

German trivia

1. About how many people live in Lichtenstein? 11,000 22,000 **33,000**
2. T/F - Denmark is to the east of Germany. **north**
3. How many hay hotels are there in Lower Saxony? **70** 700 7,000
4. T/F - Germany makes and sells 20% of the world's environmental technology.
5. Ingolstadt is _____ of Nuremburg. North **South** East
6. T/F - Holland is to the south of Germany. **west**
7. How large is Liechtenstein? **60mi** 80mi 100mi
8. How long does the average Austrian work a week? 35 hrs 40hrs **45hrs**
9. T / F – The largest department store in continental Europe is known as the KaDeWe and is located in Berlin.
10. How many golf courses are there in Germany? 474 **674** 874
11. T / F – The largest zoo in the world in terms of size and species is located in Germany.
12. In Oberammergau, as soon as the play is over, men get a: Kiss **Haircut** Check
13. T / F – The world's oldest Billionaire lives in Germany. (**youngest with \$1.9 billion**)
14. How many registered zoos are in Germany? 114 214 **414**
15. T / F – rabbits feet bring are lucky to have
16. How much coffee do Viennese people drink a day? a cup **a pint** a gallon
17. T / F – Summer vacation for German students is 6 weeks long.
18. In what month does Liechtenstein celebrate Assumption Day? Jan March **August**
19. Is Wien hilly or **flat**?
20. Near Munich you can go see the arbeitscamp called Dachau. What year was it installed? 1910 **1933** 1945
21. Oberammergau has _____ window boxes. Tiny **Oversize** Regular
22. On what continent is Germany located? **Europe**
23. South of Munich are the _____ Alps. German Swiss **French**
24. T / F – Germans drink the most beer in the world with an average of 107 liters per person per year. (Czechs #1)
25. How many rooms the the Schönbrunn Palace of the Hapsburg family in Austria have? **1440** 2440 5440
26. T / F – Germany is the world's largest producer of cars. (Germany is 2nd behind Japan)
27. What percent of the Autobahn has no speed limits? 52% **65%** 78%
28. When were the 2 Germany's united? 1999 1996 **1990**
29. T / F – In Vienna, there is a Central Cemetery that has more tombs than actual living people.
30. What is the 2nd biggest city in Austria behind Wien/Vienna? Salzburg Linz **Graz**
31. T / F – It is okay to smoke in bars and restaurants in Germany.
32. In which month does the famous Oktoberfest start? **September**
33. Is the land in Liechtenstein flat? **No**
34. T / F – Österreich has a king and queen
35. How many golf courses are there in Switzerland? 20 40 **60**
36. T/F - There were 100 miles of Berlin wall.
37. How many languages are official language in Switzerland? 2 **4** 6
38. How many miles of bike lanes are there in Vienna? 50 **500** 5000
39. T / F – Switzerland is part of the European Union.
40. T / F – The world's oldest motorway is called the Autobahn and is located in Germany.
41. How many museums are in Germany? 1,257 3,694 **5,752**
42. How many neighboring countries surround Germany? 6 7 **8** 9
43. T/F – A thumbs up sign is negative in Germany and should rarely be done.
44. How many visitors does Salzburg get every year all thanks to Mozart? **7 million** 100,000 1million
45. T/ F - It is customary to go topless when actually swimming
46. T/ F - Most Germans go to church every Sunday and pray before every meal.
47. About how many people live in Switzerland? 5.5 million **7.5 million** 9.5 million
48. About how much of Austria's land can be considered mountainous? ¼ 5/8 **2/3**
49. T / F – The first bible was printed by Johannes Gutenberg in Mainz, Germany.
50. At the Hofburg Palace in Vienna you can find what from John the Baptist? **Tooth** hat cane
51. T/F - Hotels in Berlin are very expensive.

