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HOW TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS LIKE A GERMAN



Polish your boots: The bigger the better, apparently. December 6th is St. Nicholas' Day. Hopeful children polish their boots the night before with the hopes that St. Nick will visit and fill it with chocolates. It was once that St. Nicholas' Day was the day for giving presents, but Germany has since shifted its gift giving to Christmas time.



Get ready, set, shop!: Germans plan on spending €399 on Christmas this year, with €219 of that being allotted for gifts, says Destatis. So brace yourselves for the mall and get in that checkout line. According to a Destatis poll, half of Germans will buy gift cards. Books, food, clothes and toys round out the top five most bought gifts.