

# GERMANY

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Located at the heart of Europe, the Federal Republic of Germany is one of the world's most economically powered countries. Being a core part of the European Union, Germany borders nine neighbors more than any other country in Europe. The capital is Berlin, located in northeastern Germany. Today every one person out of ten in Germany is from a foreign country, while about two-thirds of Germans are Christians. Germany uses the "Euro," the official monetary unit of the European Union. The country code is +49, and the country's official domain is ".de".

"The Federal Eagle" with black feathers, red feet, and a beak is Germany's national symbol, the [national animal of germany](#), and the national bird. The national emblem is also the federal eagle on a golden background. The German flag consists of horizontal stripes of the national colors black, red, and golden. The 3rd of October, the national day (also called the German Unity Day), is East and West Germany's reunification in 1990.

Having one of the highest beer consumption rates globally, Germany has a significant beer culture. So the Lager beer is the country's national drink, and it is one of the national symbols. Oktoberfest is a globally famous beer festival in southern Germany where the national dress "Drindl" and the national dance "Schuhplattler" are commonly found throughout the festival. "Drindl" and "Scuhplatter" are part of the Bavarian (south Germany) village culture. Germany's national dish is "Sauerbraten," a heavily marinated German roasted meat. The national fruit, the apple, is the most consumed fruit in the country. "The Cyani flower" and "the Oak Tree" are also national symbols and the most grown flower and trees.

Germany is called "the land of poets and thinkers." The [national poets](#), the romantics, Friedrich Schiller and Johan Wolfgang von Goethe, are only two of the poets and thinkers from Germany who determined the history of literature and philosophy. The Cologne Cathedral is also a [national symbol](#), and the country's national monument is the largest gothic cathedral in northern Europe. Tannenberg Memorial is the most visited museum and the national mausoleum.

The country's cultural musical instrument is the lute. The national sport is football in which Germans are very successful being the holder of 4 World Cups. [Lufthansa](#) is the national airline that is one of the world's biggest airlines.

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