



Christmas all around the world

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USA

In the USA the most important day is the 25th December.

The Americans decorate their houses, put up Christmas trees, send Christmas cards and make gingerbread houses.

On Christmas Eve children leave a glass of milk and some cakes by the fireplace for Santa Claus.

At night, Santa Claus arrives and fills their stockings with presents.

On Christmas Day American families have a traditional dinner. They eat ham or turkey with cranberry sauce and potatoes, as well as different pies.

Many American Christians go to church, pray and sing Christmas carols.



Italy

In Italy, Christmas has a thousand-year tradition.

The Italians send many greeting cards to family and friends.

They decorate a Christmas tree and build Christmas creches in churches.

On 24th December they celebrate Christmas Eve.

The Italians have a Christmas dinner and eat typical Italian dishes and cakes like lasagne, pasta, penettone and pandoro, as well as other cakes with nougats, almonds and hazelnuts.

Italians take part in the Midnight Mass.

They also give each others presents like in Poland. The central streets in towns are decorated with large Christmas trees.



Australia

The Australians celebrate Christmas in the middle of the Australian summer.

Outside it is about 30 degrees Celsius and the beaches are full of people. Australians take blankets, candles and sing Christmas carols outside.

Santa Claus arrives on the surfboard (instead of sleighs), and in the team he has dolphins or kangaroos (not reindeers). He wears shorts, a T-shirt and flip-flops. Santa arrives on Christmas Eve, falls through the chimney, eats cakes, drinks milk and leaves presents in the stockings.

The Australians decorate their homes and streets and also have Christmas trees. They love blown snowmen, reindeer and other decorations.



Mexico

In Mexico, people hang a piñata from the ceiling. It is a clay pot filled with sweets called Piniata. Children gather under it. One of them has his eyes covered and smashes a piñata with a stick, which starts the race in collecting sweets.

The main Christmas Eve dish is smoked cod with pepper and olive oil and small croutons. Mexicans also eat roasted turkey, fruit and sweets.

Christmas is a happy time for the Mexicans. It is an opportunity to meet family and taste delicious dishes together. It is also a time of prayer and happiness on the birth of Jesus Christ.



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