

DER MONAT JANUAR

THE MONTH OF JANUARY

GERMAN CITY OF THE MONTH

Munich is the most populated city in Bavaria. Just a quick journey away from the city, you will find the Neuschwanstein castle, which was built for King Ludwig II but never used as a royal residence. It looks spectacular in the winter weather!

MUNICH



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IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Ich glaube ich spinne

I believe I'm spinning
I think I'm going crazy



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Sandra Bullock**Nationality:** American**Profession:** Actress and Producer

Frohes neues Jahr - Happy New Year



Winter - Winter



kalt - Cold



Schnee - Snow



Dreikönige - Three Kings



Schneemann - Snowman

SPECIAL DATES

'Heilige Drei Könige'



The Epiphany/Holy Three Kings

Different locations across Germany

Commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. Children dressed as kings collect donations, and a traditional cake called "Dreikönigskuchen" is served.

TONGUE TWISTER

Acht alte Ameisen aßen am Abend Ananas.

Eight old ants ate pineapples in the evening.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Dreikönigskuchen - Three Kings Cake

This cake, associated with the Epiphany, is an enriched dough filled with orange and spices that represents the 3 gifts to Christ: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

RECIPE



DER MONAT FEBRUAR

THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

GERMAN ISLAND OF THE MONTH

Bonn is a Federal city and one of Germany's oldest. It was the capital of West Germany from 1949 to 1990 and is still a major political hub today. Bonn is also the home of Beethoven, marked by his monument near the historic Bonn Minster.

BONN

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IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Das ist nicht mein Bier

It's not my beer
it's none of my business



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Leonardo Di Caprio**Nationality:** American**Profession:** Actor and Producer

Valentinstag - Valentine's Day



Liebe - Love



Regen - Rain



Blumen - Flowers



Erdbeere - Strawberry



Freundschaft - Friendship

SPECIAL DATES

'Valentinstag'

Valentine's Day

Countries all around the world

Valentine's Day is celebrated in Germany similarly to the rest of the Western world. It is a fairly new tradition, having only been introduced in the 1950s.



TONGUE TWISTER

Zehn Ziegen zogen zehn Zentner Zucker zum Zoo.

Ten goats carried ten hundredweight of sugar to the zoo.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Grünkohl rheinischer Art - *Rhenish style kale*

This is dish local to Bonn made with seasonal ingredients. In winter, it is typically a base of vegetables, such as Kale, and often mixed with potatoes and bacon.

RECIPE

DER MONAT MÄRZ

GERMAN CITY OF THE MONTH

DÜSSELDORF

Düsseldorf is well known for its beer, particularly Altbier. It is considered the fashion centre of Germany and has a strong regional rivalry with Cologne expressed through football, ice hockey and beer.



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IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Da steppt der Bär

The bear dances there
A really fun or wild party



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Jackie Chan

Nationality: Chinese

Profession: Actor and filmmaker



Lagerfeuer - Bonfire



Karneval - Carnival



Frühling - Spring



Schmetterling - Butterfly



Regenbogen - Rainbow



Wetter - Weather

THE MONTH OF MARCH

SPECIAL DATES

'Frauentag'

Women's Day

Celebrated internationally

Germany was one of the hosts of the first Women's Day in 1911. It was not until 1917 that the 8th of March was set as the date.



TONGUE TWISTER

Hundert hungrige Handwerker haben Heißhunger auf Hamburger.

One hundred hungry craftsmen are super hungry for hamburgers.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Käsespätzle - German 'Mac & Cheese'

Spätzle are a type of egg noodle from Central Europe. They are layered with grated cheeses that vary depending on the region, such as Emmental, and finally topped with fried onions.

RECIPE



DER MONAT APRIL

GERMAN CITY OF THE MONTH

HAMBURG

Sitting on the River Elbe is the port city of Hamburg, Germany's second-largest city. It is the home of the Hamburg National Theatre, where, in 1760, director Abel Seyler brought Shakespeare to a German audience.



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IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Um den heißen Brei herumreden

To talk around the hot mash
To beat around the bush



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Novak Djokovic

Nationality: Serbian

Profession: Tennis Player



Festspiele - Fair



Orange - Orange



Ostern - Easter



tanzten - To dance



die Party - Party



Eier - Eggs

THE MONTH OF APRIL



SPECIAL DATES

'Sankt-Walpurgisnacht'



Saint Walpurgis Night

Central an Northern Europe

The celebration pays tribute to the 8th century Saint Walpurga, who has been praised by Christians for successfully warding off pests, illness and witchcraft.

TONGUE TWISTER

Bierbrauer Bauer braut braunes Bier.

Beer brewing farmers brew brown beer.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Hamburger Pannfisch - Hamburg pan fried fish

This fish dish originated as a 'pauper meal', involving covering leftover fish and potatoes with mustard sauce. It is now considered to be an integral part of the cuisine in Hamburg.

