

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

fast food: das Fastfood

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- examples of fast-food places: Burger King
McDonald's / McCheaper (in Lucerne, Switzerland)
Pizza Hut / Pizzeria)
Kentucky Brathühnchen
- German-version of fast-food restaurant: Wienerwald
- Tips for tourists:
 - (1) Stay clear of "American style" bars and fast food restaurants!
 - (2) If you're on an extended stay of 30 days or more and touring the continent, it's all right to treat yourself to a little familiarity, since Germany has its fair share of fast food places.
 - (3) If your stay is of shorter duration, try the local restaurants and Imbißstuben (deli-like eating places). You'll get more authentic meals and a better value for your Euro, as well as sampling some of the local cuisine.

... In a recent on-the-street survey in Bonn, almost 70% of passersby said that they have a fast-food meal at least once a week.

Other fast-food places also sell pizza and US-style hamburgers and hot dogs as well as the universal grilled chicken (Brathähnchen).

► FAST FOOD: A number of fast-food chains exist all over the country. The best are Wienerwald, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, and Burger King. There are also Nordsee fish bars, serving hot and cold fish dishes.

Tip: Steer clear of "American style" bars and fast food restaurants. If you're on an extended stay of 30 days or more, and cruising the continent, it's all right to treat yourself to a little familiarity since Germany has its fair share of fast food joints like McDonald's, Pizza Hut and KFC, but if your stay is of shorter duration, try local restaurants and Imbissstube (deli-like joints). You'll get more authentic meals and a better value for your Euro, as well as sampling some of the local faire. Imbissstube and other quick eateries serve up hearty portions of chicken and fries, kebabs, cucumber salads and sausages, cheaply. Many are now run by foreigners, so you can also find Gyros, Doeners and Currywurst for a little variety. Besides, when your friends at home ask you what exotic foods you tried, you don't want to have to respond with a "Royale Deluxe with Cheese" (aka McDonald's Quarter-Pounder with Cheese). Also, don't be afraid to enter any of the butcher shops, where you'll also be able to order a ready-to-eat fresh sandwich, or Leberkäse.

The longer I live in Germany, the more convinced I become that the part of me that loves good food is the quarter of me that's German. While I have to confess that I miss the American hamburger enough to drive 60 kilometers to the Dairy Queen in Frankfurt and pay over a dollar for a deluxe braizer every once in a while, I must admit that I'll be taking home more food ideas than I brought. For a woman who has a bookshelf and file drawer full of recipe books and folders, this is quite a statement.



ein Pizza Hut in München