with other guests. Bavarian Inn Castle Shops located in the lower level include Doll & Toy Shop, Souvenirs & Cheers, Royal Gift Shop, Candy Corner, Chocolate Shop, Wine and Beer Shop, and the Castle Shop Bakery.

Michigan On Main Bar & Grill
Located inside Bavarian Inn Restaurant with it’s unique Michigan themed menu, Michigan on Main appeals to local residents and business people seeking a convenient luncheon meeting spot. Families and visitors from out of town looking for a casual and affordable place to dine while in Frankenmuth, look no further!

Oma’s Restaurant at the Bavarian Inn Lodge
The friendly atmosphere of Oma’s (Grandma’s) Restaurant in the Lodge offers generous portions of German and continental cuisine for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. An intimate alternative for smaller gatherings.

Ratskeller at the Bavarian Inn Lodge
Offering quick-service dining from morning until night. Bratwurst, hot dogs, and famous pizzas offer a more casual environment. Try our customize flatbreads! Whether you’re in your pajamas, bathing suit, or casual attire, you’re welcome in the Ratskeller.

Full alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage service is available.
Group Gatherings

Contact our Reservations department for group gatherings by calling 1-888-976-4260!

Group gathering for multiple days with fewer than 10 guestrooms, call our reservations department at the Bavarian Inn Lodge.

If you have a potential of more than 10 guest rooms or have group meal functions to plan, ask for the Bavarian Inn Lodge Group Sales Department. We’re here to make your gathering as smooth as possible!

Anniversaries & Weddings

An anniversary celebration is the perfect reason to reunite your family in Frankenmuth! The Bavarian Inn Lodge and Restaurant have hosted thousands of wedding anniversaries, from 1 to 80 year celebrations! We understand how special this event is for your family and will customize the perfect day for you. We also have packages to renew your vows before the banquet begins. Scan QR code below to be taken to our Frankenmuth Weddings webpage for all your celebratory needs!

I would not hesitate to reserve the Bavarian Inn for another important event. It was an absolutely wonderful experience! The staff was easily approachable, helpful, and kind. We are very satisfied!”

SOMMERVILLE FAMILY
Multi-Day Events

Stay with us for a couple days and make yourself at home at the Bavarian Inn Lodge for your group gathering!

There is no other hotel like the Bavarian Inn Lodge!

For generations, millions of people have come here to stay and play, to be welcomed with our home-cooked, world famous chicken dinners and other delicious meals. You’re going to love our delightfully cozy beds and warm Bavarian hospitality.

Walk out our front door and take a stroll (or free shuttle ride) over the Holz Brücke (Wooden Covered Bridge), and you'll see the world-famous Bavarian Inn Restaurant and Castle Shops, Frankenmuth River Place Shops, Bavarian Belle Riverboat Cruise, Covered Bridge Shop, Frank's Muth, and over 100 Shops on Main Street! Favorite popular attractions include the Frankenmuth Cheese Haus, Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland, Frankenmuth Historical Museum, Michigan's Heroes Museum, and many more!

Got golfers in your group? Let us assist you with information on one of FIVE awesome courses within 30 minutes of the Lodge (three within 10 minutes)!

Lodge Amenities

- 360 European-themed guest rooms, including whirlpool and family suites
- Indoor waterpark with two water slides, four indoor pools and three whirlpools
- Three-story European-style courtyard with one indoor pool and whirlpool reserved especially for adults only
- 18-hole indoor mini-golf course
- The largest Family Fun Center in any Midwest hotel with 160+ video and redemption games, air hockey, ping pong and pool tables
- Adjacent to Heritage Park and Running Trails
- Two-story Children's Village play area
- Two lounges, two restaurants, two gift shops.
- Gourmet Coffee Bar in Martha's Gift Shop
- Free live nightly entertainment including sing-alongs and Karaoke
- An abundance of public areas for your family or group to gather and socialize
- Free wifi in guest rooms & all public spaces

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Accommodations

For every taste and personality that you may bring to the Bavarian Inn, our Lodge has a room to accommodate! Everyone will feel right at home here.

Each room features a refrigerator, flatscreen TV, iron, blow dryer and FREE WiFi internet. Coffee stations are available in the Hotel and Tower lobbies, as well as the 4th floor next to the ice/vending machine.