RECIPE



DER MONAT MAI

GERMAN CITY OF THE MONTH

FRANKFURT

Frankfurt was once a major city of the Holy Roman Empire until it lost its sovereignty in the 19th century. It is now best known for its Frankfurter Würstchen, or hot dog sausages! The city has plenty of museums, gardens and music venues to enjoy.



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IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Die Daumen drücken

To press the thumbs
Cross your fingers



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Sir Paul McCartney

Nationality: English

Profession: Singer/Songwriter



Der Hof - Courtyard



der Weg - (The) Way



Pilger - Pilgrim



Chrysantheme - Chrysanthemum



Oktopus - Octopus



Marienkäfer - Ladybird

THE MONTH OF MAY

SPECIAL DATES 'Der Erste Mai/Tag der Arbeit'



May Day/Labour Day

A public holiday across the world

May Day celebrates the coming of spring weather and the banishing of evil spirits. It is also an occasion to campaign for and celebrate workers rights.

TONGUE TWISTER

Furcht vor Fruchtfleisch führt zu Flucht vor
Fruchtfleisch.

Fear of fruit pulp leads to fleeing from fruit pulp.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Frankfurter Kranz - German Crown Cake

A traditional 'crown cake' from Frankfurt, consisting of a wreath-shaped biscuit-sponge cake, filled buttercream and jam, and decorated with 'Krokant' (caramelised nuts).

RECIPE



DER MONAT JUNI

GERMAN ISLAND OF THE MONTH

Kiel is the only German state capital located on the coast and has a huge port and marine centre, as well museums, gardens and a beaches. It is the host of the annual Kiel Week Regattas, the biggest sailing regatta in the world.

KIEL

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IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Ich verstehe nur Bahnhof

I only understand Train-Station
It's all Greek to me



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Stephan Fry**Nationality:** English**Profession:** Author/Actor/Journalist

Boat - Boot



Sommer - Summer



Heiß - Hot



Schwimmen - To swim



die Ferien - Vacation



der Strand - Beach

THE MONTH OF JUNE

SPECIAL DATES

'Kieler Woche'

27-30

Kiel Regatta Week

Kiel

A week of sailing races with competitors from all over Europe, with an opening music festival, parades and firework displays. It brings millions of spectators to the city.



TONGUE TWISTER

Wenn Fliegen hinter Fliegen fliegen, fliegen Fliegen Fliegen nach.

When flies fly behind flies, flies fly after flies.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Jägerschnitzel - Hunter's Schnitzel

There are many variations of schnitzel across Germany and all over the world. This variation is made with boneless pork cutlets and covered in a wine and mushroom sauce.

RECIPE

DER MONAT JULI

GERMAN CITY OF THE MONTH

Leipzig is home to one of Europe's oldest universities. Protests held here during the Cold War helped to bring about the end of Communism in eastern Germany in 1989. Today, it is an important economic centre and is full of cultural sights to enjoy.

LEIPZIG



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IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Ich glaub mein Schwein pfeift

I think my pig is whistling
I don't believe it



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Roy Hodgson

Nationality: British

Profession: Football Manager



Militärparade - Military Parade



Papierlaternen - Paper Lantern



die Kirche - Church



Vogel - Bird



feiern - To Celebrate



Sandwich - Sandwich

THE MONTH OF JULY

SPECIAL DATES



'Kinderzeche'

The Children's Feast

Celebrated in Dinkelsbühl

Commemorate the children who saved the town in the 17th century 30-Year War. Children are offered sweets and historical groups recreate the raids and parades.

TONGUE TWISTER

Rund um den runden Rasen rasen Hasen, rasen
Hasen rund um den runden Rasen.

Around the round lawn, hares race, hares race
around the round lawn.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Kartoffelklöße - German potato dumplings

These classic potato dumplings are most common in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Rhineland. They are stuffed with fillings such as croutons, ham, and sauerkraut.

RECIPE



DER MONAT AUGUST

THE MONTH OF AUGUST

GERMAN CITY OF THE MONTH

BERLIN

The capital city of Germany, Berlin is home to many famous historical landmarks, such as the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, and, of course, parts of the original Berlin Wall! It is not all buildings, however, the city is 1/3 gardens and parks.



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IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Da kannst du Gift drauf nehmen

You can put poison on that
You can bet your life on it



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Bruce Springsteen

Nationality: American

Profession: Singer/Songwriter



der Berg - Mountain



das Museum - Museum



das Feuerwerk - Fireworks



die Stadt - Town



die Schule - School



windig - Windy

SPECIAL DATES 'Lange Nacht der Museen'

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Long night at the museum

Berlin

Between the times of 6pm to 2am museums in Berlin host over 700 events. With everything from tours to music to food, there is something for everyone!



TONGUE TWISTER

Blaukraut bleibt Blaukraut und Brautkleid bleibt Brautkleid.

