

Christmas Around the World



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India



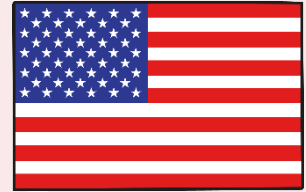
- In India, people like to decorate their houses and streets with colourful, folded paper stars.

Ireland



- In Ireland, people like to light candles in the windows of their homes to act as a guide for Joseph and Mary to travel to their resting place.

New Mexico, USA



- In the southwest U.S.A, people display 'luminarias' or 'farolitos' to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- These are small, paper lanterns with a candle inside.

Brazil



- Each Christmas, thousands of people go to see the world's tallest floating Christmas tree in a lagoon in Rio de Janeiro.
- It is 85 metres tall and contains 3.1 million bulbs.

Australia



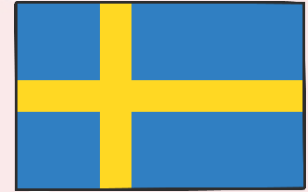
- As well as Christmas trees and other decorations, Australians decorate their houses with 'Christmas Bush'.
- This is an Australian plant with white flowers that turn a deep, shiny red at Christmas time.

Guatemala



- Most Guatemalans plan and build a Nativity scene with their family.
- The Nativity scene is called a 'Nacimiento'.

Sweden



- In Sweden, one of the biggest celebrations around Christmas time is St. Lucia Day, which is on December 13th.
- A girl is dressed up in a white dress with a red sash around her waist and a crown of candles on her head.
- A popular food eaten for breakfast on St. Lucia Day is a saffron bun called 'Lussekatt', which means 'Lucia cat'.

Mexico



- Just before Christmas, during the 'Festival of Radishes', Mexican farmers carve radishes to make Nativity scenes.



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