



Miss Phoebe's

HOLIDAY
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EUROPE

ICELAND – 13 YULE LADS LEAVE GIFTS (OR POTATOES)
FINLAND – VISITING THE SAUNA ON CHRISTMAS EVE
NORWAY – HIDING BROOMS SO WITCHES WON'T STEAL THEM
SWEDEN – THE GÄVLE GOAT (GIANT STRAW GOAT)
DENMARK – RISALAMANDE DESSERT WITH HIDDEN ALMOND
GERMANY – KRAMPUS PARADES
AUSTRIA – PERCHTENLAUF (WINTER SPIRITS PROCESSION)
NETHERLANDS – SINTERKLAAS ARRIVES BY BOAT
BELGIUM – CHILDREN LEAVE BEER FOR ST. NICHOLAS' HORSE
FRANCE – RÉVEILLON FEAST AFTER MIDNIGHT MASS
ITALY – FEAST OF THE SEVEN FISHES
ITALY – LA BEFANA BRINGS GIFTS ON JAN 6
SPAIN – GIANT THREE KINGS PARADES (CABALGATA)
PORTUGAL – CHILDREN GO "JANEIRAS" CAROLING
IRELAND – LIGHTING A CANDLE FOR TRAVELERS
SCOTLAND – FIRST-FOOTING AT NEW YEAR
WALES – MARI LWYD (DECORATED HORSE SKULL PROCESSION... SPOOKY AND FESTIVE)
POLAND – SHARING THE OPLATEK WAFER
UKRAINE – SPIDERWEB DECORATIONS FOR LUCK
CZECH REPUBLIC – SHOE TOSSING TO PREDICT MARRIAGE
SLOVAKIA – CUSTARD-FLINGING FORTUNE TELLING
HUNGARY – BETHLEHEM PLAY PERFORMANCES
GREECE – EVIL GOBLINS (KALLIKANTZAROI) ROAM UNTIL EPIPHANY
RUSSIA – FATHER FROST & SNOW MAIDEN

AFRICA

ETHIOPIA – GANNA CELEBRATION ON JAN 7
GHANA – PARADES WITH DANCERS IN HANDMADE MASKS
SOUTH AFRICA – CHRISTMAS BRAAI (BARBECUE)
NIGERIA – MASQUERADE DANCERS (MMANWU)
EGYPT – NATIVITY FASTING BEFORE CHRISTMAS
MOROCCO – LANTERN FESTIVALS





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ASIA

PHILIPPINES – GIANT LANTERN FESTIVAL & SIMBANG GABI MASSES
JAPAN – CHRISTMAS EVE DATE NIGHT & KFC DINNER TRADITION
SOUTH KOREA – CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING BETWEEN FRIENDS
CHINA – GIVING LUCKY APPLES ON CHRISTMAS EVE
INDIA – MANGO & BANANA LEAF DECORATIONS
SRI LANKA – LIGHTING OIL LAMPS
LEBANON – WHEAT SEED SPROUTING
ARMENIA – LIGHT FASTING BEFORE CHRISTMAS
GEORGIA – ALILO SINGING PROCESSION

OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA – BEACH BARBECUES
NEW ZEALAND – PŌHUTUKAWA "CHRISTMAS TREE" BLOSSOMS
SAMOA – FIRE KNIFE DANCING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

MEXICO – LAS POSADAS PROCESSIONS
MEXICO – PIÑATAS AT POSADA PARTIES
PUERTO RICO – PARRANDAS (MUSICAL AMBUSH CAROLING)
CUBA – NOCHEBUENA FEAST
GUATEMALA – BURNING THE DEVIL (DEC 7)
BRAZIL – FIREWORKS AT MIDNIGHT
ARGENTINA – TOASTING AT MIDNIGHT WITH COLD CIDER
VENEZUELA – ROLLER-SKATING TO MORNING MASS
COLOMBIA – DAY OF THE LITTLE CANDLES
CHILE – MONKEY'S TAIL HOLIDAY DRINK
COSTA RICA – FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

NORTH AMERICA

U.S. – TREE LIGHTING CEREMONIES
CANADA – MUMMERING (NEWFOUNDLAND)
ALASKA INUIT – NALUKATAQ (BLANKET TOSS CELEBRATIONS)
MEXICO/US BORDER – PASTORELAS (SHEPHERD PLAYS)
PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH – BELSNICKEL VISITS

MIDDLE EAST

BETHLEHEM – MIDNIGHT PROCESSION TO THE NATIVITY GROTTO
TURKEY – ST. NICHOLAS DAY FESTIVALS