Disability/barrier-free guest rooms

All of us at the Bavarian Inn Lodge want you to receive the best guest room for your particular disability, need, or limitation. Some guest rooms are left-handed for toilet transfer; some are right-handed. Toilet height and bed height are important considerations for some travelers. We’d be pleased to assign your guest accommodations based on your needs.

*TIP: All of these handicap specifications are detailed for every handicap room at the Bavarian Inn Lodge. Handicap rooms are noted by the “disabled traveler icon.”*

Each room tells a family heritage story

Each guest room was named after a family from Frankenmuth. Each room contains the family’s history, including photos and documents illustrating the original settlers and their descendants.

*Book a reservation!

*TIP: Most families/groups like to have side-by-side rooms. Our Sales Department can create group room blocks for your group leader and give you an online link specific to your parties name.*

We take care of the details, while you concentrate on the FUN!

“It’s so wonderful to be able to stay at such a clean, hospitable, lovely hotel year after year! Please always keep doing what you’re doing, hiring motivated staff to continue to keep the Lodge as beautiful and clean as it was from day one. It is truly a challenging feat that has been kept up with since the beginning which is absolutely wonderful. I firmly believe that is why the Lodge stays beautiful, orderly, clean and enjoyable year after year. Thank you for another great stay.”

ANDERSON FAMILY

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Bavarian Inn Lodge
Family Dining

Ratskeller
Maybe you didn’t expect to find pizza in a Bavarian hotel, but we have it and it’s the ultimate crowd pleaser and perfect for any reunion or group.

Oma’s Restaurant/ Lorelei Lounge
Quaint and usually quiet, you will receive friendly waiter and waitress service in the Lodge for breakfast, lunch or dinner. In the lounge, you can enjoy nightly live entertainment with a full service bar, a full menu with seasonal drink specials. Be sure to check out our monthly specials!

Schnitzelbank Biergarten
Just out the front door of the Lodge, offering Oma’s Restaurant menu in a peaceful outdoor setting under the late afternoon and evening sun. Relax under umbrella tables during the day and fireside tables during the night. Full bar service is also available from the Lorelei Lounge all summer long. Relax with a German beer and enjoy the evening breeze.

Since 2012, whenever I stay in Frankenmuth I have stayed at Bavarian Inn Lodge. This was my 25th stay at their facility and I state without and hesitation this is the only place I will stay when I visit Frankenmuth. It is reasonably priced and in a location that makes it easy to get to anywhere in town you want to go. Restaurants in the hotel are great! Oma’s is great for a good breakfast and I’m here to say if you walk out of there hungry still, it’s your fault. The staff is amazing and they go out of their way to make you feel right at home.
BRANDON’S FAMILY

Ratskeller Birthday Party
We want to celebrate you!
Are you looking to make your birthday special? Contact our sales department today and reserve your spot by calling 989-652-7200.
Activities at the Bavarian Inn Lodge

Fun is what you make it! We make it happen 365 days!!

A lot of our “ein Wiedersehen” (reunion) activity is family-focused, so naturally the summer months are very popular for family reunions here at the Bavarian Inn. But don’t sell spring, fall, or winter short! There’s always something going on here and in the town of Frankenmuth.

Host a mini golf tournament for your group on the only Bavarian-themed indoor mini golf course in the world! Outside of Bavaria, of course! Pick up a one-time pass or an unlimited multi-day pass to putt to your heart’s content.

Two water slides, four indoor pools and three whirlpools in a family room environment!

Grandma will be comfortable poolside as the kids splish-splash away their day! We have four indoor pools (no two are alike) and three whirlpools for overnight guests — even one pool and whirlpool reserved for adults only. The Tower Twister body slide and the Bavarian Blast tube slide offer thrilling fun for all ages!

FREE family karaoke every Friday and Saturday!
Unleash your inner star every Friday and Saturday night at the Bavarian Inn Lodge from 7 to 11 P.M. in the Ratskeller.

Visit Willy the Dragon in the Ratskeller
He’s big but he’s not bad – he’s Willy, the official mascot-of-fun at the Bavarian Inn Lodge! While some dragons breathe fire, Willy breathes FUN! Kids of all ages love Willy, and no trip to the Bavarian Inn Lodge is complete without a visit to Willy’s Magical Kingdom in the Family Fun Center.

