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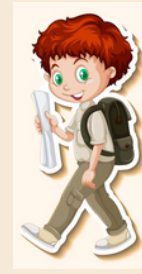


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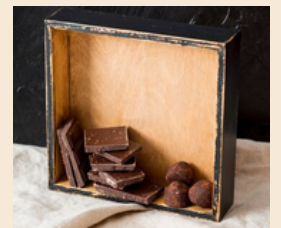


Hey there, little explorer! Pack your imagination and let's go on an adventure to one of the coolest cities in Germany. Welcome to the magical city of Cologne, in German **Köln**.

All Aboard! Choo-choo! Our journey starts with the impressive Cologne Cathedral (**Dom**). This is not your average building. It is a giant double-towered church (**Kirche**). It took over 600 years to build. Every year millions of people visit just to stare in awe at this Gothic wonder. If you are brave, you can even climb up hundreds of stairs to get a spectacular view of the city (**Stadt**) below.



Next stop: The Chocolate Museum! Imagine Willy Wonka's factory but in real life. Here, you can learn all about how chocolate (**Schokolade**) is made, watch machines swirl and melt chocolatey goodness, and even taste some delicious samples. There is even a chocolate fountain taller than most grown-ups.



Fun on the Rhine River! The Rhine is a giant river (**Fluss**) that flows through Köln. You can watch boats (**Boote**) go by, race paper boats, or take a cruise to explore the city from the water.



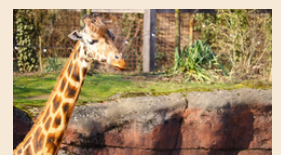
Roar! Beware of Dinosaurs! At the Odysseum Adventure Museum you can see all sorts of cool stuff. This science and adventure centre is perfect if you want to meet dinosaurs (**Dinosaurier**), explore a jungle lab or pretend to be an astronaut blasting into space.



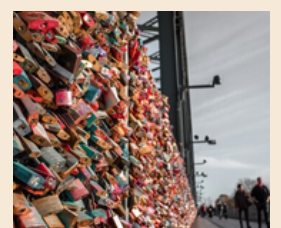
Carnival Time! Köln is famous for its wild and wacky festival called **Karneval**. People dress up in silly costumes (**Kostüme**) and there's singing, dancing, and parades (**Paraden**).



Zootastic Adventures! The Kölner Zoo is a place full of animals (**Tiere**) from all around the world. Do not forget to check out the aquarium (**Aquarium**), where neon fish glow and sharks silently glide.



Love Locks! Stroll across the Hohenzollern Bridge (**Brücke**), and you'll find thousands of colourful padlocks attached to the fence. Each one is put there by people in love, like a magical spell to keep their love (**Liebe**) strong.



Totally German

Inside the Carnival Festivities



Did you know that Germany celebrates **Karneval**, just like we celebrate Carnival here in Malta? But in Germany, it's a little different! **Karneval** (or **Fasching** in some areas) goes on for weeks in February and is filled with parades, costumes, and special German treats. Just like in Malta, kids and adults dress up in funny costumes and have a fantastic time with family and friends.



Carnival Cologne 1



Carnival Cologne 2



Carnival Cologne 3

One of the coolest parts of German **Karneval** is the **Umzug**, or "parade." Imagine our Maltese Carnival parades but with even more floats, marching bands, and people dressed as silly characters. Kids and adults shout "**Helau!**" or "**Alaaf!**" which are funny carnival greetings. These parades happen in cities all over Germany, with the biggest ones in places like Cologne and Mainz. People come from all over the country to join in, making it a real German party!



Just like we enjoy traditional sweets during Carnival, Germans have a favorite treat called **Krapfen** (or **Berliner**), which are jelly-filled doughnuts covered in powdered sugar.

German **Karneval** also has some unique and funny traditions that change from city to city. On **Weiberfastnacht**, or "Women's Carnival Day," women have the power! They go around playfully cutting off men's ties as a symbol of turning things upside down and having a bit of fun with old traditions. In some places, people even have "elections" to choose a Carnival Prince (**Prinz**) or Princess (**Prinzessin**), who then "rule" during the Carnival season.



Who knows? Maybe you'll get to experience **Karneval** in Germany one day!

