

WO KANN MAN SPEISEN KAUFEN? (Where can you buy food?)

bakery: die Bäckerei, die Bäckereien

1. A bakery or Bäckerei only sells bread (Brot) and rolls (Brötchen).
2. Although supermarkets are quite common, many German still prefer to buy their rolls and breads at the Bäcker or Bäckerei.
3. There are more than 200 different kinds of breads and 30 different kinds of rolls from which to choose.

Germany's bakeries are as legendary as they are ubiquitous. And even though chains have widely taken over traditional, family-run shops, many Germans make a stop at their local bakery every day.

Early morning is the busiest time at bakeries because their staple - rolls - are eaten for breakfast. Many offer pre-made sandwiches on freshly baked rolls with cheese, cold cuts or egg. On Sundays, it's common to prepare an extensive breakfast with a wide array of rolls, bread and croissants.

But when the afternoon rolls around, the reasons to head to the bakery get sweeter. While the Brits enjoy tea time, coffee and cake in the afternoon is a German tradition, particularly on Sundays when more people have time for a relaxed mid-day break.

Since lunch is the main meal in Germany, many people don't cook in the evening, but slice a loaf of bread and top their slices with butter and cheese or meat products.

bakery (*Bäckerei*) normally bakes bread on the premises and offers a great range from crusty white rolls to rye bread and wholewheat loaves.



The bread tastes great - German bakeries are renowned worldwide. Although they don't quite match French pâtisseries for cakes, bread-wise they offer an unbeatable and delicious range. From healthy seeded loaves to Schwarzbrot (rye bread) to Bretzels, there is more bread than you can shake a baguette at. And there is a plethora of different brötchen (bread rolls) – 1200 varieties according to the Tagesspiegel.