

Was trinken die Deutschen? das BIER, die Biere

10 THINGS YOU DID'NT KNOW ABOUT BEER IN GERMANY

You can put all your favorite beverages in one glass



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In a country that long stipulated beer ingredients by law, you'd think everyone would be a purist. But even the most dedicated guzzler will occasionally mix in things unheard of in other countries. The half-beer beverages all have special names. Radler, for example, is beer with fizzy lemonade or Sprite. There are a dozen names for 50/50 beer/cola. And a Russe is half Hefeweizen, half Sprite.

Don't throw away the bottle



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Famous for environmental friendliness, Germans are avid recyclers. Nearly every bottle has a deposit and should be turned in rather than thrown away. While plastic bottles are worth 25 cents apiece, glass beer bottles only carry an eight-cent deposit. So you have to drink a lot of beer to make it worth a trip back to the store to redeem them. In that case, Prost!