

# Traditional Festivals in Germany (2015)

## Abstract

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Nearly 10,000 folk festivals (called *Volksfeste*) take place throughout Germany every year. Many have a long tradition, some of them going back more than 1,000 years. They share common features such local music, food and wine/beer and showcase regional pride and a sense of community that transcends generations. A highlight of many festivals is a parade to celebrate local traditions. This clip by *Deutsche Welle* surveys some of these traditional festivals and their meaning in the respective communities. The video features, among others, the Hannover *Schützenfest* (marksmanship festival), one of the largest in the world. Gun access is very restricted, but target shooting remains a popular sport in Germany.

## Source

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