

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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WORLD-WIDE, IT'S CHRISTMASTIME!

In England

From the north of England comes the happy custom of the kissing bough. A large hoop, twined with greens, is decorated with apples and candles. And in the center there's mistletoe—signal for exchanging kisses.

In Austria

Custom of writing letters to Santa Claus may have begun in Austria, where, long ago, it was an Advent tradition for children to write letters containing lists of what they'd like to receive on St. Nicholas' Day.

In Italy

From Italy comes a most poetic addition to Christmas lore. For three weeks during the Christmas season, children traditionally go from place to place reciting Christmas poems. They expect coins in return, to buy holiday goodies.

In Sweden

An ancient custom that is still observed in some Swedish households today is that of "dipping bread into the pot." Each person dips a piece of bread into pork and sausage drippings and eats it for good luck.

In Holland

For St. Nicholas season, it's traditional in Holland to make flat cakes called *Klassjes*. Once exclusively made in the form of the bishop, St. Nicholas, *Klassjes* now take any form of bird, beast or fish.

In France

At Salers in central France, old-time tradition calls for a king and queen to rule over Christmas festivities. Rulers pay for the privilege, since they are "elected" by bidding at an auction held on the church steps.

In Venezuela

Hallaca, a native Venezuelan dish, is an awaited delicacy during the Christmas season. It is made of corn meal with pork and chicken stuffing and numerous other ingredients, and then wrapped in plantain leaves to form a type of pie.

In Argentina

It's a mid-summer Christmas in Argentina, and the traditional feast is generally served outdoors. Rosebuds and jasmine deck the table, which has as edible centerpiece a whole roast suckling pig.

In Brazil

Brazilian lore and legend says that Three King's Day is a time for poetry contests. Verses accompanied by guitars are featured.

In Chile

Unique among Christmas customs in Chile is a grand fiesta that centers around horse racing.

In Colombia

People parade in masquerade on Christmas Eve in Colombia. Each masquerader tries to guess the identity of others. When someone guesses correctly, he can claim a small gift from the person who was "unmasked."

In Peru

Toro! In Lima, Peru, Christmas day is not exclusively a church holiday, because it also marks the greatest bullfight of the year.

In Costa Rica

In the island country of Costa Rica, "portals" are set up in homes. These are elaborate Nativity scenes sometimes filling an entire room.

In Guatemala

An ancient custom in Guatemala is to "light the road to Bethlehem" by placing lanterns in windows and doorways for nine nights before Christmas.



JOY to the WORLD

At this most joyful of holiday seasons, we greet you with sincere good wishes and warm appreciation. Merry Christmas!

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What Are the Facts About Christmas?

Everybody thinks that space travel is something very new, but an elderly gentleman in a rather unique "space-suit" set the pace years ago. His name: Santa Claus.

Now is the season when he's taking off again, for it's Christmas.

How much do you know about Christmas and Santa Claus? Here are some questions, developed with the help of the editors of the Encyclopedia International. Too, His book, "A Christmas to test your knowledge. The answers are at the bottom."

1. The first known Christmas card was designed in 1843 by an Englishman named:

(A) Charles Dickens
(B) Sir Henry Cole
(C) John Calcott Horsley

2. The first Christian Nativity feast, celebrating the birth of Christ, occurred in the fourth century on:

(A) January 6
(B) July 4
(C) December 25

3. Christmas did not become a legal holiday in the U.S. until:

(A) The Puritans arrived in New England
(B) 1856
(C) Santa's Helpers Union went on strike.

In Panama

Children in Panama participate in midnight mass on Christmas Eve by caroling to an accompaniment of castanets and tamborines.

1. The original name of the gentleman we know today as Santa Claus was:

(A) Kris Kringle
(B) Clement C. Moore
(C) St. Nicholas

2. (A) is correct. Artist Horsley designed the first known Christmas greeting card for his friend, Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman. Charles Dickens had helped the editors of the Encyclopedia International. Too, His book, "A Christmas to test your knowledge. The answers are at the bottom."

3. (B) is correct. New England states outlawed the celebration of Christmas until the middle of the 19th century.

4. (C) is correct. Kris Kringle is the German name for Santa, while Clement C. Moore contributed to the image of Santa Claus with his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," in 1823. St. Nicholas was a real person, a fourth century bishop, and the first Santa Claus.

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In Germany

A procession which blends pagan and Christmas customs is part of the holiday in Ruppert, Germany. A rider on a white horse, symbolizing the horse of the pagan god Wotan, leads the parade. He is followed by Father Christmas, who is decked with ribbons and carries candy and fruit.

In Switzerland

A Swiss custom that dates back to the Middle Ages is to start the New Year free of debts. December 8th, the feast of St. Nicholas of Myra, the first Santa Claus, is the day set to meet all monetary obligations such as rents and mortgages.

GREEN GIFTING

For all the family's "green thumbs" Christmas time can provide an opportunity for garden accessory giving. Many smaller items like hand spades, rakes, watering pots make fine gifts. Check garden suppliers for off-season savings.

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Extra transistor radio batteries could find their way to the toe of the stocking and make a music-lover happy.



May this holiday season bring you happiness and laughter... the glow of candles and the scent of pine... the sounds of children and the joy of family.

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