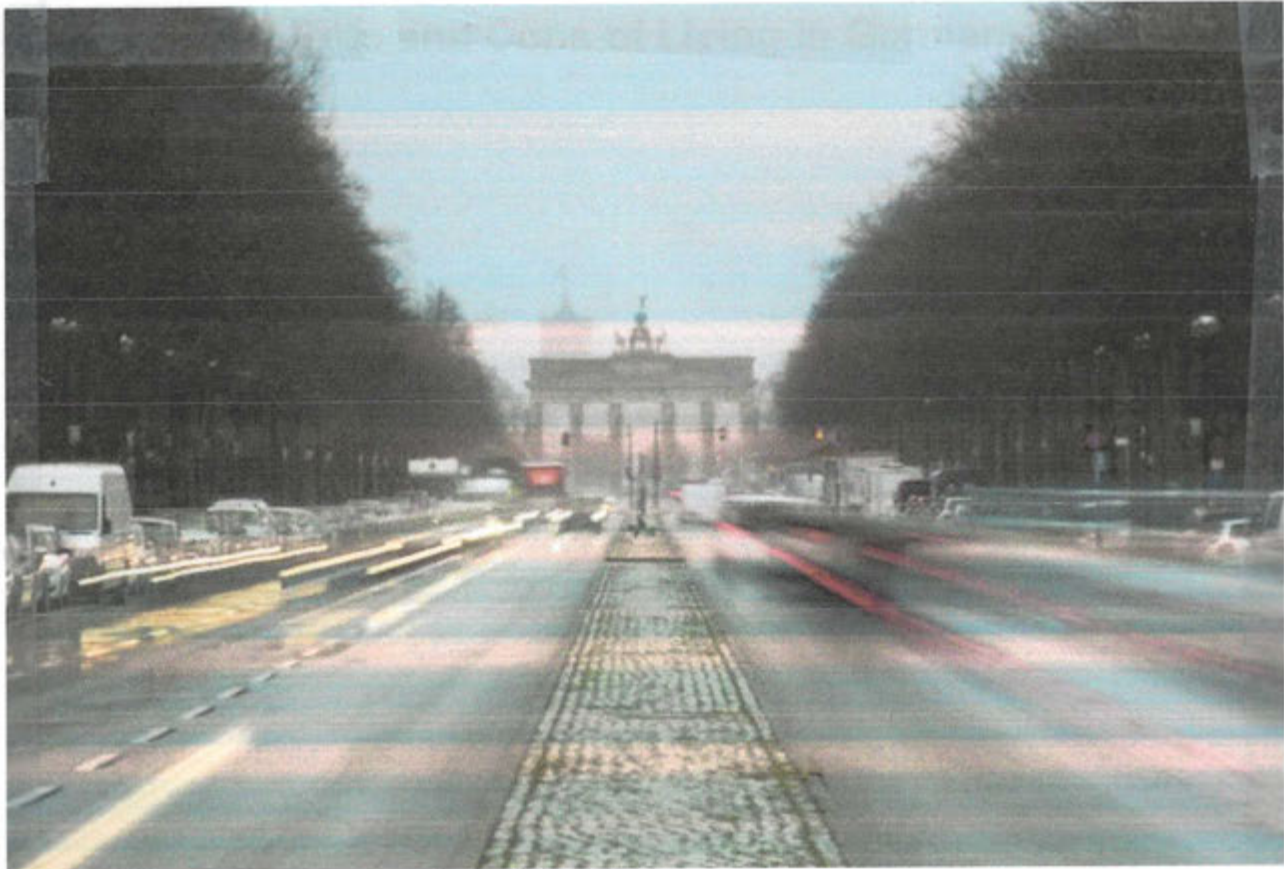


DEUTSCHER LEBENSTIL UND DEUTSCHE KULTUR (German Lifestyle and Culture)



Rain at Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

8. Things must be done a certain way

It's a bit of a stereotype that Germans like to follow the rules, but there's also a lot of truth in it. In Germany, following the correct procedures, sticking to the rules, and doing things by the book is part of the culture. This may be a shock for people who are used to a bit more flexibility and leniency in their home countries.

9. There's a lack of food variety

Germany has some wonderful national dishes, but some people may find the pork, potato, and sauerkraut combo a little bit the same after a while. Of course, immigrants have also brought their own cuisines to Germany over the years – so there's no lack of Turkish and Vietnamese food around.

Nevertheless, outside of big cities like Berlin, people may be a little disappointed with the quality of international food like Mexican, Thai, and Indian. Some immigrants also notice that the selection of items on offer in supermarkets can be relatively limited compared to elsewhere (though there are bigger supermarkets like Kaufland that tend to have a wider range plus some great international supermarkets).