

# Traditions in Germany

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# Soft drinks

- lemonade - short Limo
  - non alcoholic, sugared drink with fruit flavor
  - water with lemon juice
- mixed drinks with lemonade are :
  - Schorle
  - Spezi

# Tea

- tea
  - Water with flavour
  - Warm or cold
  - Tea for different seasons

# Coffee

- Water with grounded coffee beans
- Warm or cold
- Coffee with milk, coffee with sugar

# Alcoholic drinks

- Second highest beer intake in world
- Traditional beers: Kölsch, Altbier, Weißbier
  - Kölsch oldest one
  - Must be produced in Cologne
- Wine typical German drink
  - Tafelweine, Landwein, Qualitätswein

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# Customs

- Sauerkraut and solid meat meals
- Origin of the customs is wintertime
- German cuisine influenced by
  - Danish
  - Polish
  - Czech
  - Slovakian food

# Per capita consumption

- Meat consumption per year
  - 60 Kg per person
  - two out of three is pork (sausage)
  - chicken 20%
  - beef and veal 15%
  - other types of meat are specialities

# Per capita consumption

- Vegetable consumption in Germany
  - potatoes 65 Kg
  - tomatoes 10 Kg
  - carrots 7.8 Kg
  - cucumbers and onions 6.2 Kg

# Typical pork meals

- Pork meals such as pork roast
  - From leg and back
    - Fresh or porked
  - Porkfeets
    - Knuckle of pork or hock
    - Cooked or stewed

# Typical meat meals

- Minced meat („Hackfleisch“)
- Meatloaf („Hackbraten“)  
and meatballs („Fleischball“)

# Typical sausage meals

- Sausage meals
  - Blood sausage and liverwurst
  - Scaled sausage
  - Raw sausage
- knockwurst
- Bratwurst and Currywurst

# Typical feast-day dishes

- Christmas on 24 December
  - Christmas goose
  - Gingerbread
  - Speculoos
- St. Martins Day 11 November: goose

# Typical soups & desserts

- Soups
  - Stew
  - Beans – and pea stew
  
- German desserts and pies
  - Frankfurter Kranz (Frankfurt Crown Cake)
  - Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte (Black Forest Cake)



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# Beginning of Carnival Season

- 11 November at 11.11 o'clock called „Jäckezeit“
- Celebrated
  - in clubs
  - in party tents
  - on the street

# Street Carnival

- Thursday (Weiberfastnacht-Women's Carnival)
- costumes
- Kölschen music

# Street carnival

- Carnival procession
  - Begins at 11 o' clock
  - Route of 6km
  - approx.10.000 participants and 100.000 spectators in Cologne
  - 100 carnival floats

# Carnival foods & drinks

- Typical food
  - Berliner filled with cherry marmelade
  - Currywurst and French fries
  - Halver Hahn
- Typical drinks
  - Beer (Kölsch 0,2l)

# Oktoberfest

- Funfair and folk festival
- Last 2 weeks of September
- In Munich at the Theresienwiese
- Approx. 6 mill. visitors
  - Traditional Clothing
    - Leather pants and Dirndl

# Party tents and highlights

- Party tents of breweries & gastronomy
  - 150.000 seats
- Typical Bavarian food
  - „Mass“ (one litre) of white beer
  - Schweinshaxen (pickled ham hock) with Krautsalat
  - Weißwurst (Bavarian sausage) with sweet mustard

# Attractions

- The most spectacular attractions
  - Power Tower (Freefall Tower)
  - Around the World (swing carousel)
  - Olympia Looping (Rollercoaster)
- Price
  - From 4-15 euros



# Quarters

- Hotels
  - Sold out one year before
  - prices up to 80 % higher than normal
- Apartments
  - Holiday / private apartments
  - Sold out half year before
  - Higher prices

# 1. May

- Begins the evening before
- Traditions
  - Young birch trees are decorated
    - „Maibaum“ as gift for girl friend
- Dance in May
  - 30.April
  - Traditional festival in villages & cities
  - Clubs celebrate May dance, too

# Christmas

- Advent calender
  - 1. – 24. December
  - Filled with chocolate or toys
  - Open one door every day
- Advent
  - Advent starts 4 weeks before
    - Every Sunday one candle is lighted
      - Starts from the 1. Sunday
      - Ends onlast Sunday before Christmas

# Christmas

- Christmas tree
  - A fir gets decorate
- Christmas Eve
  - church
  - get-together of family
  - presents

# New Years Eve

- 31 December
- Typical food
  - Fondue
    - Meat gets cooked on the table
  - Midnight
    - Fireworks
    - Touch glasses with champagne

# New Years Eve

- Traditions
  - Moulding lead
    - Pieces of lead get melt over a candle
    - Freeze through cold water
    - Objects and figures pop up

# Religion in Germany

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# Confessions and atheists

Membership	Amount	Percent	Stand
Unaffiliated with any religion	28.000.000	34.5%	2014
Roman Catholic church	23.939.472	29.5%	2014
Evangelical church	22.630.000	27.9%	2014
Sunnis	2.640.000	3.25%	2006
Other (Hindu, Zeugen Jehovas..)	3.935.811	4.85%	2014
atheist	27.185.502	33.5%	2014



# Secession from church - rate

- Ten year prediction
  - deaths & entries
    - 337.000 decedents
    - 174.000 have set in
  - Rekord outlet 2010
    - 181.000 escapes

# Churchgoer rate

- Church rate
  - Churchgoer drops
- Churchgoer rate on holidays
  - Sunday - 0.5% all Protestants
  - Good Friday - 0,1% all Protestants
  - Christmas Holidays -3.3% all Protestants

# Belief

- Believes in Germany
  - East - Germany
    - 8.2%
    - Religion freest region of the world
  - West-Germany
    - 32.0%

# Atheists

- Comparison between countries

- Germany 33.5%

- Czech Republic 83.9% 2

- France 81.3% 3

- New Zealand 65.8% 15

- Phillippines 8.1% 30

Thank you for your attention!