Yard Games at the Lodge – Free!
In the Good Ol’ Summertime, enjoy corn hole toss and other seasonal yard games on the lawn of the Bavarian Inn Lodge. In the evenings the Schnitzelbank Biergarten entertainment really gets going too!
Bavarian Inn Restaurant
Family Dining

Food is the star of every group gathering at the Bavarian Inn!
People (and by people we mean thousands upon thousands) come to the Bavarian Inn for one item we are known for - Chicken! In fact, you may consider the chicken the unofficial Michigan state bird, and eating as the number one recreational sport!

Dining at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant
Like any great restaurant, the Bavarian Inn Restaurant has kitchen secrets. But we also have a secret weapon – and her name is Dorothy Zehnder, co-founder of the Bavarian Inn.

While Dorothy offers a monthly famous recipe on our website, chances are you cannot replicate the magic of Oma (Grandma) Zehnder’s well-honed skills in the kitchen.

Since taking over the operation in 1950, millions of hungry patrons have descended upon the Bavarian Inn Restaurant for the best, most authentic Bavarian and German dishes. Hundreds of thousands annually leave with smiles on their faces and full bellies!

There’s something special about coming to Bavarian Inn Restaurant to enjoy a home-cooked meal! Since 1888 millions of guests have returned to feast on our world-famous “all-you-can-eat” family-style dinners with platters of premium golden chicken.

We also feature authentic German dishes such as Wiener Schnitzel and Sauerbraten as well as steak and seafood.

Gather Under the Glockenspiel
A wonderful tradition exists here at the Bavarian Inn! It’s the gathering of families, friends, long-lost acquaintances, or best buds. It typically takes place under the Glockenspiel — its faithful pealing of the hours is akin to the ringing of the dinner bell down on the farmstead. Gathering under the Glockenspiel is about welcoming you like family and making it easy for your family to gather.

For your larger gatherings, reserve a private room; smaller groups may consider the Alcove or a room in the Swiss Valley at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant for any meal.

“Everybody knows Mom’s cooking is the BEST!”
JUDY ZEHNDER-KELLER, DAUGHTER OF THE BAVARIAN INN
DOROTHY ZEHNDER, FOUNDER OF THE BAVARIAN INN LODGE
Activities at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant

Pretzel Rolling
Your guests are transformed into German bakers. Our team will lead them through the proper pretzel-rolling method and then it is their turn to try and match the technique. After they’re baked, guests can pick up their freshly baked pretzels and reap the rewards of their hard work. Reservations are required for groups of 20 or more! Call the Bavarian Inn Restaurant for more information.

Gather under the Glockenspiel
The simple act of gathering under the Glockenspiel is a true delight and a front-row seat to daily shows at Noon, 3 pm, 6 pm and 9 pm. The Bavarian Inn Glockenspiel plays several selections which are immediately followed by figurine movement depicting the legend of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. For the complete story of the Bavarian Inn Glockenspiel, please visit our webpage at Bavarianinn.com.

The Fischer Platz - Outdoor Entertainment
Originally known as the Sommer Garten (Summer Garden), the open outdoor area of the Bavarian Inn Restaurant was used during the Bavarian Festival for bread baking demonstrations, enjoying grilled bratwurst, chicken barbeques, cocktail parties and special band concerts.

Since 1973, the Fischer Platz (Fischer Place) has been open daily during the summer months as an outdoor music stage, reminiscent of the outdoor beer gardens of Germany. It is now located under the Glockenspiel in front of Bavarian Inn Restaurant. In addition to serving tasty foods, snacks and beverages, each summer there is a regular schedule of talented accordionists and other fine musicians. Linda Lee has played here regularly since 1979, and became Bavarian Inn’s full-time entertainer in 1991.

Michigan On Main Bar & Grill
We are dedicated to using Michigan made & grown products. A focus on seasonality & local sourcing is one of our top priorities. Using Michigan products like potatoes from Posen, pork from Frankentrost & still having the best of both worlds with the largest selection of Michigan craft and German beers in all of Michigan! Michigan on Main’s menu celebrates our great state’s diverse agricultural economy. We are proud to support the bountiful harvest of Michigan!
Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Perks Club

Join our Perks Club and start earning rewards on shopping, dining and lodging! Visit us at www.Bavarianperks.com today to learn more.

