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FIELD ITINERARY · FROM MUNICH

Zugspitze

Up by train. Down to the lake.



MOUNTAIN TICKET · ADULT RETURN	COGWHEEL TRAIN · FROM GARMISCH	GLETSCHERBAHN / CABLE CAR
€78 · Summer 2026	75 min to the plateau	4 min / 10 min

YOUR CONNECTIONS

Munich — TRAIN — Garmisch — COGWHEEL — Zugspitzplatt — CABLE CAR — Zugspitze — CABLE CAR — Eibsee

1 Munich → Garmisch-Partenkirchen

My departure: 07:29 · about 1½ h by regional train

Use your Deutschland-Ticket or a regional fare. A Bayern-Ticket only starts at 09:00 on weekdays; it would not cover my early train.

2 Walk to the Zugspitzbahn station

Separate station · allow time for tickets and the walk

Buy the mountain ticket, then take the cogwheel train to Zugspitzplatt. Allow 75 min for the ride, plus waiting time.

3 Gletscherbahn → summit terraces

4 min up · Germany's highest mountain, 2,962 m

Enjoy the views on the terraces. The actual summit cross needs a scramble with ladders and cables; I skipped it on both visits.

4 Sonnalpin: chapel and lunch

Back down on the Gletscherbahn · leave time to sit

I had lunch here on both visits. With the return ticket you can use the Gletscherbahn repeatedly that day, then go back up to the summit.

5 Cable car down → Eibsee

Suggested descent: around 15:00 · 10 min ride

Ride down around 15:00 and enjoy Eibsee. If the weather and conditions suit, you could have a swim. Keep an eye on the time for the train back.

6 Eibsee → Garmisch → Munich

Aim to be at Eibsee station before 17:00

The train has limited space: you may not fit on the one you planned. Allow for another service. From Garmisch, the regional journey to Munich is easier to arrange — but it is still a long day.

Train to Garmisch and mountain ticket are separate. The €78 adult Zugspitze return includes the cogwheel train and cable cars (one ascent + descent); summer tariff until 22 Nov 2026. Deutschland-Ticket does not cover the mountain trip.

Haki tip — start early and bring a layer. Start early and leave a buffer at Eibsee. My return from Garmisch was 18:05, reaching Munich Hbf at 19:26 — historical times from my visit.

07:29 / 18:05 / 19:26: my 2025 times. 15:00 / before 17:00: suggested plan, not departures.
Fares/durations checked 9 Oct 2026.
Check live trains, weather and maintenance before travel. Autumn closures apply.



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