52. Austria is about the same size as what state? **Maine** North Carolina West Virginia
53. During Oktoberfest, 600,000 _____ are devoured. pigs rabbits **chickens**
54. Germany is about the same size as what state? **Montana** Texas Wisconsin Colorado
55. T/ F - No matter how warm or cold it is a German bed usually only has one covering
56. T/ F – Since the Red Cross was founded in Switzerland it has the exact same flag. (**inverted colors**)
57. How many people have studied at the University of Göttingen in Germany have won Noble Prizes? **26** 42 57
58. T/ F - The tallest church in the world is in Germany. (It is in Ulm)
59. T/ F - To save on water costs the Germans do not do their laundry that often.
60. How old is the castle in Vaduz? 500 **700** 1000
61. In 1810, there was a huge _ in Munich. Concert **Wedding** Earthquake
62. T/ F - Touching your forehead is negative in Germany.
63. T/ F - When eating Germans usually keep the knife in their right hand & their fork in their left the entire meal.
64. T/F - After WWII, Germany was divided into 2 countries.
65. T/F - At the age of 6, Mozart was touring Europe.
66. How long did it take to carve the largest emerald that is in the Hofburg Palace in Vienna?
2 weeks 2 months **2 years**
67. T/F - Because of the anti-Semitism during WWII, people would go to the Jewish part of the center cemetery in Vienna and smash up the graves.
68. T/F - Berlin is one of the most polluted cities in Europe. **least**
69. T/F - In the 15th century, Nuremberg was considered one of the most beautiful cities of Europe.
70. T/F - In the dying days of Habsburg Empire, there were artists, architects and designers called the Secessionists. They broke from traditional art.
71. T/F - It is possible to buy pieces of the Berlin wall as souvenirs.
72. How many countries are in the EU? 16 **27** 33
73. T/F - Germany became one country in 1571. **1872**
74. How many countries surround Austria? 3 **8** 15
75. T/F - Mozart decided to leave his birthplace of Salzburg, and at the age of 65, he went to Vienna. **25**
76. How many golf courses are there in Austria? **140** 280 320
77. T/F – On the Donau there is a famous rock where according to legend the Loreley sat, luring boatmen into death with her enchanting voice. **Rhine**
78. T/F - Poland is to the east of Germany.
79. How long is a flight from Chicago to Frankfurt, Germany? 3hrs **8hrs** 14hrs
80. T/F - Sylt has 250 miles of continuous beach. **25**
81. How many train stations are in Liechtenstein? 0 **1** 2 3
82. T/F – The remains of the Wise Men are said to be at the cathedral in Köln
83. T/F - There are many graves in Vienna with bullet holes in them.
84. Is military time **more** or less common than it is here?
85. T/ F - Since Germany is further south it is warmer in Germany than it is here in Wisconsin.
86. What day are museums usually not open on? **Monday**
87. T/F Italy lies to the south of Switzerland.
88. T/F Liechtenstein does not have an army
89. What is the name of the highest mountain in Liechtenstein? Rotspitze Weissspitze **Grauspitze**
90. T/F When the Habsburgs of Austria fled to exile, they took most of their jewels with them.
91. T/ F – a chocolate lady bug is a great gift for a special occasion.
92. The Bavarian national sausage is _____, not grilled. Raw Broiled **Boiled**
93. The next year for the Oberammergau passion play is: 2015 **2020** 2025
94. T/ F – Russia is the only country with more people than Germany in Europe.
95. The Niesenbahn is the longest stairway in the world and located in Switzerland. How many stairs does it have? **842** **11,674** 18,743
96. T/ F – The average child’s bedroom is relatively small.
97. What country has the 2nd highest life expectancy in the world after Japan? Liechtenstein Germany
Austria **Switzerland**
98. What is Switzerland’s largest city? Bern Luzern **Zurich**

