

Was trinken die Deutschen? das BIER, die Biere

10 FASCINATING FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT GERMAN BEER

6. Frederick the Great of Prussia was so keen on beer, he banned coffee



Frederick the Great is remembered for his military victories and his patronage of the arts.

Frederick the Great of Prussia banned coffee in 1777, issuing a **manifesto** to his people.

"It is disgusting to notice the increase in the quantity of coffee used by my subjects... My people must drink beer. His Majesty was brought up on beer, and so were his ancestors."

Having banned coffee, King Frederick's economic policy declared that **people should have "beer soup" instead**, in order to support the national agricultural economy, as all coffee was imported from abroad.

Instead, coffee became a black market good – with people smuggling the dark beans into Germany in coal sacks, beer barrels, and even in coffins.