REWARDS YOU’LL EARN:

• $20 Perks reward for every $200 spent
• Members-only discounts & promotions, such as special lodging rates
• Free Chicken Dinner during your birthday month (must be a registered member at least 45 days prior)
• Free mini-golf every Wednesday at the Bavarian Inn Lodge Family Fun Center

LOCATIONS:

• **Bavarian Inn Restaurant:** Dining Rooms, Michigan on Main, Doll and Toy Shop, Souvenirs and Cheers Shop, Wine and Beer Shop, Castle Shop Bakery, Royal Gift Shop, Candy Corner, and Chocolate Shop.
• **Bavarian Inn Lodge:** Front Desk, Michael’s Gift Shop, Martha’s Gift Shop, Oma’s Restaurant, Lorelei Lounge, and the Ratskeller.
• **Frankenmuth River Place Shops:** Emilie B’s, Funky Skunk, Hello Cats and Dogs, Enchanted Forest, Jerky Joint, and Woody’s.
• **Frankenmuth Cheese Haus, Frank’s Muth, and Covered Bridge Shop on Main Street.**
Bavarian Inn Photo Contest

Over 30 years of photos collected for our yearly photo contest at the Bavarian Inn!

Try to capture photos of your family and friends enjoying Frankenmuth Bavaria Inn properties such as:

- Bavarian Inn Lodge
- Bavarian Inn Restaurant
- Frankenmuth River Place Shops
- Frankenmuth Cheese Haus
- Covered Bridge Shop
- Wooden Covered Bridge

You could be a winner in our Family Fun Photo Contest. Interior and exterior building photos (with or without people) are acceptable! Show us the FUN you’ve had.

- **GRAND PRIZE:** Two night’s lodging in any Family or Whirlpool suite
- **FIRST PRIZE:** One night’s lodging in one of our standard rooms
- **SECOND PRIZE:** $100 Gift Card to be used for dining, shopping, or lodging

Visit our website to submit your photos today or call 989-652-7200 if you have additional questions!

Submit your Photos to our Photo Contest today!

*Previous winner shown*
Seasonal Activities

Spring Time

Easter Celebration - Join us during our citywide celebration of the Easter season. The community adorns the businesses inside and out with hints of spring and significant Easter decorations. This occurs for approximately three weeks (two weeks prior to Easter and one week after). During the Easter school-break week, Easter activities are planned for children at the Lodge including a bunny parade, musical chairs, and Easter crafts.

Springtime offers our fastest growing Frankenmuth festivals! Come experience “Bringin’ Back the 80s Fest” in April or “The World Expo of Beer” in May.

Don’t forget about Mother’s Day! The Bavarian Inn Restaurant and Lodge both have special dining options available to honor Mom. What a great reason to bring the family together for a fun Frankenmuth weekend getaway!

Summer Time

What began in spring continues – heats up in fact, here in Frankenmuth and at the Bavarian Inn. Enjoy concerts and festivals; live entertainment; our indoor water park; our gigantic family fun center; shopping and more!

Memorial Weekend kicks off summer in Frankenmuth with the Frankenmuth River Place Shops’ Dog Bowl (think, olympics for dogs) around River Place. Balloons over Bavarian Inn also takes place during this weekend where twenty to thirty hot air balloons adorn the skies over Frankenmuth. This is just the beginning to an action-packed summer line up!

The planting of hundreds of thousands of flowers are the absolute proof of summer in Frankenmuth. The Bavarian Inn grounds and entire community show pride through thousands of geraniums and petunias along with exotic grasses and floral gardens.

Festivals, fun, and relaxing strolls along the Cass River make Frankenmuth your relaxation zone!

Visit our online calendar of events for the most up to date schedule.
Seasonal Activities Continued...

Fall Time
As green becomes yellows, reds and browns, many summertime activities carry right into gorgeous Michigan fall fun. Still available are things like carriage rides, entertainment at the Lodge, of course Oktoberfest festivities, the Frankenmuth Auto Fest, Scarecrow Fest, wine and beer tasting excursions, Halloween, and Thanksgiving.

Winter Time
Since you'll never have a chance to live life inside a Christmas snow globe, Frankenmuth may be as close as you'll come to storybook holidays!

From Thanksgiving to Christmas, the beauty of the Bavarian Inn is amazing; decorations at the Lodge and Restaurant alone warrant a visit.

Close out the year with our New Year Celebration Parties!
Come celebrate with your family or friends the end of the year, as we toast at midnight! Midnight celebrations happen at both the Bavarian Inn Restaurant and Lodge.

