

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.

GERMANY IS NOT "WELTMEISTER" IN BEER DRINKING

While Germany produces a third of the world's beer varieties and boasts some 1500 breweries, Germans do not take the gold medal for beer consumption. Germans drink around 110 liters of beer per person per year (that's roughly 300 to 320 beers), while the Czech Republic takes the lead with 140 to 150 liters per capita. That country is, after all, home to "Pilsener."



GRAB THE RIGHT GLASS

Not only is it important to order the right beer in the right city, each beer variety is assigned a special kind of glass. "Kölsch", for example comes in a slender 200-milliliter glass, while "Hefeweizen" is drunk out of a tall half-liter glass with a bulge at the top, or the traditional mug. A "Pilsener" glass looks more like a wine glass with a beer belly.

