

Cultural Differences between the USA and Germany

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USA	GERMANY
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES See the Beer and Wine page for more	
Drinking age is 21.	Drinking age is 18 (16 for beer and wine). > More...
McDonald's does not serve beer or wine.	McDonald's serves beer in Germany, wine in France.
Bars tend to be dark, hidden places. No children allowed.	Pubs are open and light; children allowed with parents.
US Budweiser is considered a real beer.	Czech Budweiser is considered a real beer.
Very few beer brands are brewed according to the German <i>Reinheitsgebot</i> (beer purity law).	Most beer is brewed according to the German Reinheitsgebot .
Craft beer brews are very popular.	Craft beer (non- <i>Reinheitsgebot</i>) brews are gaining popularity.
Beer with lunch at work is not generally considered acceptable.	Blue collar workers have beer with lunch (written into their contract).
Better Beer: With the advent of craft beers and microbreweries in the US, and more discriminating beer tastes by Americans, the beer gap between the US and Germany has grown much smaller.	
Binge drinking by young people is a problem.	Binge drinking (<i>Komasaufen</i>) by young people is also a problem.
Good wines, even local ones, are expensive.	Good wines (from Germany, France, Spain, Latin America, etc.) are reasonably priced.
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