

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.

YOU CAN PUT ALL YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGES IN ONE GLASS

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

Famous for environmental friendliness, Germans are avid recyclers. Nearly every bottle has a deposit, and it 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!"

