

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

## DEUTSCHE FEIERTAGE, FESTE, UND MESSEN

holiday: der Feiertag, die Feiertage  
to celebrate: feiern

### EXPLAINED: How you can make the most of Germany's 2022 public holidays

#### Epiphany or *Heilige Drei Könige/Three Kings Day* (regional)

There's some good news for people in Bavaria, Baden-Württemberg and Saxony-Anhalt – residents living here can look forward to a day off shortly after the turn of the year. On Thursday January 6th these states get a public holiday for Epiphany. By taking annual leave on January 7th (the magical so-called Brückentag we've been talking about), you can get four days off in a row.

#### Women's Day (regional)

This is one for the Berliners who have such an appallingly low number of public holidays that the regional government had to bring in a new one to build up some morale. Step forward Women's Day which takes place on Tuesday March 8th in 2022. Take Monday March 7th off to score a longer weekend.

#### Easter

At Easter we can always count on a long weekend in Germany. From Good Friday, which this year falls on April 15th, to Easter Monday on April 18th, most people will get time off to relax. If you book time off as early as April 11th, you will get 10 days off in a row with four requested annual leave days.



*Feiertag – or 'public holiday' is written in a diary.*

#### International Workers' Day

Despite it being a day for workers, May 1st fell on a Saturday in 2021 and therefore did not benefit the vast majority of workers. And in 2022 it – wait for it – takes place on a Sunday. So it doesn't give many people an additional day off yet again. Poor show.