



# Christmas around the world

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# Poland

In Poland, Christmas Eve dinner begins when the first star appears in the sky. Then the household members share the wafer and sit down at the table. Under the tablecloth, which is often white, there is hay. At the table there is a free chair for a tired wanderer. There should be 12 dishes on the table, such as dumplings, borscht or fish. Only then you can sing carols.

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# Spain

In Spain, instead of the wafer, people share the halvah. Before Christmas, families buy Christmas cribs. Dinner begins after the shepherdess (Christmas Mass). Then everyone goes out into the streets illuminated by lights, sings carols and dances till the morning. The main dish is baked fish and the "Three Kings Cake", in which small souvenirs are baked. Gifts are given on January 6th on the feast of the Three Kings to commemorate the gifts that Jesus received from the wise men of the East.

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# United Kingdom

In the UK, Christmas family meals start at noon.

Lunch consists of roast turkey and "burning pudding".

In the evening on Christmas Eve, English children hang their stockings out and the next morning find them filled with presents.

The custom of kissing under the mistletoe (a bush with white fruit) was born here. Such a kiss brings happiness and fulfilment of wishes.

London is the homeland of the first greeting cards. In 1846 Jon Horsley from England designed the first Christmas card with the inscription "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

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# Sweden

In Sweden, Christmas begins on the first Sunday of Advent. The traditional Swedish feast consists of iutfisk (wet and then dried fish). Then you eat pork jelly and bread, and for dessert gingerbread. You don't put up a free chair at the table, but you visit the lonely ones. The Swedes do not sing carols, but dance around the Christmas tree.



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# Russia

In Russia, the night of 31st December to 1st January is celebrated more solemnly than Christmas. This is the time of presents that Grandfather Frost and his granddaughter Snowflake bring to Russia.

Christmas is celebrated after New Year's Day, January 7. It is a very joyful holiday, many people go to the Orthodox Church, everyone wishes to have a good time.

It begins with a festive, family dinner, or Christmas Eve. A dish made of grains, honey and groats with almond or poppy seed milk is prepared. Nuts or poppy seeds are added to the groats. This is the beginning of Christmas Eve.

According to the number of apostles, the Russian Christmas table should contain 12 dishes, including blinis, fish and meat in jelly and honey gingerbread.

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# Mexico

In Mexico, a piñata (a clay pot with sweets inside) is hung on 15th December. Children gather under it. One of them smashes the piñata with a stick, which starts the race to collect sweets.

The main course on Christmas Eve is smoked cod with paprika and olive oil and small croutons. Baked turkey, fruit and sweets are also served.

