



Take care –
Choosing the wrong souvenir may be
an expensive mistake!

If you know before travelling that you intend to bring a particular item back from your holiday destination, ask Customs for advice. They will tell you which German legal provisions you have to observe on your return journey, which souvenirs pose no problems whatsoever and which goods are definitely taboo.



You can find answers to these questions and many more online at www.zoll.de.



If you have specific questions on the provisions of customs law, Customs' central information unit will be pleased to assist you further. You can contact the unit on:

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Duty-free allowances

when entering the European Union
from non-EU countries





You do not have to pay duty on imports from countries that are not EU Member States, or from regions within the EU for which special regulations are in force, if the quantities imported do not exceed the duty-free allowances

You may bring items acquired during your holiday back into Germany duty-free under the following conditions:

You are carrying the goods with you when you travel.

Goods sent on ahead or sent after you by the same route and means of transport, for example, by rail, are considered as being carried with you. If your luggage is sent on ahead or later by post, however, it does not count as being carried with you.

The products are destined for personal use or consumption.

The items you bring back into the country may only be destined for your own personal use or consumption, for members of your household, or as a present. As such, 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.

Provided the above conditions are met, the following limits apply to the quantity and value of the goods:

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

- 200 cigarettes or
- 100 cigarillos or
- 50 cigars or
- 250 g of smoking tobacco or
- a combination of these goods, with the maximum quantity for each reduced proportionally to its share of the total.

Alcohol and alcoholic beverages products (only for 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

Medicines:

- a quantity corresponding to the individual needs of the person travelling

Fuels (for any motor vehicle):

- the quantity in the vehicle's standard tank and
- up to ten litres in a portable container

Other goods:

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

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

