

 **Capital:** Berlin

 **Flag:**



 **Languages:** German

 **Geography :** Germany is located in Central Europe. It borders nine countries: Denmark, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands. The country has forests, rivers and mountains. The most important rivers are the Rhine, the Danube and the Elbe.

 **Population:** About 84 million people.

 **Outline map of Germany**



 **Key Cultural Symbols:** Brandenburg Gate (Berlin), Neuschwanstein Castle, German Eagle (national symbol), Oktoberfest, Traditional Lederhosen and Dirndl clothing, Christmas Markets (Weihnachtsmärkte)

 **Traditional Music and Dances:** Bavarian folk music, Schuhplattler (traditional Bavarian dance), Brass band music (Blasmusik)

 **Important National Celebration:** German Unity Day (Tag der Deutschen Einheit) – 3 October

 **Popular greeting:** "Hallo!" = Hello, "Guten Tag!" = Good day

 **Popular food** (Typical Dishes): Bratwurst (German sausage), Pretzel (Brezel), Apfelstrudel (apple pastry), Schnitzel, Sauerkraut, Black Forest Cake (Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte)

 **Easy recipe** (to cook in a class): Butterbrezel (Pretzel with butter)

 **Fun Facts :** Germany is famous for its Christmas markets. It has more than 25,000 castles. The first printed book was made in Germany by Johannes Gutenberg. It is the largest country in the European Union by population. Gummy bears (Haribo) were invented in Germany. Germany has won the FIFA World Cup four times.

 **Pictures of key cultural elements**



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