Don't Miss...
Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas store, located at (where else?) 25 Christmas Lane. When reuniting any time of year, bringing all generations together to stroll through 7 acres of Christmas trims and gifts along with gazing at Christmas trains with grandchildren is truly a memorable sight. Beyond Bronner's, Frankenmuth offers a winter wonderland of Christmas shopping delights and surprises. Santa shops here – why shouldn't you!

Visit our online calendar of events for the most up to date schedule.
More to Frankenmuth

People have their preconceived notions about small midwestern towns. Be assured, you've never seen a midwestern town like Frankenmuth!

Frankenmuth, Michigan, is nothing if not accommodating to its millions of visitors annually, yet while retaining its quaint Bavarian charm and traditions. In fact, it's referred to as, "Michigan's Little Bavaria — One Town, a Million Ways to Enjoy It!"

Frankenmuth River Place Shops

There's Frankenmuth River Place Shops for shopping trips that go on and on. Five local golf courses, all with close proximity to Bavarian Inn. Cafés, biergartens, arcades, live entertainment and open spaces where you can just relax. Something for everyone, any time of the year.

Take a ride on the Bavarian Belle – a 149-passenger, 50 ton, authentic stern paddle wheel vessel. A 45 minute tour with narration and you'll know the place like a native! What better way to spend an hour than on her open-air, canopied upper deck.

There's also the Frankenmuth Fun Ships, from which you can experience the beauty of the Cass River aboard a 12 passenger electric boat. Your captain sets the stage for a relaxing and informative cruise in a quiet setting of beautiful scenery. Charter the entire boat for your group or join their regularly-scheduled open cruises.

Kids of all ages enjoy a trip to Grandpa Tiny's Farm

Step back in time at Grandpa Tiny's Farm, in honor of William (Tiny) Zehnder, co-founder of the Bavarian Inn. At Grandpa Tiny's Farm, your tour will be given by a friendly guide who can answer any questions and allow you hands-on experiences. Visit our Petting Farm and hold cuddly baby bunnies and chicks; watch playful lambs and goats and play with other farm animals. Your tour also includes a horse-drawn wagon ride! For more information, Call: 989-652-5437 or visit: www.grandpatinysfarm.com

Annual events

You'll swear this town will burst with the annually-planned activities that await you. And that's not just in the summer months – Frankenmuth boasts events and festivals throughout the year.

Frankenmuth Dog Bowl (an olympic-style canine festival that's top-dog) to Sale Fest (city-wide sales of the yard, garage and shop variety); from the Snowfest to the Bavarian Festival, the dull moments here are few and far between.
Did You Know?

At the Bavarian Inn Lodge, we strive to give you the BEST experience, while you’re here!

- For your group visit or reunion, we provide one contact person to plan all your activities, cutting down considerably on confusion.
- We can arrange private or semi-private areas for you to gather without additional expense.
- We can arrange private dining rooms for group breakfasts, lunches, or dinners.
- We can provide special reservations for karaoke, pretzel rolling, and many other activities.

For Overnight Reunions, call 989-652-7200
We are open 365 days a year! Please note that there will be limited availability during high peaks throughout the year.

For Single Day Reunions, call 989-652-9941
Call us today, to see what availability is available!

“I can't think of a better place to have a reunion. Your facility offered something for everyone - two to 70 years. The food was wonderful, beds were comfortable, and so many fun things to do while in Frankenmuth!”

LIGGETT FAMILY

Creating Enjoyable Experiences from our family to yours!

Visit us at Bavarianinn.com
About the founding family of the Bavarian Inn Restaurant and Lodge

Four generations of the Zehnder family are actively involved in the day-to-day operations.

At the Bavarian Inn Restaurant:
Dorothy Zehnder (Co-founder of Bavarian Inn) is joined by son William A. Zehnder, Chairman of the Bavarian Inn Board; daughter Amy Zehnder Grossi, is President of the Bavarian Inn Restaurant; daughter Katie Zehnder, is President of Frankenmuth Gift Shop, Inc.

At the Bavarian Inn Lodge:
Judy Zehnder Keller’s (Founder of Bavarian Inn Lodge) son Michael Keller Zehnder, is President of Bavarian Inn Lodge (4th Generation Owner); Martha Zehnder Kaczynski is Vice President (4th Generation Owner); Judy’s husband, Don Keller, is the Corporate Treasurer.

We hope you enjoyed your time here in Michigan’s Little Bavaria!

Stay informed and updated on our current events happening at the Bavarian Inn by following our social media! #BavarianInn #RiverPlaceFun