

# Intercultural Understanding Guide: Barvarian Culture

## **Geographic context:**

- Bavaria, officially the Free State of Bavaria, is a state in the south-east of Germany and has a population of 13.08 million people.

## **Language:**

- Bavarian is commonly considered to be a dialect of German, though some sources classify it as a separate language.

## **Religion:**

- One of the main historical differences giving Bavaria its distinct identity was that while many German territories that joined the German Empire in 1871 were Protestant, Bavaria was one of the few major German powers to remain Catholic.

## **Values:**

- Bavarian culture places a strong emphasis on tradition, hard work, and a close connection to the land.
- Values like loyalty, hospitality, and community spirit are integral to the Bavarian way of life.