99. T/F - Australia is to the south of Germany.
100. How many streets lead into Liechtenstein? 0 1 2 3 4
101. What is the capital of the state of Bayern? **München** Berlin Frankfurt
102. T/ F - German's get all their groceries in the same store to save time.
103. T/ F - If there aren't any more places to sit in a restaurant you may sit with another group.
104. What is the currency in Switzerland? Euro Swissmiss **Franc**
105. When was the infamous Berlin wall built? 1945 1956 **1961** 1989
106. What is the financial capital of Germany since it is where the stock market and many banks are?
Frankfurt Berlin Bonn Schwäbisch Hall
107. What is the largest lake in Switzerland? **Lake Geneva** Bodensee Rheinfalls
108. How many stars are on the European Union Flag? 50 **12** 6 27
109. What is the most practiced religion in Switzerland? **Catholic** Lutheran Jewish
110. What is the world's largest stone that is located in the Imperial Palace in Vienna?
Emerald diamond topaz amethyst
111. What language is not considered Germanic? Norwegian Danish **Finnish** Icelandic
112. How many slots are in a normal city garbage can in Germany? 1 2 3 **4**
113. T / F – The weather in German speaking countries is usually very dry.
114. What is the name of the highest mountain in Österreich? **Großglockner** Kleinglockner Schönglockner
115. T / F – In the summer the weather is usually very hot and it seldom rains.
116. How many states/providences are in Austria? 4 **9** 16
117. T / F – Most German cities grew up around a main museum.
118. Where is Arnold Schwarzenegger from? **Austria** Germany Liechtenstein
119. Where is the biggest train station in Europe? **Berlin** Hamburg München
120. T / F – German students generally have the same classes every day.
121. Which celebrity chef who owns over 70 restaurants in the USA and is the 2nd top earning chef in the world is from Austria? **Wolfgang Puck** Gordon Ramsay Julia Child Guy Fieri
122. T / F – Noise pollution is not a problem in Germany.
123. Which country has a higher mountain? Germany or **Austria**
124. T / F – Spain and France are extremely popular vacation spots for Germans
125. The world's oldest brewery is called the Weihenstephaner Brewery and is located in Bayern. When was it founded? 936 **1040** 1384
126. This Austrian city hosted the Winter Olympic Games twice Wien Graz **Innsbruck**
127. To the north of Sylt is: Poland **Denmark** Spain
128. What city has the most Millionaires worldwide? Salzburg Berlin **Frankfurt** Bern
129. How many states/cantons are in Switzerland? 9 16 **26**
130. What is the most important waterway in Europe? Donau Elbe **Rhein** Nile
131. T/F - The capital of Germany was moved from Langeloh to Berlin in the 1990's. **Bonn**
132. How many countries boarder Liechtenstein? 1 **2** 3
133. T/F - The most famous Jew to live in Vienna was Sigmund Freud.
134. T/F - The religious establishment in Salzburg didn't appreciate Mozart's genius.
135. What country has a long tradition of watchmaking? Austria Germany Liechtenstein **Switzerland**
136. T/ F - After you have eaten a very satisfying meal at home it is okay to burp loudly to show your appreciation.
137. In Munich you should dunk your sausage in: Beer **Sweet Mustard** Ketchup Ranch
138. How many states are there in Germany? 8 10 **16** 21
139. T/ F - At a German restaurant you step up to the table that you like best and take a seat.
140. T/ F - German families often have breakfast together.
141. What percentage of Switzerland is covered by mountain ranges? 20% 50% **70%**
142. T / F – Germans usually take fairly short annual vacations.
143. T / F – Younger teens are more interested in amusement parks than in any other vacation destination.
144. What country has one of the oldest national flags in the world? Germany **Austria**
Liechtenstein Switzerland
145. T / F – the beach is a popular vacation spot for Germans.
146. Which country is shaped like a chicken leg? **Austria**

147. **T / F** – Switzerland is part of the United Nations.
148. **T/F** - When Mozart was 5, his father gave him a violin.
149. **T / F** – Germany has the largest chemical company in the world employing some 87,000 people. (they are 2nd largest)
150. Which of the following inventions was not by a German: discovery of insulin invention of the clarinet
the automated calculator **the paperclip**
151. Which of the four languages in Switzerland is the most spoken? French Italian Romansh
Swiss German
152. Which river flows through Austria from west to east, through the capital and ends in the Black Sea? **Donau**
Rhein Elba Oder
153. Who is buried in the center cemetery in Vienna? **Beethoven** Strauss Brahms
154. What hand do Germans wear their wedding ring on? **Right**
155. **T/F** - You can actually rent rooms in Schonbrunn palace in Salzburg.
156. **T/F** - After WWI, the Russians stayed in Vienna for a while so the flea market has a lot of Russian military items. **WWII**
157. **T / F** – Most German teens prefer to travel by themselves and meet new people, rather than go with family or friends from school when going on vacation.
158. **T / F** – About 80% of German teenagers travel to another country for vacation.
159. What is Brandenburg or Hessen equivalent to in the United States? City country **state** lake
160. Is it common in newer houses in Germany to have walk in closets? **No**
161. **T/ F** - If you are unable to finish your plate at a restaurant, you can ask the waiter to wrap up your leftovers.
