

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

**late night shop, convenience store: der Kiosk, die Kioske
(OTHER NAMES: Spätkauf, Späti, Trinkhalle, Büdchen)
selling alcohol, tobacco products, everyday items, groceries, such as milk, bread,
and vegetables, which is open late-night, weekends and holidays**

GERMANS AND THEIR KIOSKS—A LOVE AFFAIR

What kind of atmosphere is there to a small, often dirty, pavilion selling mainly tobacco products and cheap booze at 2 in the morning, you ask? So did I, and boy have I paid the price for asking.

As a first "punishment" for my skepticism, I was introduced to the concept of the "Wegbier" — literally "way beer" or "road beer" — which, as its name suggests, serves as an aperitif en route to a party or a gathering in which one will consume even more alcohol.

So instead of a pre-meal drink, you can view it as a pre-drink drink, consumed on the way to get more drinks and bought at a kiosk because, well, you can't really nick that bar glass, with all due. It's the first drink to get you into the drinking atmosphere. Sure, sounds legit.

It's not un-classy

Whether enjoying fine food and drinks is a German virtue or not is a topic for a [different article](#), but there's no denial that at least on the stereotypical level, Germans aren't exactly perceived as the most lavish hedonists out there.



A day at the kiosk. Totally classy