

Nope, have not nor plan to try...

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Just this last Saturday there was an afternoon/evening event in a nearby little town, in honor of Oktoberfest (but chose not to partake for various reasons, one of which was no designated driver). Also, the US, breweries often celebrate with a new release of some kind. Anyway, lately I've got beer on my mind (haven't had any in many months). I really can only drink about a half pint at a time, otherwise it hits me too hard. Perhaps I will choose to imbibe just a little on my birthday. Something with a chocolate/coffee finish 😊

Quote

Oktoberfest is a German tradition known around the world for its beer, delicious food, and celebration of German culture. It's a chance to put aside differences, raise a glass, and shout, “Prost!” (That's “Cheers!” in German.)

Given the name, one would think that it would also be a chance to celebrate the great month of October. And it is. What's shocking, though, is that this festival's namesake month barely gets to take part in the festivities.

That's right—the majority of Oktoberfest takes place in September, which makes Oktoberfest seem like one of [the biggest misnomers we use all the time](#). The entire festival runs 16-18 days, depending on the year, and most of them are in September. For example, the 2019 dates were September 21–October 6. Sadly, the 2020 festival was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, when Oktoberfest began in 1810, it did take place entirely in October, from the 12th to the 17th.

The first Oktoberfest was a celebration of the marriage between Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. It lasted five days, during which the citizens of Munich were invited to eat and drink to their hearts' content while listening to live music and watching parades. The party ended with a horse race at the edge of town. Learn more about the [origins of Oktoberfest—and why it's not all about beer](#).

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