

Was trinken die Deutschen? das BIER, die Biere

10 FASCINATING FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT GERMAN BEER

1. You can drink a different German beer brewed under the purity law every day for 15 years



The variety of German beers.

The 1516 *Reinheitsgebot* (beer purity law) decrees that only hops, barley, yeast and water can be used to brew beer. So you may well think that there is only so long you can drink German beer before you stray onto different more varied alcohols.

But with more than 100 different kinds of hops, over 40 sorts of malt, and over 200 yeast strains, the possibilities are nearly endless. Even the different water - especially if it is soft or hard - can change the taste of the beer.

According to the [German Brewers Federation](#), this means that you could drink a different German beer brewed according to the purity law every day for 15 years.