



## Did you know?

### Christmas Traditions & New Year Celebrations Around the World

The Christmas season is celebrated in different ways around the world, varying by country, region, and culture with unique customs and traditions. Elements common to many areas of the world include the lighting of Christmas trees, the hanging of wreaths, Christmas stockings, candy canes, and the creation of Nativity scenes depicting the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas carols may be sung and stories told about such figures as the Baby Jesus, St Nicholas, Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Christkindl or Grandfather Frost.

To find out about Christmas traditions & New Year celebrations around the world, click on the following links:

- <http://www.whychristmas.com/>
- <http://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/>
- <http://www.whychristmas.com/customs/>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas\\_worldwide](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_worldwide)
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_Year's\\_Eve](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year's_Eve)
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_Year](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year)

### Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner is one of the most anticipated events of the holiday and is traditionally eaten on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day with family and friends. Most Christmas customs in the United States have been adopted from those in the United Kingdom: roast turkey (or other poultry), beef, ham, or pork; stuffing (or 'dressing'), squash, roasted root vegetables, brussels sprouts, and mashed potatoes are common.. Desserts include pumpkin pie, plum pudding or Christmas pudding, trifle, marzipan, pfeffernusse, sugar cookies, fruitcake, apple pie, Gooseberry Pie, carrot cake, bûche de Noël, and mince pies. In the South, coconut cake, pecan pie, and sweet potato pie are also common.

Christmas dinner around the world may differ. For more information click on the following link:

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas\\_dinner](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_dinner)

