

„Bei uns ist immer etwas los!“

HERBST JAHRESZEIT / FALL SEASON

THE BEST FALL ACTIVITIES CELEBRATED IN GERMANY

Gänsegedichte or "Goose Poems"



St. Martin's Day is also a day to eat a goose dinner together. Table etiquette includes reciting "Gänsegedichte," or poems about geese. It may seem like a luxurious way of celebrating a day about giving to the poor, but legend has it that Martin hid away in a goose stall when he heard of his being named a bishop – though he was discovered when the geese gave him away with all their chatter.

Barbarazweige or "Barbara Branches"



"Barbara branches" are usually cherry tree or other fruit tree twigs with blossoms which are cut on December 4 – St. Barbara Day – and placed in a vase. They usually open up by Christmas. Barbara was an early Christian Greek saint and martyr, and December 4 marks the day of her martyrdom.