

True or false? Some facts you didn't know about Cologne:

1. The Cologne airport has a runway that's also an emergency landing site for NASA shuttles.

or

2. Konrad Adenauer, Mayor of Cologne between 1917 and 1933, invented the traditional German "Bratwurst."

or

3. The very center of Cologne is the Central Station which is the reason why it was built at this spot.

or

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Did you guess the correct answer?

The Cologne airport has a runway that's also an emergency landing site for NASA shuttles.

TRUE!

Cologne's airport has the only runway in Germany that is also an emergency landing site for NASA shuttles. The shuttles need these emergency runways because if they were to land in water, they would break apart. When the first shuttles took off for space in the 1980s, 60 emergency runways were built worldwide; the runways have to be at least 2.3 km long and 40 m wide.



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Did you guess the correct answer?

Konrad Adenauer, Mayor of Cologne between 1917 and 1933, invented the traditional German “Bratwurst.”

FALSE!

He did invent some kind of sausage though - The very first soy sausage: Konrad Adenauer did many things besides being the Mayor of Cologne between 1917 and 1933. Meatless sausage fans have him to thank for the first idea of a soy sausage "Sojawurst" or the meatless sausage "Wurst ohne Fleisch." Adenauer was responsible for making sure the people of Cologne didn't go hungry in the First World War and developed the meatless sausage when the cost of pork went through the roof. Sadly the Imperial Patent Office rejected Adenauer's meat-free sausage idea, but he did eventually manage to get it patented in Austria.



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Did you guess the correct answer?

The very center of Cologne is the Central Station which is the reason why it was built at this spot.

FALSE!

The very center of Cologne is the main altar of the Cathedral, so whenever distances in Cologne are measured, they start from that altar (according to one of the cathedral guides).



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How much did you know or guess right?



If you got more than one of these facts right, you must be a real Cologne expert! Even many locals don't know about the NASA shuttles, Adenauer's soy sausage and the Cathedral's altar as the central point of Cologne.

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