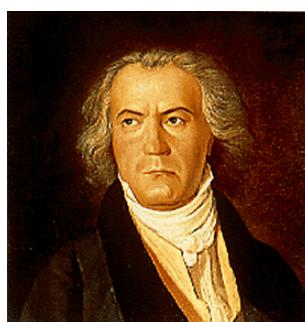


Typically German

It's quite difficult to say exactly what is typically German. Even academics are not sure. But what's sure, there are a lot of prejudices and clichés about Germany and the Germans. But the question is. What can be typical in a country that is as multicultural as Germany, where people with the most different cultures from all over the world live? A lot of identities are mixed up and combine to something new, a new culture. That's why lots of clichés are not current any more.

But Germany is still known as the country of the poets and thinkers. Famous people like the poets <<Friedrich Schiller>> and <<Johann Wolfgang von Goethe>> are German. Also very popular are the German composers <<Ludwig van Beethoven>> and <<Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart>>.



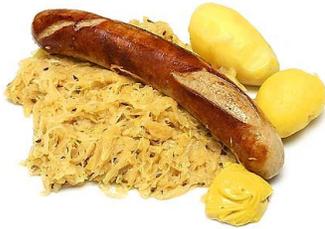
What we are also famous for, is our "Oktoberfest". This is a festival which takes place every year in September and October. There are things like roller coasters and other attractions but also beer tents where you can have your two or three liters of beer and a broiler.



The Germans have also their own traditional music. Their folk music is still going strong so that a lot of people often listen to it and like it. It's not an extinct kind of music yet. The traditional sounds and the subjects that are emotional, joyous and that speak from the German's homeland motivate to sing along, also because the lyrics are in German, of course.

Food and drinking

The Germans are well-known all over the world for their good food. If you ask a foreigner for a typically German dish, you will surely get as an answer the “Bratwurst mit Sauerkraut und Kartoffeln” (a kind of sausage with sauerkraut and potatoes), “Sauerbraten mit Klößen” (marinated beef with dumplings) or “Schnitzel” (escalope).



The “Sauerbraten mit Klößen“ and the “Bratwurst mit Sauerkraut und Kartoffeln“ derives from grandma’s cookbook, but the updated version of our „Bratwurst“ you can get on every second street corner with a roll and ketchup or mustard. With all these dishes a real German drinks always beer. It tastes him always and everywhere. Average every German drinks 130 litres per year. But in a worldwide comparison we rank just on the third place after the Czechs and the and the Irish.

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The waste separation

Yellow sack, white-, brown-, or greenglasscontainer, residual waste, used paper or yellow, green, blue, brown or grey ton are just common in Germany. Even the fast food restaurants in this country prefer to use board package instead of Styrofoam package in other countries. This question is always there: effective environmentalism or just occupation for bored housewives???) =)



I want to tell you something about the German punctuality, which is typical for the Germans.

But why is this so typical for the Germans?

You have to know, that in 1510 Peter Henlein a Nuremberg locksmith constructed the first clock. It was called "The Nuremberg Egg". It was a big world sensation! The clock worked very exactly and that's why since that time a lot of people came in trouble because they had to be punctual.

To be punctual is a hard job, exactly for German businessmen and housewives. And that's why the German punctuality became very famous. And of course the Germans punctuality is till today a typical prejudice for a lot of people. Otherwise you can vitiate it with "Der Deutschen Bahn!"! The German railway is the best example for an unpunctual company.

The German "Autobahn"

For a lot of people, the German "Autobahn" is standing for freedom and to get away from it all.

The German highways aren't bigger than other highways. No, the Germans don't have a speed limit., they just have a recommended speed. That means you can drive very fast.

Our highways are so famous and popular, that the Chinese account "Autobahn holidays". The journey you can account concludes the important sightseeing tours and maybe also a big Mercedes. The aim of all is to get as fast as you can without getting in traffic jam, from point A to point B!

