

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

WEIHNACHTSMÄRKTE—CHRISTMAS MARKETS

market: der Markt, die Märkte

Christmas market: der Weihnachtsmarkt, die Weihnachtsmärkte

HERE'S WHAT GERMANS SAY ALL CHRISTMAS MARKETS MUST HAVE

Glühwein (mulled wine)

Sixty-six percent of respondents said that there must be *Glühwein* (mulled wine) on sale. Men seemed to show more of an appetite for the warming grog than women, with 69 percent saying it was a must, as opposed to 64 percent of women.

And the older Germans are, the more they insist on being able to knock back the festive punch - 71 percent of those over 55 wanted it in their perfect *Weihnachtsmarkt* (Christmas market).

Roasted almonds

For most Germans under 24, *Glühwein* was still a must (62 percent said so), but it was closely followed by roasted almonds, which 58 percent said every Christmas market needs.

Overall, 48 percent of respondents said there has to be roasted almonds on sale at a *Weihnachtsmarkt*.

An interesting difference was also discovered between East and West Germans on the issue of the sweet and sticky nuts. A total of 57 percent of the people of the former communist states said they were a necessity, as opposed to 46 percent of those from the West.

Punsch



Glühwein vs Punsch.

This tea-based drink was never going to be as popular among Germans as *Glühwein* - only 24 percent said this was a necessity. But there was remarkable consensus on *Punsch* across sex, age and the all important East-West divide. Apparently if there is one thing that unites Germans, it is that people deserve a warming Indian beverage on a cold winter night.