

**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



Before spreading into West Berlin, the Späti has been a life savior for many in the former East

It has a cult aura

Even though the popularity of the kiosk is not equal in all parts of Germany, one aspect that has



Yes, this is an actual concert outside of a kiosk

contributed to establishing their cult status is that they often have small benches and tables for their clients, allowing people to meet in front of the business.

In some cases, owners have even added small dance floors or host drinking festivals and concerts.

In my current city of Cologne, one kiosk was about to shut down due to financial difficulties,

but the residents of the neighborhood loved it so much that they started a GoFundMe campaign to keep their beloved kiosk alive — and succeeded.

In many cases, it seems, Germans have turned the kiosk into the main attraction of the evening, rather than something to do along the way. Which is exactly why, if you're ever planning to spend time here, you might want to consider giving the kiosk a chance.

You would surely save a few cents, but beyond that, who knows, maybe you'll find your next best German friend on a kiosk bench somewhere.