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Top Christmas songs

As one song goes, “It’s the most wonderful time of the year”. For a few weeks each year, the world takes on a magic glow, people seem merrier and winter feels cozy. Whether you’re celebrating a religious festival like Hanukkah or Christmas, or a more secular occasion, you’re sure to have your own selection of rituals or customs that make the holiday season special.

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Weird and wonderful Christmas traditions from around the world! (Click for video link)

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Norway Christmas traditions | Rick Steves (Click here)

Norway

One of the most unorthodox Christmas Eve traditions can be found in Norway, where people hide their brooms. It's a tradition that dates back centuries to when people believed that witches and evil spirits came out on Christmas Eve looking for brooms to ride on. To this day, many people still hide their brooms in the safest place in the house to stop them from being stolen.



A scary Christmas poem (Watch video)

Krampus, Austria

In Austria, the punishment for naughty children isn't as simple as getting a piece of coal in their stockings. In Austria, rewards nice little boys and girls while The Krampus, St. Nick's evil accomplice, a beast-like demon creature roams the city streets, frightening kids, and punishing the bad ones. He is said to capture the naughty children and wish them away in his sack. In the first week of December (especially on Saint Nicholas Day), young men dress up as The Krampus, frightening children with clattering chains and bells.



KFC Christmas commercial (Click here)

Kentucky Fried Christmas Dinner, Japan

Aside from a few small, secular traditions such as gift-giving and light displays, Christmas remains largely a novelty in the country. However, a new, quirky “tradition” has emerged in recent years – a Christmas Day feast of the Colonel Sanders’ very own Kentucky Fried Chicken. The festive menu will be advertised on the KFC Japan website and, even if you don’t understand Japanese, the pictures will look delicious with everything from a Christmas-themed standard bucket to a premium roast-bird feast.

Christmas traditional foods around the world (Click for video link)



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ITALY

Italian families celebrate Christmas Eve with the Feast of the Seven Fishes and eat lentils during the holiday season to ensure luck and wealth for the following year. The children in Italy receive gifts from La Befana during Christmas.

IRELAND

It’s traditional for Irish families to leave out mince pies and pint of Guinness as a snack for Santa.

SPAIN

The Spanish dish, turrón, a confection made from honey, egg white, sugar, and toasted almonds, is served during Christmas. Recipes date back to the 16th century.

Christmas Greetings Around the World

1. French:
Joyeux
Noël
2. German:
Frohe
Weinachten
3. Spanish:
Feliz
Navidad
4. Italian:
Buon
Natale
5. Portuguese:
Feliz
Natal
6. Dutch:
Vrolijk
kerstfeest
7. Romanian:
Crăciun
fericit
8. Polish:
Wesołych
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