

Christmas Time

Songs like *Jingle Bells* and *We Wish You A Merry Christmas* always make you feel good. It's because Christmas is a wonderful time of year. The Christmas traditions around the world are important. These traditions help to make it such a great time of year.

5 Religious and non-religious traditions

Some traditions are religious. They are part of the Christian story of the birth of Jesus. Other traditions are not religious. These are traditions like having a Christmas tree, sending Christmas cards, hanging stockings, and singing Christmas carols.

Christmas tree

Decorating a Christmas tree has always been a tradition in Germany. In the 1800's the tradition moved to other countries such as America and England. The world's tallest Christmas tree (46m) is in Dortmund, Germany.

Celebrating Christmas

Christmas is not only on December 25th. The night before Christmas is also special. This night is called Christmas Eve. In many countries in Europe, people go to church, eat a big dinner and give each other presents on the 24th. In other countries, like England, America and Canada, families eat a big dinner and give presents on the 25th. In England, the day after Christmas is called Boxing Day. This day is also a holiday.



A Christmas tree and stockings by the fire.



A big Christmas dinner

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