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Traditional Dirndl

A Dirndl is a Bavarian and Austrian traditional costume, which was invented around the middle/end of the 18th century and is today often regarded as alpine costume. Today the Dirndl is known as the alpine costume. In the 19th century, the Dirndl was the practical working clothes of young girls who worked on farms in Bavaria or Austria. Over the shirt they wore the "Leiblgwand"; what today is called Dirndl dress - and an apron, which was mostly sewn from bed linen.

The Dirndl was pimped up only around 1930, when city women, who travelled to the mountains for summer holidays, imitated the look. Tracht was chic - and the lady of the world wore dresses with traditional costume elements. Even in the USA the Dirndl made great fame. For the trendy summer dress, traditional costume elements such as white puff sleeves, laced bodices and aprons were adopted on both sides of the Atlantic. For the "Winterdirndl" flannel fabrics in the colours loden green and dark blue were used. An important point is to be read at the loop of the Dirndl at the waist of the woman: Right loop means that the woman in the dirndl is married or at least firmly connected. Left, on the other hand, signals that you're still available. By the way, the most diligent know about two more variants: Widows wear the bow in the back, virgins in the front.



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Traditional leather trousers

The well-known traditional costume Lederhosen is known as "Wildbock"; and is the traditional name for the leather of the wild goat. The leather is characterized by the fact that it is thinner than deer leather. It is very elastic and cuddly. Wild buck is suede on the outside, smooth on the inside of the leg. Like the classic Dirndl, they also belong to the dress code of the Oktoberfest.

Traditional leather trousers were worn as early as 1850. For the general public it was used as folk costume in everyday life.

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