





Celebrating the New Year in Germany and in China

Not long until we celebrate the beginning of a new year.
We hope it will be a prosperous one for all of you!



Of course, every country has its own New Year's celebrations,
be it a special tradition, a type of food or the grand display of fireworks.

This year, our German and Chinese offices came together to share some of their country's very own New Year traditions:

	GERMANY	CHINA
DATE OF NEW YEAR	31 st of December	New moon between Jan 21 - Feb 20 2017: 27 th of January
TYPICAL FOOD	<p>Cheese fondue (originally a Swiss recipe where you dip white bread into melted cheese)</p> 	<p>Dumplings, fish, spring rolls etc.</p> 
TYPICAL DRINK	Champagne	Rice wine
TYPICAL TRADITION	Lead pouring (after throwing hot lead into water its shape tells you what the future holds in store)	Hong Bao (the elders give money in a red envelope to the children)
AT MIDNIGHT	Watching the fireworks	Playing the board-game Majiang
WHERE TO SPEND THE NEW YEAR	<p>On city squares or with the families. Mind the traffic and snow which can occur on the German roads and the Autobahn.</p> 	<p>Around 200 million Chinese migrant workers go home to their families in packed trains. This is called Chun Yun.</p> 
WHAT'S ON TV	Dinner for One (Comedy sketch)	Chun Wan (New Year Gala)

新年快乐!

The entire team of SinaLingua wishes you a Happy New Year!

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