162. What day are stores usually not open on? **Sunday**
163. **T / F** – All clothing in Germany is sized the same as in the US.
164. The oldest inn/restaurant that is still in operation is called the Stiftskeller St. Peter. When was it founded?
803 1203 1803
165. **T / F** – Germans usually tip 15 – 20% like in the US.
166. What is the official language of Austria? **German**
167. **T / F** – The fast food outlets in Germany are all franchises of American-owned chains
168. What is the smallest German state both in terms of area and population? Berlin **Bremen** Hamburg
169. **T / F** – When Germans order water in a restaurant, they usually want Mineralwasser.
170. **T / F** – German teenagers typically call adults by their first names.
171. What percentage of Americans say they have some German ancestry? 8% **25%** 36%
172. **T / F** – You would probably want to wear a coat if the temperature was 0 degrees Celsius.
173. What percentage of Österreicher live in Wien? 5 10 15 **20**
174. **T / F** – Most Germans go home for lunch.
175. What countries border Liechtenstein? **Austria and Switzerland**
176. **T / F** – The grading system in Germany ranges from 1 to 6, with 1 being the best possible grade.
177. What are the colors of the German flag?
178. What are there thousands of all over Vienna? Factories **coffee shops** bowling alleys
- 179.** **T / F** – It would be cold outside if the temperature was reported as 20 degrees Celsius. (**68**)
180. What Austrian city has the largest music fest? Wien Graz **Salzburg** Linz
181. **T / F** – Visiting grandparents or other relatives for vacation is very uncommon.
182. What brand of cars are made in Ingolstadt?. Mercedes **Audi** Honda
183. **T / F** – Germans usually do not put ice in any of their beverages.
184. **T / F** – Many Germans sort plastic, aluminum, paper, and glass and take them to recycling containers.
185. What is the largest state in Germany? **Bayern** Baden-Württemberg Hessen
186. **T / F** – Germans use quarts to measure liquids
187. **T / F** – Many German cities were originally enclosed within high walls.
188. What percentage of the people in Germany are of non-German decent? 5% **18%** 24%
189. What type of town is Ingolstadt? **Medieval** Brand-New 19th Century
190. When was Austria's state flag adopted? **1945** 1811 1618
191. **T / F** – German-speaking teens watch only German made movies.
192. **T / F** – The town hall and/or main church are usually located near the marketplace.

193. The world's largest cuckoo clock is located in the Schwarzwald. How much does it weigh? **330lbs** 130lbs
30lbs (it is 16 ft across)
194. T / F – The average person often uses a train as a form of transportation between cities and towns.
195. T / F – Most older cities, like Munich, have streets laid out in a grid pattern, that is, straight streets with intersections at every block.
196. T / F – German high school students can often get tickets to cultural events at reduced prices.
197. T / F – The movie rating system in Germany is based on the American rating system.
198. How many airports are in Liechtenstein? **0** 1 2
199. How many of the 9 states in Austria have Austria in their name? **2**
200. Euros are the paper money. What is the change called? Pfennig **Cent** Penney
201. How many people are living in Germany? 36 million 1 billion **81 million**
202. T / F – A four leaf clover is lucky
203. Which famous musician is from Salzburg? Bach **Mozart** Beethoven
204. Which country has a higher population density: The US or **Germany**?
205. T / F – The single most common complaint that Germans have about city life is that the air is bad.
206. Which country is shaped like a pack man ghost? **Switzerland**
207. T / F – Children in Germany usually have a nice large play room in their home.
208. Fachwerk is a style of **older German architecture** traditional German cooking modern German art traditional German clothing
209. An Apotheke is similar to a hospital **a pharmacy** a department store
210. When grocery shopping in Germany it is common: to pay only with credit cards **bring your own grocery bag** tip the bagger bring small bills because the cashiers don't have change.
211. T / F – you can take a tour of Berlin by boat
212. T / F – Germans spend more on travel than other Europeans.
213. T / F – Italian food is very popular among German teenagers.
214. T / F – Summer vacation dates for each state is different.
215. How many people come to Oberammergau to watch the passion play? 50 million 50,000 **500,000**
216. T / F – Chimney sweeps are found on the front of birthday cards.