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*Top Christmas songs*

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

It's the most wonderful time of the year. For a couple of weeks every year the world takes on a magic glow, people seem merrier and even winter somehow feels cosy.

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 so special. Our favorite Christmas traditions around the world are loud, proud, and guarantee oodles of festive fun.



*Norway Christmas traditions \ Rick Steves (Click here)*

## Norway

Perhaps 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

A beast-like demon creature that roams city streets frightening kids and punishing the bad ones – nope, this isn't Halloween, but St. Nicholas' evil accomplice, Krampus. In Austrian tradition, St. Nicholas rewards nice little boys and girls, while Krampus is said to capture the naughtiest children and whisk them away in his sack. In the first week of December, young men dress up as the Krampus (especially on the eve of St. Nicholas Day) frightening children with clattering chains and bells.



*KFC Christmas commercial (Click here)*

## Kentucky Fried Christmas Dinner, Japan

Christmas has never been a big deal in 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's very own Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The festive menu will soon be advertized on the KFC Japan website and, even if you don't understand Japanese, the pictures sure 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)*



*[Click here for listing of Countries and Foods from around the World](#)*

### 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.

I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday. Enjoy your traditions and foods. Most of all enjoy your family and friends. The holidays bring us together no matter how you celebrate or say happy holidays or Merry Christmas.

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:  
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