

VORWEIHNACHTENSITTEN (PRE-CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS)

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS LIKE A GERMAN

Get ready, set, shop!



According to [Statista](#), Germany is predicted to spend €94.5 billion on shopping during the Christmas period in 2017. German households will spend on average €116 on food and €214 on Christmas presents this year, says [Deloitte](#).

So brace yourselves for the mall and get in that checkout line. In case you're stuck for ideas, according to a survey by Deloitte, sweets, gift-cards and cosmetic products are the most popular gifts this year.

Polish your boots

The bigger the better, apparently. December 6th is St. Nicholas' Day. Hopeful children polish their boots the night before and leave one out with the hopes that St. Nick will visit and fill them with chocolates. Before the Reformation, it was St. Nicholas' Day which was celebrated as the main day for giving presents, but Germany has since shifted its gift giving to Christmas time.