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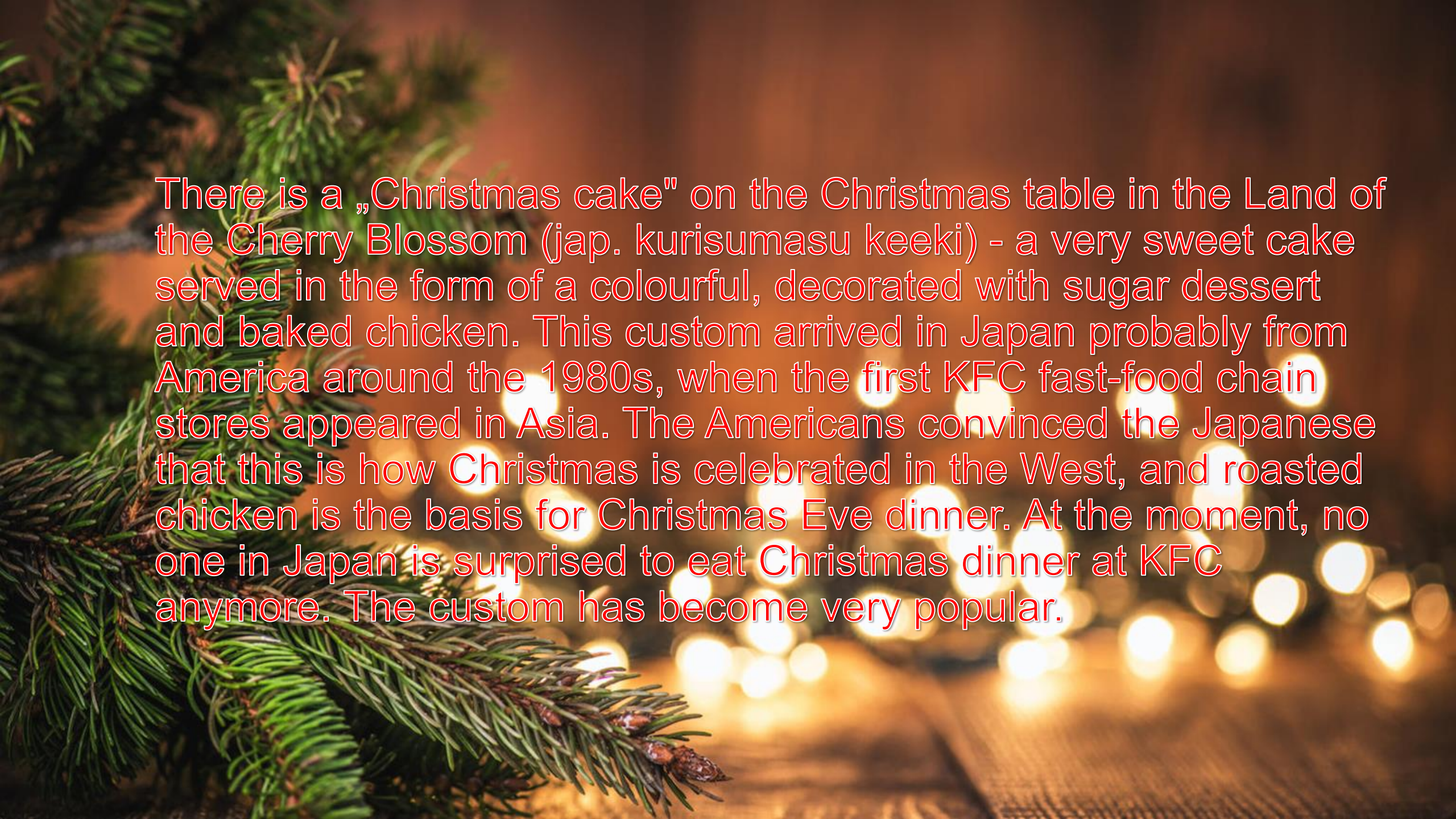


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# Japan

Kurisumasu (Japanese Christmas Eve) is celebrated before Christmas. This day is the second day of love after Valentine's Day in Japan. Apart from shopping and preparing for Christmas, it is the perfect time to propose, invite a girl on a date or romantic evening.

Christmas Eve dinner in Japan is the time families spend together enjoying the Christmas atmosphere. But also in this aspect, Japanese holidays are different from our tradition.



There is a „Christmas cake" on the Christmas table in the Land of the Cherry Blossom (jap. kurisumasu keeki) - a very sweet cake served in the form of a colourful, decorated with sugar dessert and baked chicken. This custom arrived in Japan probably from America around the 1980s, when the first KFC fast-food chain stores appeared in Asia. The Americans convinced the Japanese that this is how Christmas is celebrated in the West, and roasted chicken is the basis for Christmas Eve dinner. At the moment, no one in Japan is surprised to eat Christmas dinner at KFC anymore. The custom has become very popular.

Christmas dinner in Japan is different from the Christmas atmosphere in the US. Families spend Christmas days differently from the Christmas in the US.



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# Brazil

In Brazil, Christmas falls at tropical summer time. It is the most important religious holiday celebrated in the family.

Christmas Eve table is served with turkey, baked pig and panettone (Italian cake). Also popular are rabanada (French cake) and ham. All sweets are prepared on the basis of condensed milk and eggs, to which nuts and dried fruit are added.

In the past, presépio (a Christmas crib) was used in most houses to replace the Christmas tree. Today, celebrities buy tropical trees and the snow deficiency is compensated for by the snow in the spray, which is sprayed on decorative trees. Santa Claus is called the Papa Noel. While it never snows in Brazil, Papa Noel is no different from what children in Europe and North America believe in.

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Time for a quiz!





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Thank you for your  
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