



Christmas in Spain



Here, you will learn about our:



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* TRADITIONS *

1. Christmas Lottery

We celebrate the Christmas lottery on the 22nd of December. There are different prizes. It is a very popular day and many people watch the programme on TV. Also, we have the "Child's lottery" on the 6th of January.





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2. Nativity Scene

People in Spain put the Nativity Scene at home as a religious symbol. It represents the birth of Jesus, when the Wise Men give him presents.

Nativity Scene at
Carla's home



Nativity Scene at
Gaspar's home





In supermarkets, you can also find the 12 grapes ready to eat, with no seed and peeled.



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3. The 12 grapes

The last night of the year, at 12 o'clock, just when the new year begins, Spanish people eat 12 grapes to welcome the New Year.



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4. The 3 Wise Men



The night from the 5th to the 6th of January, the 3 Wise Men come from Oriente and give presents to all the people. Their names are Melchor, Gaspar and Baltasar and they travel on camels. The evening of the 5th of January, we have "cabalgatas".

This is a big parade with floats where the 3 Wise Men go and throw sweets to people. Apart from the 3 Wise Men, schools and groups of each town prepare their own float and take part in the parade.

This year we didn't have this tradition because of Coronavirus :(



Some pictures of the 3 Wise Men parade



TYPICAL FOOD



1.Prawns

2.Crab legs



There is not an exact translation of this in English. We can say it's "cold meat". Here, we have "salchichón", "chorizo", "lomo" and ham



Oysters "a la vinagreta":
Oysters filled with little pieces of tomato, onion, green and red pepper.

TYPICAL FOOD



*Roscón
de Reyes*

THE KING



"HABA" OR
BLACK BEAN

This is called "Roscón de Reyes" and people eat it on the 6th of January. It's a big bagel-shaped cake filled with cream (usually chocolate or milk skin) and with candied fruit on it.

Legend: There are two little figures inside the cake: a king and a black bean called "haba". The person who eats the slice with the king is the "king of the day", but the person who eats the slice with the "haba" has to pay the cake of the following year.



DECORATIONS

If you remember, we are from different
villages. So, here, you can see
decorations from some of our towns and
villages





Gonzalo, Natalia & Carla's village



Mar's town



Finally, two of our students show you their houses so you can see their decorations.



Hope you enjoy them!



Cheers

TO THE NEW YEAR

