

Culture shock

What Americans can expect when they come to Germany
Germans close room doors
Doorknobs are often different
They pull shades
They lock bathroom doors
Germans don't necessarily take a shower a day
Girls often don't shave arms and legs
People don't necessarily change clothes every day
Short phone calls – even local calls are charged for
Up early – to bed early
Small refrigerators (don't raid them!)
Hot meal at noontime
More fresh food, less processed stuff
Germans eat almost all kinds of food and almost all parts of animals
They eat ham and beef (don't worry – it's examined)
No ice in sodas – so strong cokes!
Meals are social events
(so hold back with your fork until everyone is there!)
In many cases no prayers at the table
Germans love mineral water!
Germans like to have flower and vegetable gardens
Dogs and cats are important
(and may even be taken into restaurants!)
On visiting friends flowers are often brought as a gift
(uneven number, no red or white roses, unless in love!)
Hand shaking any time you meet people
Girls may be arm in arm and dance together
Three types of high school
(but none of them with water fountains)
Schoolkids carry bookbags
Kids are more often politically involved
Young people are often very mature for their age
War time history is different from US TV movies
(so difficult for us to talk about!)
FKK! – magazines! – sex scenes on TV!
You may find restroom attendants (tip them)
Mind numbering of floors in buildings:
Main (1 st) – 1 st(2 nd)-2 nd (3 rd) etc
Mind different greetings: Grüß Gott' (in the South)
„Moin' (in the North), Guten Tag (in general)

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This list was made for a Small group of Americans. What does it tell you about them and their way of life?