

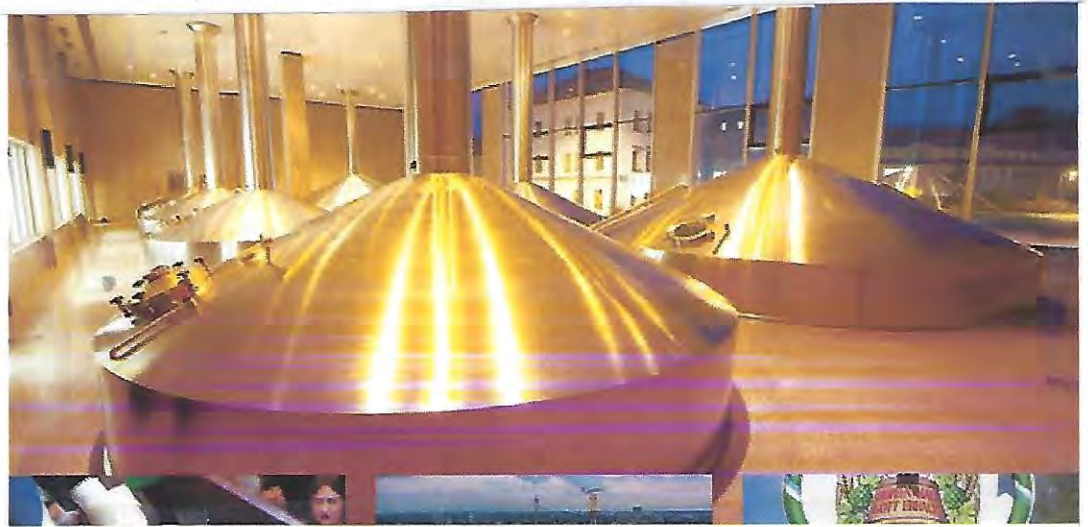
Was trinken die Deutschen? das BIER, die Biere

11 THINGS YOU DID'NT KNOW ABOUT BEER IN GERMANY

Sure, Germany is famous for beer, but here are 11 things you should know about beer before tipping your glass.

GLEAMING BREW KETTLES

Hops provide aroma and bitterness, which can be measured in International Bittering Units (IBU). Before the fermentation process begins, a brewer adds 100 to 400 grams of hops to 100 liters of beer, depending on the desired style. Unlike Germany's lager and export beers, the German "Pils", which holds a large part of the beer market, has a strong hop-bitterness.



NOT ALL BEER IS BROWN

While adding flavored syrup to beer is very common in neighboring Poland, it's practically unheard of in Germany—except Berlin. The capital dwellers are known for being colorful. There you can order a "Berliner Weiße," a white beer, with either raspberry or woodruff-flavored syrup. Your beverage, served in a stout, bowl-shaped glass, will be pink or green, respectively.

