

“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

#### **Ascension Day or *Christi Himmelfahrt/Father's Day***

But now onto another Christian holiday and lots of people are benefitting. As is the case every year, 40 days after Easter, the nationwide holiday of Ascension Day falls on a Thursday. In 2022 it will take place on May 26th. If you take a bridge day on May 27th, you can get four days off. It's also known as Father's Day in Germany and traditionally means lots of men go for a bike ride or hike and get drunk together.

#### **Whitsun or *Pfingsten/Pentecost***

Whit Monday sees residents in Germany get a long weekend every year. In 2022, Whit Sunday is on June 5th and Whit Monday on June 6th. If you take a holiday from June 7th to 10th, you will get nine days off in a row.

In May and June there is also the possibility of extending the holiday by taking two public holidays during the week. If you take both the Friday after Ascension Day and the week before Whitsun, you will get 12 days off with six days of annual leave.

#### **Corpus Christi or *Fronleichnam* (regional)**

For the states of Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, Hesse, North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland, Corpus Christi is a public holiday on Thursday June 16th. Book June 17th off for another long weekend.

#### **Assumption Day or *Maria Himmelfahrt* (regional)**

Employees in Bavaria and Saarland can enjoy another Catholic-origin public holiday on Monday August 15th. Taking Friday August 13th off would result in another bumper weekend.

#### **World Children's Day or *Kindertag* (regional)**

Those living in the central-eastern state of Thuringia will get a day off in 2022 on Tuesday September 20th. Take the *Brückentag* off on Monday September 19th to make your holiday go further.

#### **German Reunification Day or *Tag der Deutschen Einheit***

In 2021, German Unity Day happened on a Sunday. This year there is reason to celebrate again – because October 3rd is on a Monday, employees get an extra day off. Four days of requested annual leave afterwards would result in nine days off which isn't too shabby.

#### **Reformation Day or *Reformationstag* (regional)**

In 2021 Reformation Day falls on Sunday October 31st. But in 2022 it's a Monday. The states of Brandenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Lower Saxony, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein and Thuringia get a day off on this Protestant-origin holiday. Take Friday October 28th off for another four-day weekend.