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*German Festivals &  
Customs*

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# Background



- In some areas of Germany there are as many as 16 legal holidays celebrated each year
- Holidays are celebrated on a specified day



# Oktoberfest

- Annual Event in Munich
- From Late September until the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October
- Originated in 1810 as a celebration for the marriage of King Ludwig I to the Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen





# Folk Festivals

- Popular in Bavaria
- Folk Music
- “Leonhardi-Fahrt”





# Ungayamiryan Passion Play



- Performed every 10 years
  - Last presented in 2000
- Traditional
- Role casting is very specific



# Wine Festivals



- Celebrated along Rhine and Moselle Rivers
- Popular tourist attractions



# Ostern



- Easter
- The Easter Bunny originated in Germany
- Some places in Germany have their own traditions
- Bonfires are lit the evening before Easter Sunday to chase away the evil spirits of winter



# Erster Mai

- May Day
- May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Maypole
  - The young men of the village protect the town maypole so it is not stolen by the boys of neighboring towns
- German Labor Day





# Pfingsten

- Pentecost
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter
- A day for family outings
- Traditional families decorate cars and front doors with fresh green twigs called "Maien"



Maria und die Apostel empfangen den Hl. Geist

# *Day of German Unity*

- October 3
- Celebrated every year since 1990
- The first big celebration was held in Berlin but since then a different city has hosted each year

