



Transcript English for "Curiosities about Cologne"

Hello, this is Christine from Mindmap your German, and I'm glad that you're joining my video again today. You may remember the first video about Cologne. There was a video with general information about Cologne. There was the most important information such as the Cologne Cathedral, Kölsch, Halve Hahn, the carnival and so on, and now there is a bit of, yes, advanced information, which you may not remember so easily about Cologne. I called it: curiosities about Cologne, and this is my information.

We'll talk about the structures first. I just mentioned Cologne Cathedral. Cologne Cathedral is a permanent construction site, which means that it is constantly being built, renovated, cleaned, added to, restored, newly built, all kinds of things. It has been a permanent construction site for centuries. And there is a saying in Cologne: When the Cologne Cathedral is finished, the world will end. This expresses that he will probably never be able to cope in life.

Another building that will never be finished in life is the Cologne Opera. It's not ready yet, but it's getting more and more expensive and more and more expensive. You may already know this concept from the Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg, because it was quite similar. Become more expensive again and again. Become more expensive, more expensive and not finished for a long time.

Another building in quotation marks are the kiosks. Cologne is a city with many kiosks. Kiosks are small houses where you can buy food and drinks and much more. They are

everywhere in Cologne, and they are an institution there. You might even know the Cologne crime scene, this crime thriller in Germany, this crime series for Sunday evening. When he plays in Cologne, the two commissioners always meet at a kiosk and eat and drink something.

Speaking of food and drink. We're going to culinary. Kölsch is probably the only language that is also a beer. Kölsch is the language spoken in Cologne. That's the kind of dialect, and Kölsch is also the beer that is drunk in Cologne, which we always laugh about in Bavaria, I'm in Bavaria, because the glasses are so small. In Bavaria they say very nasty "You can also drink from the flower vases from the table" But well, it's a tradition, it's just like that, and actually the Cologne beer is quite delicious. It tastes different from the Bavarian, but it's pretty tasty.

If you are already drinking beer, perhaps listening to the conversations at the neighboring table in Kölsch, then you can eat half a rooster right away. I explained this in my video about Cologne. That's a cheese roll.

And then I have Kebapland in my culinary category. Das ist etwas Besonderes. Namely, the Kebapland is located in the Ehrenfeld district, and in Ehrenfeld you can often see an insanely large amount of smoke. Why? Because Kebapland is a kebab shop where you can buy and eat kebab kebabs, and it is one of the few kebab shops where this meat is grilled over charcoal. So, you guessed it. What is the problem? When something is grilled over charcoal, smoke naturally develops. And since this kebab shop is an institution and sells a lot, of course a lot of smoke develops, and this smoke is always hanging over this district, that is, over the city. And in the beginning, people always complained. Then this kiosk, i.e. this kebab shop, had to be converted a bit. But in the meantime, I think, everyone has resigned and said "Well, it's just that the store is so well-known and so great, then we sometimes have a bit more smoke development". That's Kebapland. When you're there, go and eat a kebab.

The Cologne way of life. What are the people of Cologne like? The people of Cologne are extremely positive and cheerful. This is also noticeable at the time of the carnival, when people dress up. You will not only see people dressed up at carnivals themselves everywhere, not only in January, February, but already from November, because the

carnival starts in November, exactly on the 11th of November at 11.11. And right from the moment you see people in disguise in Cologne, and you wonder as a foreigner.

Cologne is a city with an insane number of inhabitants, but it is also a village, because in Cologne everyone knows everyone around three corners. Around three corners means I don't know the person directly. Sure, it's not possible with such a big city. But as a Cologne resident, I know the cousin of my neighbor's brother-in-law. Complicated Yes. My brother-in-law's cousin. I forgot it. So, the cousin of the neighbor's brother-in-law is three corners. There are three stations. They say I know someone from three corners, if you only know people indirectly. Or the friend of my work colleague's brother. That is, everyone knows everyone from three corners. And that's how it is in Cologne.

Fun facts. I sorted out the things that didn't fit anywhere else.

A note about the weather. If it is ten degrees warm in Cologne, warm or cold, that is a matter of definition, and it rains, then it is already winter in Cologne. You can imagine that it doesn't snow very often in Cologne, and it doesn't get very cold either.

Then I have a word, that's a very nice word. Der Būdchenmann. The Būdchenmann is the one who works in these kiosks. And most of the time, the people of Cologne have a regular kiosk, that is, a kiosk to which they go again and again. Of course, the Būdchenmann, the man who works there, will know these people, these Cologne and Cologne women by name and will say "Good morning, Mrs. XY"

And then I have the last information for you about the Philharmonie. The Philharmonie in Cologne has a rehearsal room and a concert hall. And this concert hall or rehearsal room is located under a square in the city. And now there's a problem. The square, which is called Heinrich-Böll-Platz, is near the cathedral, and this square is closed off 1000 times a year. This means that you are not allowed to walk over it, because down below in this rehearsal room and in this concert hall, that is, in this room that is down below, the philharmonic orchestra plays or rehearses, and the footsteps of the people walking over this square would disturb the acoustics. So, that is, whenever there are philharmonic orchestra rehearsals or performances downstairs, the place upstairs is locked. It's a bit funny, I think, because I think you could just as well insulate the room

underneath pretty well, but that's just the way it is. So, if you find a closed place in the city of Cologne, it is very likely that it is the Heinrich-Böll-Platz, which is closed because the orchestra is rehearsing or playing or performing.

And this is my curious information about Cologne. There were some very exciting things, I think, you have the skyline again, a little different, television tower, cathedral, Lanxessarena, railway bridge.

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