

Navidad en México

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Decoraciones

In Mexico, Christmas decorations revolve around Jesus's birth. The most important decoration is the nativity scene. It is normally very large and placed in the most important part of the house. The path of luminaries is a long line of candles placed in paper bags. They are supposed to light up a path for Jesus so he can bring them presents. Other common decorations are the christmas piñata, poinsettias, and homemade ornaments.



Decoración Fotos



Tradiciones

The nine day celebratory time before christmas is called las posadas. It represents Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. On the first eight days of las posadas, a boy and girl in costumes walk from house to house with a group of their friends holding candles behind them. The boy and girl hold statues of Mary and Joseph, while everyone sings songs about rest for tired travelers. During Christmas people go to church and spend time with their families.



Tradición Foto



Ceremonias y Eventos

Christmas ceremonies differ depending where you are in Mexico. In Queretaro there is a massive parade two days before christmas. In some small towns people also celebrate Three Kings Day on the sixth of January. There is a big ceremony in Mexico City where a giant flag is raised in the morning and lowered in the afternoon of the holiday season.



Ceremonia y Evento Foto



Comida

On Christmas day, people will eat chili, turkey, and romeritos. Sometimes during the christmas season, a ring shaped pastry is baked and halved. Two people each take a half and the person who finds a baby figurine in their pastry will throw a tamale party on the second day of February. The tamales are cooked by the whole family and take almost a whole day to make.



Comida Fotos

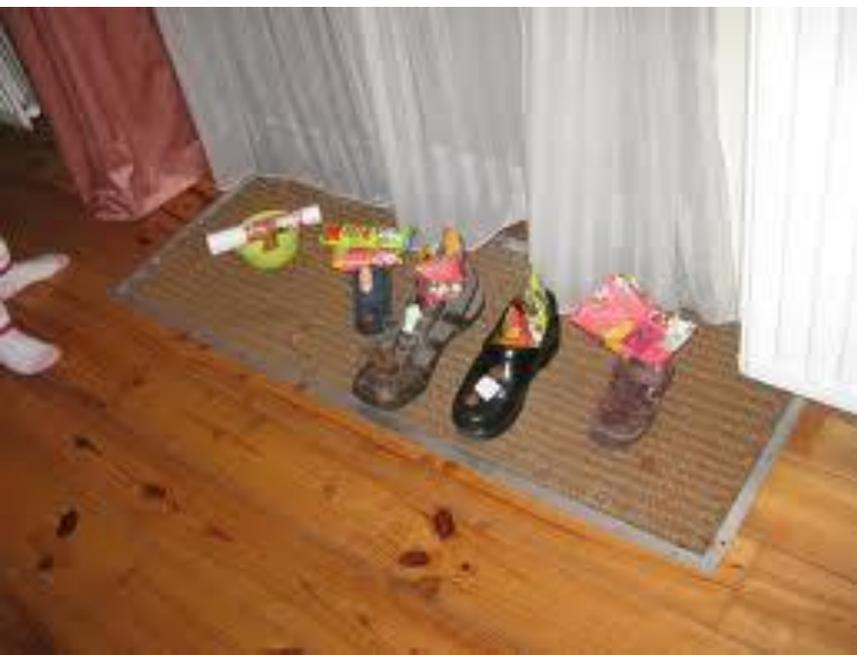


Regalos

In Mexico presents are given to children on Christmas, but the main gift giving happens in January. The children each write a letter to their favorite wise man telling them what they want for Christmas, then the next day the children tie their letter to a balloon and let it go into the sky. On January 5th children put their shoes under their bed, and leave hay, water, milk, and cookies for the wise men and their animals. On January 6th the children wake up to find their presents, and are very excited.



Regalos Fotos



Definiciones de Navidad

- **Las Posadas-** a ritual re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's search for a lodging in Bethlehem, performed just before Christmas.
- **Pascua/Poinsettia-**A traditional flower that is native in Mexico and Central America, various colors (pink, white, and red), differently shaped leaves.
- **Tres Santos Reyes/Three Wise Men-**The three men who brought gifts to Jesus when he was born.
- **Estrella de Belén/Bethlehem Star**–The star that was followed by the Wise Men to find Jesus.



¿Cual es la Diferencia?

In the U.S, though for many it is a religion based holiday, Christmas is much more about receiving gifts from Santa, putting up a tree, and “being in the Christmas Spirit”.

In Mexico, Christmas is based much more on the Christian belief of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Provide the similarities as well!



Fuentes

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Eso es Todo!
Tengo un Feliz Navidad!

