



Useful everyday knowledge

Find answers to frequently asked questions about Germany. Topics range from public holidays and emergency numbers to mobile phone contracts.

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Many things are different in Germany, such as opening hours of stores, waste separation or the purchase of a SIM card. Here you will find answers to the most important questions about everyday life in Germany.

What public holidays are there in Germany?



The climate in Germany



What plugs and sockets are used in Germany?



What are the shop opening hours in Germany?



What are the emergency numbers in Germany?



How can I buy a SIM card?



What do I need to consider when taking out a mobile phone contract in Germany?



How does the postal system work in Germany?



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