

**Christmas around the world modals of deduction**

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| Country number 1- Some people eat turkey at Xmas  |
| Some other people eat goat  |
| Xmas isn't a public holiday   |
| This is because only half of the country is Christian   |
| Some people decorate their homes and churches with Xmas trees   |
| Palm fronds are also a popular decoration   |
| Country number 1 is Nigeria   |
| <b>Country Number 2-</b> The real Saint Nicholas (Santa Claus) was born and lived in this country. (It can't be _____, because it hadn't been discovered yet) |
| In this country, people in Santa Claus outfits can often be seen selling lottery tickets etc. until the 31 December.  |
| This is because it is not a Christian country and people often confuse Xmas and New Year.   |
| The bird that Americans and British eat at Xmas was named after this country, even though the bird comes from somewhere else.                                 |
| Country number 2 is Turkey  |
| <b>Country number 3:</b> Xmas presents are traditionally brought by a witch called Befana (It can't be _____, because Santa brings presents there).           |
| Saint Nicholas (Santa Claus) is buried in this country.   |
| There are some famous fairs where you can buy traditional Xmas decorations such as wooden figures for nativity scenes.  |
| The most famous market for this is in a city whose name comes from Greek and means "New City"   |
| The name in Greek for that city was Neo Polis   |
| Country number three is Italy   |
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| <p><b>Country number 4-</b> Even though only 1% of people in this country are Christian, nowadays most families give Xmas presents and have some kind of Xmas decorations in their houses.</p>                |
| <p>There is no traditional Xmas dinner in this country. Instead, Xmas is considered the most romantic time of the year for couples to go out for dinner.</p>  |
| <p>In this country, shopping centres often take down their Xmas decorations on Xmas Day, so they can put the traditional New Year decorations up in their place.</p>  |
| <p>The New Year decorations are made of pine and bamboo.</p>  |
| <p>Only Christians do anything religious on this day in this country. For people of other religions, New Year's Day is much more important.</p>   |
| <p>Unique to this country, Xmas cakes are usually made with fresh fruit and fresh cream.</p>  |
| <p>The first recorded Xmas celebration in this country was in 1552, but it did not become popular amongst most people until the 20<sup>th</sup> century.</p>  |
| <p>Xmas Day is not a holiday in this country, so most people work. The 23<sup>rd</sup> December is a public holiday, as it is the Emperor's birthday, and most people also take time off around New Year.</p> |
| <p>Country number 4 is Japan</p>  |
| <p><b>Country 5-</b> Xmas presents aren't received until after Xmas Day in this country.</p>  |
| <p>The day for presents is the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, when the 3 Wise Men bearing presents.</p>   |
| <p>Nearer Xmas, children can receive sweets etc. by breaking a paper filled container above their heads with a stick</p>  |
| <p>This is called a piñata</p>  |
| <p>Some of the Xmas traditions in this country come from Spain</p>  |
| <p>Country five is Mexico</p>   |
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| <b>Country 6-</b> In this country, the President turns on the lights of a huge Xmas tree in the capital city. (It can't be _____, because they don't have a President) |
| Santa Claus was first given his red clothes in this country.   |
| In this country, the Xmas pudding is eaten with hot brandy sauce   |
| In this country, some people decorate their Xmas trees with popcorn.   |
| Turkeys were first discovered in this country  |
| Country 6 is the USA   |
| <b>Country 7-</b> In this country, roast turkey is eaten with cranberry sauce (a kind of jam).   |
| Although few people go to church on Xmas day in this country, the singing of religious songs etc. is still very popular around Xmas.                                   |
| Xmas cake in this country is a heavy fruit cake covered with marzipan and thick white icing, similar to a wedding cake.  |
| It is considered bad luck to leave your Xmas decorations up after 6 <sup>th</sup> January in this country  |
| In this country, Xmas decorations are often made from holly.   |
| In this country, they traditionally say "Father Xmas" rather than Santa  |
| Country 7 is Britain   |
| <b>Country 8-</b> Santa Claus is known as "Santy" in this country  |
| Potatoes are eaten with the Xmas dinner  |
| In fact, there might be more than one potato dish served   |
| Country 8 is Ireland   |
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| <b>Country 9-</b> The song Silent Night was first sung in this country. (It could be _____, because there is a versions of that song in French too) |
| Baked carp is the traditional Xmas dinner in this country   |
| The baby Jesus brings the Xmas presents in this country   |
| Country 9 is Austria  |
| <b>Country 10-</b> In this country there are two versions of Santa- Pere Noel and St. Nicholas  |
| The local version of Santa comes and brings presents on Dec 6 <sup>th</sup> .   |
| Pere Noel is the French name  |
| The people who speak Dutch don't use the French name  |
| Country 10 is Belgium   |