

Language guides

A recent survey showed that tourists really appreciate being greeted in their own language. We Brits are not famed for our language skills but Pride & Passion is trying to help by providing a quick and easy online guide to the most basic everyday phrases in Chinese, Gaelic, Russian, French, Spanish, German and Italian. (And we've not forgotten to include our own Scots language guide!)

We've deliberately kept it to greetings and courtesy words – not too much to learn in a short time but enough to create a good impression and show visitors that we recognise the effort they're making in using our language.

Just scroll down to see what we've got. There's even a phonetic guide to help with the pronunciation.

We would love to hear from anyone who can share their knowledge of a language we haven't covered, so drop us a line if you can help.

Hope you find it useful. Good luck..... Buena suerte!



German

If you have a Scots accent, it's really easy to pronounce German words as the vowel sounds are very similar – mostly short. The 'ch' sound is the same in German as in Scots, too. If you don't have a Scots accent, try pronouncing the words as if you did!

English	German	Pronunciation
Hello	Guten Tag	gooten TAG
Good evening	Guten Abend	gooten AH-bent
Yes	Ja	yah
No	Nein	nine - like the number 9
Thank you	Danke	dank-uh
Please (also you're welcome)	Bitte	bit-uh
Goodbye (til later)	Bis später	biss SHPAY-ter
Goodbye (on leaving)	Auf Wiedersehen	owf VEE-der-sayn
See you next time	Bis zum nächsten mal	biss tsoom NAYCH-sten mal
Safe journey	Gute Reise	goot-uh RYE-zuh
Can I help you?	Kann ich Ihnen helfen?	can eech een-en HELF-en
Do you speak English?	Sprechen Sie Englisch?	schprech-en zee EHNG-lish
The bill	die Rechnung	dee rech-noong