



## 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?](#)



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**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?**



**Waste sorting in Germany**



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