



Some important things you should bear in mind when travelling to Germany

You may be offered to buy certain items at your travel destination that cannot be brought to Germany as a holiday **souvenir**. They include, inter alia, narcotics, live animals and protected animal and plant species, protected cultural assets, and weapons.

If you travel to Germany carrying **cash** in an amount equal to or exceeding 10 000 euros, you must declare these funds when entering the country, either in writing or verbally upon enquiry, depending on the country from where you cross the German border. The term cash comprises, inter alia, hard cash, precious metals, precious stones, and certain securities (such as cheques). For more details about your tax-free allowances please visit our website at www.zoll.de.



- If you have specific questions on the provisions of customs law, our central information unit will be pleased to assist you further:

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You can import souvenirs duty-free into Germany from countries outside the EU and from special territories on the following conditions:

The goods are intended for personal use or consumption.

The items you bring back into the country must be intended for your own personal use or consumption, for members of your household, or as gifts. This means that you may not bring items with you if you intend to give them to someone else in return for money or other consideration. The goods must not be destined for commercial use.

You are bringing the goods with you when returning from your travel.

Any goods carried on the same means of transport (your train, for example) as yourself are considered as being brought with you. However, if your luggage is forwarded before or after your trip, shipped as freight, sent by post or by express or courier service, it does not count as being brought with you.

Provided the above conditions are met, the following limits apply to the quantity and value for duty-free imports from countries outside the EU and from special territories, which include in particular the Canary Islands and the French overseas departments.

Duty-free allowances when entering the European Union from non-EU countries

Tobacco products (only for persons aged 17 and over):

- 200 cigarettes or
- 100 cigarillos or
- 50 cigars or
- 250g of smoking tobacco or (Fine cut, water pipe tobacco, heated tobacco and pipe tobacco)
- a combination of these goods, with the maximum quantity for each reduced proportionally to its share of the total.

Alcohol and alcoholic beverages

(only by persons aged 17 and over):

- 1 litre of alcohol or alcoholic beverages with an alcohol content of over 22% by volume or undenatured ethyl alcohol with an alcohol content of 80% by volume or higher or
- two litres of alcohol or alcoholic beverages with an alcohol content of no more than 22% by volume or
- a combination of these goods, with the maximum quantity for each reduced proportionally to its share of the total
- four litres of non-sparkling wine and
- 16 litres of beer

Medicinal products:

- the quantity required for the traveller's personal needs

Fuels

 (for any motor vehicle):

- the amount in the vehicle's standard tank and
- up to 10 litres in a portable container

Substitutes for tobacco products (for persons aged 17 and over only; e.g. liquids for e-cigarettes) **and other products:**

- goods up to a total value of € 300
- for passengers travelling by air or sea, goods up to a total value of € 430
- for travellers under 15 years of age, goods up to a total value of € 175

Goods subject to a specific maximum quantity do not count towards this total value.



Under the following conditions, you can bring excisable goods from other EU states to Germany tax-free:

You transport the goods to Germany yourself and they are intended for your own needs (personal use).

The goods are considered to be for your personal use if you have purchased them solely to satisfy your own personal needs. Bringing in goods (even as gifts) for other persons is therefore not an option.

Provided that the above conditions are met, you may bring the following goods from other EU states (with the exception of the special territories) tax-free within the following indicative quantities for which introduction of goods for personal use is considered:

Tobacco products

- 800 cigarettes and
- 400 cigarillos and
- 200 cigars and
- 1 kg of smoking tobacco (fine cut, water pipe tobacco and pipe tobacco) and
- 800 pieces of heated tobacco (smoking portions)

Substitutes for tobacco products (e.g. liquids for e-cigarettes)

- 10 litres of spirits and
- 20 litres of intermediate products (e.g. sherry, port, marsala) and
- 60 litres of sparkling wine and
- 110 litres of beer

Coffee

- 10 kg of coffee and products containing coffee and
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