

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

- snack bar: der Schnellimbiß, die Schnellimbisse
- snack stand: die Schnellgaststätte, die Schnellgaststätten
- stand-up snack bar: die Imbißstube, die Imbißstuben
- snack shop: die Imbißbude, die Imbißbuden

► **STAND-UP SNACK BARS:** Often located in pedestrian zones, *Imbiss* (snack) stands can be found in almost every busy shopping street, in parking lots, train stations, and near markets. They serve *Würste* (sausages), grilled, roasted, or boiled, of every shape and size, and rolls filled with cheese, cold meat, or fish. Prices range from DM 3 to DM 6 per portion.

### What You Need To Know

You will find prices of things generally, including food, quite high in Germany. One way of making money go further, apart from buying food from shops, is to go to the *Imbißstube*, which you will find in shopping areas and stations. This can vary from a stand, or a Fish and Chip shop set-up, to something more elaborate. Most have bar stools and some have slot machines or even a TV-screen football game. If you want to take the food out with you, say *Zum Mitnehmen*. You may be charged slightly less. The usual thing to have is chips and *Bratwurst*. More expensive but still good value are *Kotelett* (chop) and *Schnitzel*. You can get any of these covered with *Jäger* sauce (mushrooms, etc.) or *Zigeuner* sauce (spicy) or curry sauce. Germans are always fond of Mayonnaise on their chips; Ketchup is also very popular.

**SCHNELLBUFFET:** Short-order to cafeteria eateries.  
**SCHNELLGASTSTÄTTE:** Meaning "fast restaurant"; is a short-order house.  
**SCHNELLIMBISS:** Fast snacks, as grilled sausages or hot dogs.  
**IMBISS:** Means snack. A sort of liner-diner, or hot dog stand.

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A Schnellimbiss, Schnellgaststätte or Imbissstube is a snack bar. At a Schnellimbiss you will be able to get a couple of sausages with bread and mustard (*Würstchen mit Brot und Senf*) and a soft drink or beer for a reasonable price. You usually eat standing at a counter or a small round table.

The Bratwurst is fat, white and spicy, the Currywurst is similar but served with a curry catsup; Bockwurst is longer and red, something like a thicker American hot dog. The Frankfurter is thinner and usually sold in pairs. — At an Imbiss sausages are eaten using the fingers, often with the help of a small cardboard slip. You don't get a bun, though often a slice of bread or a small roll is served with your sausage.

Sandwiches are usually open-face, with no bread on top (an exception are those on a roll). Most common are Schinkenbrot (ham on bread) and Käsebrot (cheese on bread).

### AT THE IMBIßSTUBE

