

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



















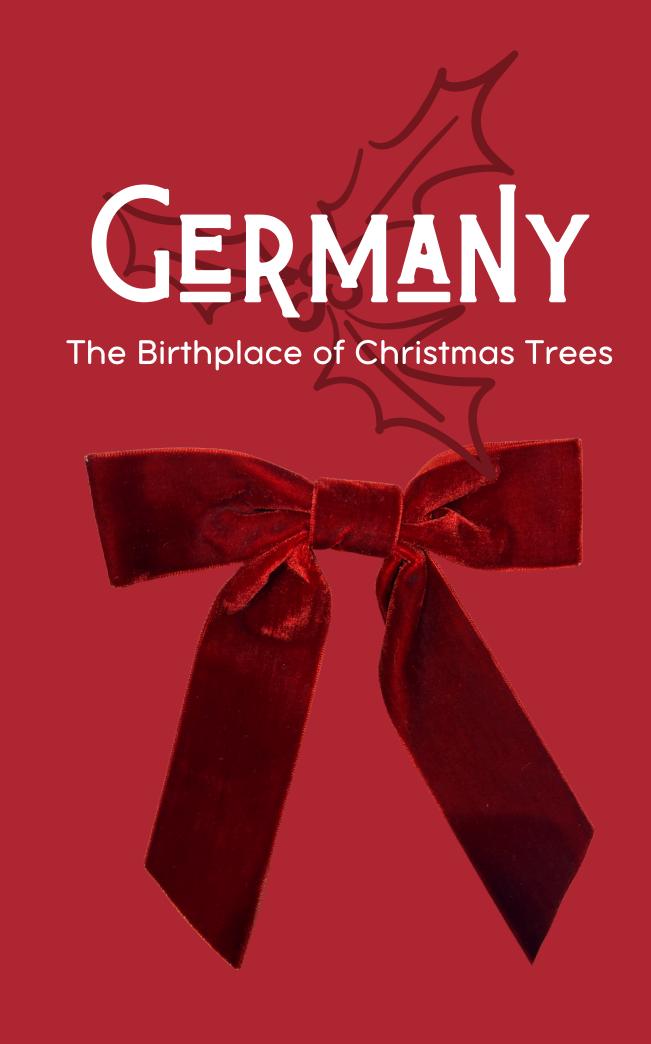
- Christmas trees first used in the 16th century.
- Advent calendars and wreaths with candles.

FUN FACT!

Germany's Christmas markets are full of fun things to see, like twinkling lights, handmade toys, and yummy treats.

POPULAR FOOD

Pretzels, gingerbread cookies, and roasted nuts





Christmas in Mexico is full of fun and colors!

Let's explore the unique traditions that make this holiday so special in Mexico.



TRADITIONS

Christmas traditions in Mexico include the Las Posadas processions from December 16–24, which reenact Mary and Joseph's search for shelter, and the main celebration on Nochebuena (Christmas Eve) with a large family feast and midnight mass. The Christmas season also features piñatas, elaborate nacimiento nativity scenes, and continues through Día de Reyes (Three Kings' Day) on January 6.

POPULAR FOOD

Tasty tamales, sweet rosca de Reyes (a ring-shaped cake), and warm fruit punch (ponche)

FUN FACT

Fireworks light up the sky on Christmas Eve!



PHILIPPINES The Longest Christmas Celebration

In the Philippines, Christmas fun starts in September and doesn't end until January!







TRADITIONS

- People go to early morning church services called Simbang Gabi for nine days before Christmas.
- Homes and streets shine with colorful star-shaped lanterns called parols.

POPULAR FOOD

Yummy roast pork, sweet rice cake, and warm creamy hot chocolate.

FUN FACT

The Philippines has the longest Christmas season in the world!



Christmas in Australia is a warm and sunny affair.



TRADITIONS

- Outdoor celebrations like beach picnics and backyard barbecues.
- Carols by Candlelight People gather outdoors to sing carols by candlelight.

POPULAR FOOD

Pavlova, fresh seafood, and tropical fruits.

FUN FACT

Santa sometimes swaps his sleigh for a surfboard!





JAPAN

A Bright and Unique Christmas

Christmas in Japan is different from many other countries. It's all about love, joy, and sparkling lights.





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TRADITIONS

- People love visiting places with amazing light displays that make the cities shine!
- Friends and families enjoy sweet strawberry cakes together.

FUN FACT

Fried chicken is a popular Christmas meal in Japan–it's a special tradition that started years ago.

POPULAR FOOD

Strawberry shortcake and crispy fried chicken





KEY TRADITIONS

- On December 13, people celebrate St. Lucia's Day with candlelit processions and songs to bring light into the darkest days of winter.
- The Julbock (Yule Goat) is a fun holiday symbol that stands for giving and joy.

FUN FACT

In Gävle, a huge straw Yule Goat is built every year, but it's so famous that some people try to sneakily set it on fire!

POPULAR FOOD

