

WO KANN MAN SPEISEN UND TRINKEN?

(Where can you eat and drink?)

essen / speisen / trinken

restaurant:

die Gaststätte, die Gaststätten

(similar to American cafes and frequently a source of authentic cooking and specialize in serving local food; found especially in smaller villages)

die Speisewirtschaft, die Speisewirtschaften

die Gastwirtschaft, die Gastwirtschaften

die Gaststube, die Gaststuben

das Speiserestaurant / das Restaurant, die Restaurants
(has a varied menu of hot foods, including a Spezialität)

15 MUST-KNOW GERMAN PHRASES TO DINE AT RESTAURANTS

6. Möchten Sie eine Vorspeise?

(Would you like an appetizer?)

May I interest you in some *Rollmops* (pickled herring with onions and gherkins)? Or maybe you'd like to start with some *Bierkäse* to go with your *Weizenbier* (It is called "beer cheese" for a reason). Maybe a simple meat and cheese platter to go with your rolls?

7. Haben Sie vegetarische Gerichte?

(Do you have vegetarian dishes?)

According to various polls, this question is applicable for about 3-5% of Americans and most European countries. It's becoming increasingly popular in Germany, so if you're of the non-meat persuasion you can feel pretty confident that most restaurants have you covered.

8. Ich möchte gerne etwas trinken. (I would like something to drink.)

There's no fear of leaving a German restaurant thirsty if you can get this sentence down. Not only can your typical beverages be

found, but also *Radler*, which is a mix of beer and lemonade. Literally meaning "bicycler," it's a popular summer drink that refreshes without getting a person drunk too quickly.

9. Was für Bier haben Sie? (What types of beer do you have?)

If you don't have to get on a bicycle for the rest of the day, you might as well indulge. Germany's reputation for fine beer-crafting is well deserved, and it's generally cheaper than in the United States or UK. Germany also has the famous *Reinheitsgebot*, or purity law, that states that beer can only be made from water, barley and hops.

Germans take pride in their beer. You might as well ask for one.

10. Könnte ich eine Tasse Kaffee haben? (Could I have a cup of coffee?)

Why live in danger of not getting your caffeine fix? This simple sentence comes in handy at all times of the day.