

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

11. *Noch eins, bitte.* (Another, please.)

No reason to let the good times end, nor to stop speaking German.

12. *Hat es Ihnen geschmeckt?* (Did you enjoy your meal/ Did it taste good?)

This may be asked by a dutiful waitress (or one looking for a good tip). Some responses to choose from: *Prima!* (Excellent!), *So la la* (so so) or *Nicht so gut* (Not very good).

13. *Sonst noch etwas?* ([Would you like] anything else?)

Nachtsch (dessert), maybe?

14. *Entschuldigen Sie bitte, Ober.* (Excuse me please, waiter.)

This is very formal and you may not hear it often. A simple *Entschuldigung* (excuse me) also works well. But anything is better than snapping your fingers or clapping your hands!

It is somewhat traditional to say "*Herr Ober*" (Mr. Waiter). To get the attention of a waitress, "*Fräulein*" (Miss) is acceptable, although it should be noted that the term *Fräulein*, a diminutive of *Frau* (woman), is rarely used these days and some believe it doesn't recognize a woman's full autonomy.

15. *Ich möchte bezahlen.* (I would like to pay)

It's time to get the *Rechnung*, or bill. You'll find that most German meals are reasonably priced. If you're an American you'll appreciate that the price listed is the price you pay for—tax already included! If you've just ordered drinks, the waitress will often do the math in her head for you: the benefit of a country with an engineering mind.