

## WO KANN MAN ESSEN UND TRINKEN? (Where can you get something to eat and drink?)

cafe: das Cafe, die Cafes

### How to Read a German Café Menu

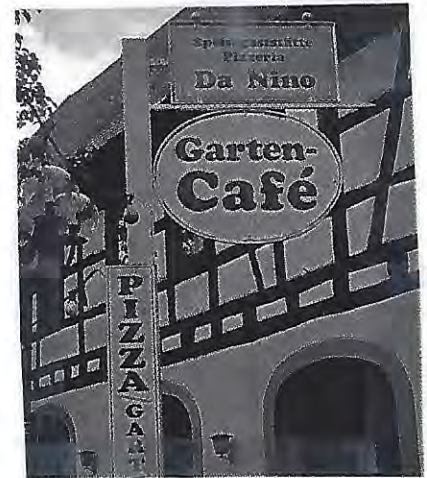
As mentioned before, the easiest part of ordering a cup of coffee is often figuring out the German word for it, as both the Germans and English have tended to steal the names of drinks from Italy.

Here are some of your basic choices that will be listed on the overhead board:

- *Schwarzkaffee/Americano* (black coffee)
- *Milchkaffee* (coffee with hot milk)
- *Latte Macchiato* (latte macchiato)
- *Cappuccino* (cappuccino)
- *Tee* (tea)
- *heiße Schokolade* (hot chocolate)
- *Wein* (wine)
- *Bier* (beer)

Cafés (not to be mistaken for American coffee-houses) sometimes offer hot dishes, too. At any rate, they can produce enough incidental food to satisfy any reasonable person. *Konditoreien* are pastry shops.

A *Café* (more like a tea room or coffee bar) also provides snacks.



### German cafés: Not just about the coffee

If you're used to the American or British model of cafés, you may be shocked the first time you see a group sitting on the couches, drinking beer. Cafés in Germany not only serve alcohol, but tend to look more like bars as the evening progresses. It's not unlikely for many cafés to clear out tables at night to make room for a party crowd.

If you're looking for a quiet, relaxing place to curl up with a good book in the daytime, however, have no fear. It's still very much a coffee crowd in the café in daylight and evening hours, acting with the expected propriety of the coffee crowd.

Coffee drinking and language learning go hand in hand.

Not only does the first fuel the second, but cafés give you the opportunity to try out your German in a low-pressure environment or simply relax and hear it spoken around you.

And equipped with the simple sentences above, you don't have to worry about going through the day without that much-needed caffeine jolt.

Anyone for a second cup?