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About Germany

Background:

As europe's largest economy and second most-populous nation, Germany is a key member of the continent's economic, political, and defense organizations.

Traditional Costume:

Dirndl

Traditional Event:

Oktoberfest (September 17)

Ethnic groups:

- German 85.4%
- Turkish 1.8%
- Ukrainian 1.4%

Greetings

- Firm handshakes with direct eye contacts.
 - Both hands must visible
- Greet the other person with
 - 'Guten tag' (Good day) or'Hallo'
 - o Titles: 'Sir' or 'Ma'am'
- Business cards
 - Right hand
 - Take a moment to examine



Figure 5.0 The Art of the Handshake: Mastering the Power of Personal Connection in Business.(Sodnik, V., 2023)



Figure 6.0 Data Privacy, By Ref Sharing and the End of Business Cards (Maybe). (Cagle, K, 2019)



Time Punctuality



- 'Five minutes before the time is the German punctuality'.
 - 5 to 10 minutes early
- On time = Respect
- Few minutes delay = Rude

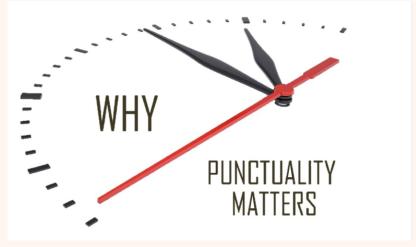


Figure 7.0 Showing up on time, every time..!! (S, A. K., 2023)

Food Ethics

- Be on time for business meals
- Wait to be seated by the host of the table
- Keep your hands visible on table
- The person who invites pay
 - Rude to argue over bill



Figure 8.0 Seraser Fine Dining Restaurant. (Dining Etiquette You Need to Know, 2020)

Dress Code

Formal Attire

- Dark-Colored formal
- Men: Dark suit and ties
- Women: Simple trousers or skirt suits.

Details

- Shoes, hair, and accessories should be well-maintained.
- Avoid heavy makeup and flashy styles.

Casual Attire

 Only common in rising young enterprises like tech start-ups.



Figure 9.0, SuitSupply. (Black-Tie Attire Decoded | SUITSUPPLY Germany., 2024)



Figure 10.0 Old Heels. Pinterest.
(Del Rey, V., 2013)

Gift Giving



Figure 11.0 Gift giving - German business etiquette, manners, customs in Germany, (Treffpunkt-Online, S., 2024)

Timing and Occasion

- Not typical during initial meetings
- Suitable when celebrating significant milestones

Giving Etiquette

- Gifts are not expected and should not be seen as bribes
- Give the gift at the end of a meeting or visit

Types of Gifts

- Emphasize quality over quantity
- Local cultural gifts are appreciated



Don'ts in Germany

- Avoid Being Late
- Don't Interrupt someone while they are speaking
- Don't Be Overly Emotional
- Avoid Last-Minute Changes
- Avoid Loud and Boisterous Behavior
- Avoid Small Talk
- Joking Around
- Wasting time



Figure 12.0 Redirect Notice. (n.d.)



Conflict Management



- Germany: Low-context culture
 - Direct and straightforward communication.
- Discuss issue until decisions is made.
- Long term focus
- Willing to take time
- Aim to achieve satisfactory result for both sides.



Figure 13.0 Direct Communication – Rude or Effective? (Wilson, R., 2018)





- Collaborating
 - Find a mutually beneficial solution.
 - Combining workday approach with regular feedback.
 - Win-win outcome
- Might take some time



Figure 14.0 What is collaboration? Why it's important, examples and tips (Moseley, C, 2024)







Figure 16.0Takeda readies \$30.85bn loans for Shire buy. GlobalCapital. (Turner, M., 2018)

Figure 15.0 Collaboration. (Kumar, P., 2024)





- 1. What is the name of the traditional costume that German people wear?
- 2. Among the 5 different negotiation style, which did we use?
 - A. Avoiding
 - B. Accommodating
 - C. Competing
 - D. Collaborating
 - E. Compromising
- 3. Being punctual is very important to German people? (T/F)



Figure 18.0 Adobe Stock. (Quiz time concept. Light bulb creative idea with quiz time writing on chalkboard Stock Photo. (n.d.).

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