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13 THINGS FOREIGNERS DO THAT MAKES GERMANS REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE



Don't expect to hear much apologizing in busy transport situations.

It would also be really weird if you apologized to a German before doing something you're perfectly entitled to do, like take a seat next to them on the bus.

What's the lesson? The Germans are seriously perplexed by this excessive politeness. Maybe some of us need to say sorry less? We're still working on it.

Talking loudly

Some visitors to Germany – or those that have made Deutschland their home – may get some deathly stares when they take a pew at the pub or in a restaurant and begin to talk to their friends.

Why? Well, because often the volume on our voices is set to full blast, even if we don't realize it.

As a Scot I know from personal experience that when I'm with other British people, native Germans get annoyed as our conversation gets progressively louder (especially if there are a few beers involved).

Germans on the whole opt to use quieter tones in public for their private conversations. So if you're from a country where you regularly talk as if you're giving a presentation to a huge group without a microphone, then just be aware that it could get on the locals' nerves.