Blue cabbage remains blue cabbage and wedding dress remains wedding dress.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Bienenstich - Bee Sting Cake

This traditional German treat consists of two layers of sweet yeast cake, a vanilla custard, buttercream or cream filling, and a baked-on topping of honey caramelised almonds.

RECIPE



DER MONAT SEPTEMBER

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

GERMAN CITY OF THE MONTH

STUTTGART

Located on the Neckar river in Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart holds its own alternative beer festival to Oktoberfest. It is only an hour away from the Black Forest and the September warmth makes this the best month to explore and take in the views.



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IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Zwei Fliegen mit einer Klappe schlagen

Hit two flies with one swat

To kill two birds with one stone



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Jodie Foster

Nationality: American

Profession: Actress/Filmmaker



SPECIAL DATES

'Oktoberfest'



October Festival

Traditionally held in Munich, Bavaria

A long running festival which historically celebrates the marriage of the Prince of Bavaria in 1802. Nowadays, it is a beer festival and travelling-carnival.

TONGUE TWISTER

Die Katzen kratzen im Katzenkasten, im Katzenkasten kratzen Katzen.

The cats scratch in the cat box, in the cat box the cats scratch.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Schweinshaxe - Pork knuckle/ham hock

This is an inexpensive, tough cut of pork, so is historically considered a 'peasant dish'. It requires marinating for days and slow roasting. Serve with fried potatoes and sauerkraut.

RECIPE





DER MONAT OKTOBER

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

GERMAN CITY OF THE MONTH

Erfurt is one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities and the largest in the state of Thuringia. It is the birthplace of Max Weber and its university was the home of Martin Luther.

ERFURT



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IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Weggehen wie warme Semmeln

Leave like warm rolls

Sell like hotcakes



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Mark Strong

Nationality: British

Profession: Actor



die Ernte - Harvest



der Kürbis - Pumpkin



der Geist - Ghost



die Nation - Nation



gespenstisch - Spooky



das Kostüm - Costume

SPECIAL DATES

'Tag der Deutschen Einheit'



German Unity Day

Celebrated country-wide

A day commemorating the reunification of Germany in 1990. People take part in ceremonies and a Bürgerfest (Citizen's festival) held in a chosen major city.

TONGUE TWISTER

Es klapperten die Klapperschlangen bis ihre Klappern schlapper klangen.

The rattlesnakes rattled until their rattles sounded run-down.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Kürbissuppe - Pumpkin soup

A simple and hearty soup perfect for the autumn months, made by blending pumpkin meat with broth and topping with cream. It is especially popular in the Black Forest region.

RECIPE



DER MONAT NOVEMBER

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

GERMAN CITY OF THE MONTH

SCHWERIN

Schwerin is the capital of the northeastern state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and is the smallest state capital in Germany. It is a city surrounded by lakes, such as the Schweriner See. The island in this lake is home to the picturesque Schwerin Palace



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IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Etwas wie seine Westentasche kennen

To know something like your waistcoat pocket

To know something like the back of your hand



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Renée Zellweger**Nationality:** American**Profession:** Actress

SPECIAL DATES

'Martin/Lanternenstag'



St Martin's Day/Lantern Festival

Country wide, though Northern Germany observes the secularised Lantern Festival

A children's festival with similarities to Halloween, with processions, dressing up and lighting homemade lanterns.

TONGUE TWISTER

Wenn du Wachsmasken magst, Max macht Wachsmasken aus Wachsmaskenwachs.

Max makes wax masks out of wax mask wax.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Martinshörnchen - St. Martin's croissant

A croissant-shaped sweet treat traditionally eaten at Martinmas (Saint Martin's Day) in the Rhineland area. It resembles the hooves of the horses of whom St Martin is a patron.

RECIPE



DER MONAT DEZEMBER

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

GERMAN CITY OF THE MONTH

Like Hamburg, Dresden sits on the banks of the River Elbe. It is the home of the oldest known Christmas market in the world, held for the first time in 1434. It is also located near the picturesque Saxon-Switzerland national park.

DRESDEN



IDIOM OF THE MONTH

Klar wie Klobbrühe

As clear as dumpling broth
Something very obvious



GERMAN SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Name: Romelu Lukaku

Nationality: Belgian

Profession: Footballer



Heiligabend - Christmas Eve



schenken - to give a gift



Weihnachtslied - Christmas carol



Rentier - Reindeer



Beleuchtung - Lights



Schlitten - Sleigh

SPECIAL DATES

'Nikolaustag'



Saint Nicholas Day

Celebrated countrywide

Children leave their shoes outside their doors overnight and come back to them filled with presents and sweets as rewards for good behaviour.

TONGUE TWISTER

Lang schwang der Klang am Hang entlang.

The sound vibrates slowly along the slope.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Stollen - German Christmas bread

Stollen is a Christmas staple in Germany. It is a fruit bread of nuts, spices, candied fruit, marzipan, and is coated in icing sugar, similar to English fruit cake and Italian panettone.

RECIPE

