

„Bei uns ist immer etwas los!“

DEUTSCHE FEIERTAGE, FESTE, UND MESSEN

DER ERSTE TAG WINTERS / FIRST DAY OF WINTER (occurs between 20th to 23rd of Dezember)

8 TIPS TO HELP YOU SURVIVE THE HARSH GERMAN WINTER

Why not use the long evenings to improve your baking skills? Germany is famous for its wintry pastries, and the next few months are the perfect time to try to become a star baker.

Some delicious German staples include *Lebkuchen* - a German ginger bread - and *Stollen*, which is a breadloaf filled with dried fruit and often marzipan, dusted with icing sugar.

8. Embrace the *Gemütlichkeit*



An roaring open fire: what could be more gemütlich?

Finally, it's all important to embrace the very German love for winter, perfectly summed up in one untranslatable German word: "*Gemütlichkeit*".

Yes, it means cosiness. But it also means so much more, capturing the the inner feeling of warmth and contentedness.

The word instantly conjures up a scene including a candle-lit room, comfy sofa, cup of something hot, and someone else to cuddle up with. Or, just as easily, it could mean a meander through a glowing town centre where waffles and candied almonds are on sale.

As cold and bitter as the winter can be, it is also fun and beautiful. And there are few better places to be for it than Germany.