





CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

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Many Brazilian Christmas traditions come from Portugal.Christmas plays called 'Os Pastores' (The Shepherds). Most people, especially Catholics, will go to a Midnight Mass service or Missa do Galo (Mass of the Roster). After the Missa do Gallo there are often big firework displays and in big towns and cities there are big Christmas Tree shaped displays of electric lights.

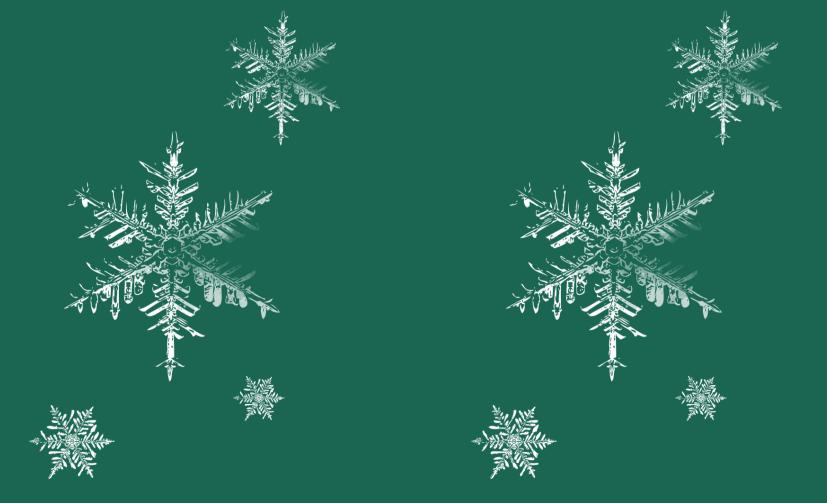


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In Brazil, Santa Claus is called Papai Noel & Bom Velhinho (Good Old Man). Many Christmas customs are similar to ones in the USA or UK. Sometimes children leave a sock near a window. If Papai Noel finds your sock, he'll exchange it for a present!







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CHRISTMAS SONG

The most popular Christmas song

in Brazil is Silent Nigt-'Noite Feliz'

CHRISTMAS FOOD

Favourite Christmas foods in Brazil include pork, turkey, ham, salads and fresh and dried fruits. Everything is served with rice cooked with raisins and a good spoon of "farofa" (seasoned manioc flour.) Popular Christmas desserts include tropical and ice cream.











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