

**POST CHRISTMAS SEASON / NACHWEIHNACHTZEIT**

**New Year's Eve: Silvesterabend (der 31. Dezember)**

**New Years Eve custom: Silvesterabendsitte**

**typical beverages: Silvestergetränke**

**GLÜHWEIN**

**There are several traditional Weihnachtsgetränke / Christmas-time beverages:**

- **to drink:** trinken
- **beverage:** das Getränk, die Getränke
- **red or, but mostly white wine, which is sweetened with cinnamon and then heated:** der Glühwein, die Glühweine

**Word of the Week: Glühwein**

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Glühwein



A glass of piping hot Glühwein



A young couple enjoys some Glühwein together at Dresden's Striezelmarkt Christmas market

No German Christmas market is complete without "Glühwein," the hot, spiced mulled wine that warms holiday merrymakers from the inside out as they stroll through these charming little villages of cloth and wood with family and friends.

"Glühwein," which literally means "glowing wine," is served at every Christmas market in Germany. It often comes in a limited-edition, seasonally inspired and creatively adorned ceramic mug. For a small additional fee, you can either keep this cute little mug as a memento of a visit to a particular Christmas market - often the year and name of the town or city where you purchased your cup of Glühwein is inscribed on the mug - or you can return it to get your deposit (Pfand) back to buy something else, like your next glass of Glühwein ...

Glühwein is usually prepared from red wine, which is heated up and spiced with cinnamon sticks, cloves, star anise, orange juice plus zest and sugar, as well as - albeit more rarely - with vanilla pods. Sometimes it is also drunk "mit Schuss" (with a shot), which means that a shot of rum or another liquor has been added.