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**Guggenheim Goes to Murnau and Celebrates the Blue Rider.**

The Bavarian town of Murnau one hour south of Munich rises terrace-like over the Murnau Moor and the nearby Staffel Lake. The expressionist art movement, "The Blue Rider" (Blaue Reiter) made its home in Murnau and the likes of Gabriele Münter, Wassily Kandinsky and Franz Marc showed the landscape with intensive color and contrast. Art Nouveau (Jugendstil) architect Emanuel von Seidl painted the house facades in the pedestrian zone that today are protected historic buildings.

From May 19 to August 7, 2005, the "Art of Tomorrow," an exhibit of expressionist Hilla Rebay's works along with paintings from Jean Arp, Rudolf Bauer, Wassily Kandinsky, Hans Richter and Kurt Schwitters, will be at the Guggenheim in New York and then travel to the Museum Stuck in Munich and to the Murnau Castle Museum in Murnau where it will reside from September 8, 2005 to January 8, 2006.

Must-sees are the Gabriele Münter House, the Murnau Castle Museum as well as the several sophisticated galleries and

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### EDITOR'S CHOICE

#### Preparing for Christmas!

Much goes into preparing for the thousands of Christmas markets in each town and city throughout Germany. Artisans in the traditional arts and crafts centers including Berchtesgaden, the Thuringian Forest and the Ore Mountains are busy carving, painting, pinning and creating charming children's toys, Christmas ornaments, nutcrackers, mountains of Lebkuchen (gingerbread), sweets, glühwein and stollen for November 18 when some Christmas markets open. This year the majority of markets will open the weekend of November 24-26, the first Sunday of Advent. For more information, go to [www.cometogermany.com](http://www.cometogermany.com) and look under Events and to order our new Christmas brochure with over 75 Christmas markets, call: 1-800-651-7010.

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### FEATURED STORY

#### Hamburg's Beer and Culinary Scene

When you think of beer, it is not only in Bavaria. Hamburg, Germany's northern star city, has been serving up excellent food and beer for centuries and the tradition continues today! Back in the 1300s, Hamburg was a major exporter of beer and one quarter of its citizens were brewers. By the late 1800s, there was a brewery on every corner. Today two multinational breweries dominate the beer industry in Hamburg. The largest is the Holsten Brewery, founded in 1879 by Hamburg businessmen, followed by the Bavaria-St. Pauli Brewery, founded in 1862. Small private breweries like the "Gröninger Braukeller" and the "Brauhaus Joh. Albrecht" are still very popular. Here, before the very eyes of the patrons in the tavern, an amber-coloured pils is fermented and also served. The Hamburg brew was so famous that on his deathbed Philip Melanchton - the comrade-in-arms of Martin Luther - asked for a soup prepared from Hamburg beer. That leaves nothing more to say, other than, PROST!

Hamburg's tasty and diverse culinary scene is worth trying again and again. There are altogether over 50 Russian, Brazilian, Japanese, Portuguese, Chinese, Thai and French restaurants among others. But the winner are the Italians - there are over 200 Italian restaurants in Hamburg and everyone likes to say that their local Italian trattoria has the best secret recipe.

For those seeking Hamburg's traditional local fare, rote Gruetze (a red berry compote), Bratkartoffeln (roasted potato), eel soup and various Braten (roasts) are served up on Deichstrasse. Romanticists seek out the small restaurants on the Elbe in the pleasant areas of Oevelgoenne and the picturesque neighborhood of Blankenese.



