

„Bei uns ist immer etwas los!“

## DEUTSCHE FEIERTAGE, FESTE, UND MESSEN

### DER ERSTE TAG SOMMERS / FIRST DAY OF SUMMER (occurs between 20th and 23rd Juni)

#### 11 GERMAN EXPRESSIONS YOU NEED FOR THE SUMMER



Germany's 16 states stagger their schools' six-week summer breaks so that the entire country isn't traveling all at once during the summer months. But traffic jams - Stau - still tend to break out on the first and last weekend of each state's school break. It's a good idea to travel mid-week. Since fewer people commute to work in the summer, the city roads are noticeably clearer then.



Meaning "summer freshness," Sommerfrische is a more or less outdated term from the 19th century. In their German dictionary, the Brothers Grimm defined it as the desire of urban dwellers to flee to the countryside for a refreshing break during the summer months. That was a common practice among the nobility of the time. Back then, sewage systems were lacking, making cities less fresh in the heat.