



Germany

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German Geography

Harz



- Germany is found in Europe. It's not a land-locked country because it touches the Baltic and the North Sea.
- 1/3 of Germany is only forests and woodlands. That is 31.8% of the country.
- The Baltic Sea coast is a running coast that touches Germany, Poland, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Denmark, and many others. It also flows into the North Sea.
- The Harz is the most northern mountain range in Germany. It is most famous for its massive silver mines. Pure silver is very valuable, coming in at \$0.88 per gram (the weight of a paper clip) or \$27.40 per oz (weight of 28 paper clips)
- The second-longest river in Europe, the Danube River, starts in Germany and goes 1,771 miles to the end of Romania. That's almost as far as the Earth's core is the surface of Earth.
- The Black Forest is located along the Swiss border. It's a forest filled with Pine and Fir trees, and is also the start of the Danube River.



Black Forest



German History



- About 5,000 years ago was when a language most like modern German started.
- In 1871, the country became united by a man named Otto Von Bismarck.
- Germany has lost both World Wars
- In 1939, Hitler the leader of the Nazi party, invaded Poland and thus throwing Germany into the 2nd World War. This lasted until 1945 when they were defeated.
- After World War 2, Germany divided its self, starting their Cold War. This was when the Soviet Union and the Western Powers started to fight over power and control. They closed the borders and put up a wall between the two areas. This lasted 44 years.

German Culture



- It is estimated that a person in Germany drinks about 140 liters(around 35 large cartons of milk) of beer a year.
- Germany is known as the land of poets and thinkers. This is because Bach, Brahms, Schumann, Wagner, and Beethoven all were German.
- 65-70% of people in Germany are Christian. 29% of those people are Catholic. 4.4% are Muslim, and 36% aren't religious or don't follow Christianity, or are Muslim.
- Funerals in Germany last 3-4 days, and have many traditions, unlike other countries. For example, the coffin is sprinkled with holy water before being lowered into the ground.
- 95% of people in Germany speak German. Germany has 4 minority languages that are: Romani, Danish, Upper, and Lower Sorbian, and North and Saterland Frisian. There is also a multitude of lesser spoken languages like Russian, Greek, Turkish, and others.

What I like about Germany



- I like the wedding traditions in Germany. At weddings, the bride carries bread and salt with her to show food for the harvest. The groom carries grain for good luck and wealth.
- 65% of Germany's highways have no speed limits. These are called Autobahn's, and you can go as fast or as slow as you want.
- Germany holds the record for the world's longest word ever published. It is “



Donaudampfschiffahrtselektrizität
enhauptbetriebswerkbauunterbea
mtengesellschaft” which in English
translates to “Danube Steamship
Electricity
Hauptbetriebswerkbauunterbeam
tengesellschaft”



What I like about Germany

- In Germany, Austria, and many other countries, any denial of the Holocaust is a federal crime.
- Germany is taking many steps in helping to stop climate change. In 2011 they started to stop the use and deconstruct nuclear power plants. By 2022 they want to replace them all with renewable energy sources.
- If you try to escape a prison in Germany, there is no punishment. They believe that it's a basic human right to want to be free.



How does Fishers
Junior High
benefit from
having families
from this country
as a part of our
school and
community?

It is important to have people from all over the world at our school, including Germany because they can give us insight into what life is like across the globe. They can share their traditions, and culture with us, along with their views and ideas of life. We benefit from Germans because they are a very green community. If we were to adopt some of the green lifestyles of the Germans, we could also help with climate change. Not only that, but the way they view people is different from us as Americans do. Like on the last slide, how they have no punishment for wanting to be free and trying to escape jail, in America and other countries, it is a criminal offense. Most likely, you will have more time in jail and other punishments. We should always be willing to see how people live in other parts of the world.

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