

## WIE TRINKT MAN BIER? / GERMAN BEER CUSTOMS

OVERWHELMED BY THE BEER MENU? HOW TO MAKE  
THE PERFECT BEER ORDER IN GERMAN

You know you'd never say this at an actual pub.

So if you're trying to order a beer in German, saying "*Bier, bitte!*" isn't gonna cut it.

There are so many details you'd be missing. What kind of beer? What size?

If you really want to show off your ordering expertise, there are many beer options and many grammatical possibilities to ask for one.

This post walks you through everything you need in four easy steps.

**If you don't specify the quantity of the drinking glass when you order, you'll get a ¼ liter glass in northern Germany or a ½ liter glass in southern Germany.**

- You should order "**Bier vom Faß**" (draft beer), which is a glass of "**helles Bier**" (light beer, which is the normal beer).
- It's like visiting a fine restaurant and ordering a nondescript "**glass of wine.**"
- A beer list in a German restaurant will be a list, not of brands, but rather 5 or 10 varieties of the same brand of beer, for example light, dark, Pilsner, Bock, Doppelbock, Export, Weiß (wheat beer), Weiß mit Schuß (wheat beer with a shot), and seasonal beers.