

# HOW WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN SPAIN

Christmas in Spain is celebrated from the 24<sup>th</sup> December to the 7<sup>th</sup> January. At home we always arrange a Christmas Tree that has got a lot of ornaments and we arrange a Nativity Scene about Jesus' birth. The streets have got Christmas lights and Christmas Trees and at churches there are Nativity scenes. For Christmas Eve families have dinner together. We usually eat lamb, ham, prawns and nougat. When we finish dinner, Father Christmas brings presents for the children and later people play cards. On Christmas Day people get up later and the first thing children do is to play with their new presents. At midday, families get together for lunch. The next day people don't do anything special until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December that is the last day of the year. People celebrate it eating a grape for one of the twelve seconds of the New Year like a symbol of good luck. On the 5<sup>th</sup> January, the Three Kings arrive, they come from Orient and they bring presents for the children. Finally, on the 6<sup>th</sup> January we eat a big round cake with some figures inside, one of the kings and a bean.

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