

Was trinken die Deutschen? das BIER, die Biere

10 THINGS YOU DID'NT KNOW ABOUT BEER IN GERMANY

Craft beer is in



Though the purity law was lifted nearly three decades ago, craft beer has taken off more recently. And taken off it has - especially in Berlin. Admittedly, some of the new brewers are expats. Mixology.eu listed these German craft startups among their favorites last year: Schoppe Bräu, Heidenpeters, Ale Mania, BrauKunstKeller, and Crew Republic.

Be aware of where you are



Sure, you can get a beer in any pub in Germany - but not any beer. Many pubs offer the local brew plus a pilsener. If you order "ein Bier, bitte," the server won't ask what kind, he or she will just bring you the local stuff. In Munich it's Hefeweizen or "Helles," in Cologne, Kölsch; and in Hamburg, Astra. If you ask for a Kölsch in Munich, hold on to your lederhosen; you could get an icy stare.