

CHRISTMAS IN SPAIN

Christmas is celebrated from 24 December to 6 January in Spain . These are days of happiness, joy and family harmony . It is a time that mixes religious traditions with pagan traditions.

On the 24th people usually have dinner together on Christmas Eve and on the 25th they meet again on Christmas Day .

On the 31st we have a big dinner again for the end of the year and on the 1st we meet again to start the new year.

The “Roscón de Reyes” is the typical sweet for breakfast or lunch on January 6, the feast of the Three Kings.

Another typical sweet is the “prestiño”. They are made of flour, orange, different spices, which are fried and go through syrup.

Spend the holidays in the country with family and friends ,eating turkey, singing carols ,eating nougat and chocolate are Spanish traditions

The holidays on New Year’s Eve are celebrated on the last day of the year at 12, you eat a grape with each bell stroke.

It is also said that on New Year’s Eve it is good luck to wear something red.

One of the best dishes is beef wellington, made with slices of ham, pate and puff pastry

On these days, not only do the school holidays begin, but the Christmas Lottery draw takes place. This raffle, held since 1763, marks the start of the festivities and fills those who dream of winning millions of euros with enthusiasm. We invite you to buy a ticket and start the countdown. Maybe you will become the next millionaire in Spain!

Christmas carols are played all the time and are accompanied by zambombas and almirecess.The Christmas party is fundamentally distinguished by being a family party.

CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND

Festivals in England focus mainly on the 25th of December until the 1st of January. One of the traditions is to pick up the Christmas decorations before the 5th of that month or you will have bad luck.

A traditional UK Christmas menu consists of stuffed roast turkey, accompanied by pigs in blankets (a kind of sausage), sauce (sauce made from natural turkey juices while baking), cranberry sauce, baked potatoes (baked potatoes with butter), Brussels sprouts and other vegetables

Although the important day is December 25, Christmas officially begins on November 15. Since that day, the streets, with Christmas decorations, are filled with people buying gifts and singing carols.

There is a special tradition that was invented by a baker in 1846. It is the Christmas Crackers. Tomas Smith went to Paris and saw that the chocolates were wrapped when in England they were served in bandages. The baker was decorating his chocolates. That idea would lead to the current cracker. A paper with a cardboard strip that has gunpowder. After dinner they go out and pull each end and whoever has the longest part wins the prize inside, usually chocolates or candies.