



THE CULTURAL SHOCK

MY LIFE IN GERMANY AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT



ABOUT ME

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AGENDA



1. GERMAN SKILLS



2. WHY AACHEN



3. FUNNY AND NOT
SO FUNNY FACTS

GERMAN SKILLS

-
- German School in Spain
 - Fluent in German and English
 - German in the university \neq German with your Friends
 - My advice: German friends (Hochschulsport) , series, movies (RWTH Cinema)
 - Slang and fails:
 - ‘saufen’ and not ‘trinken’,
 - ‘Mir ist es heiss’ (It’s hot) and not ‘Ich bin heiss’ (I am hot),
 - the non-existing difference between ‘bei’ and ‘mit’ (by and with)
at least for Spaniards...

WHY AACHEN

- BEAUTIFUL
- Historical
- RWTH Aachen University
- Center of Central Europe
- Little and cozy



FUNNY FACTS

Butter is everywhere



Beer also

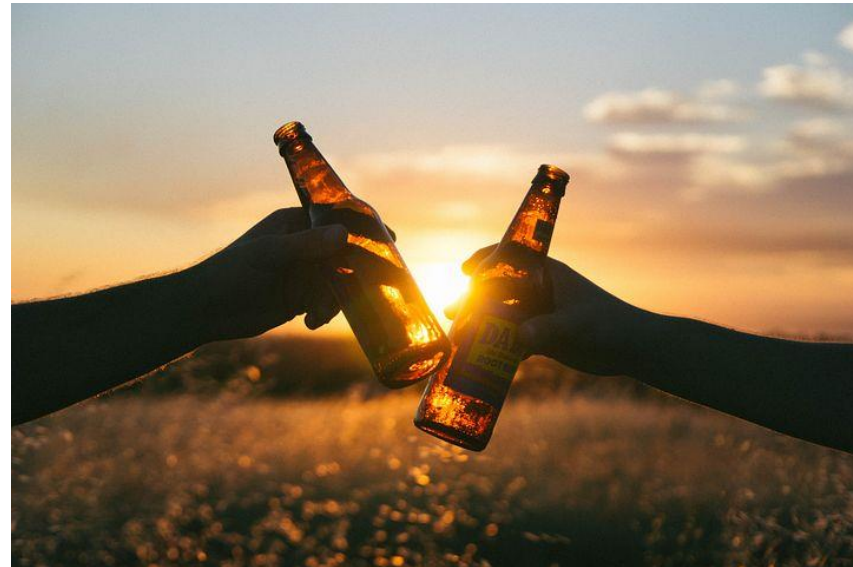


FUNNY FACTS

German cuisine highlights



Toasts



FUNNY FACTS

Carnival's crazyness



Nice cars



FUNNY FACTS



- at the beginning I thought that Germans hated my very loud, very Spanish self but they did not they are LOVELY

NOT SO FUNNY FACTS

- Mallorca is an Spanish island and not, as Germans want you to believe, their 17th federal state



NOT SO FUNNY FACTS

- ORDNUNGSAMT:
- Forget about partying at home like crazy
- You will love them when it is exam period and other people are partying at home like crazy





- Friendly reminder:

This is just my impression about the parts of Germany that I know and it should not be generalized.

Have fun and peace!

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