



CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA

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HISTORY

- The first Christmas celebrations in Australia have their roots to late 1788 and were introduced by convicts of the First Fleet, who arrived in Sydney Harbour early the same year.
- Christmas Day takes place on December 25, which is in the middle of the country's summer vacation. The festivities don't stop until the end of the month, as Australians value their loved ones and will find any excuse to celebrate with them.
- Australia is a highly diverse country, comprising more than 100 merging religions. Christianity is the most prominent one, currently observed by 51% of its citizens.
- ● It was British and Irish immigrants who played a large role in the development of churches, as well as schools and orphanages in the early 19th century.
- Since the 1970s, there has been a steady increase of religions not associated with Christianity, and many Australians nowadays do not consider themselves to be religious at all.
- When it comes to Christmas traditions, it's common to find those who don't identify as Christians still joining in the hype and celebration.



POPULAR AUSTRALIAN CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

1. Sing along with carols by candlelight.

- A popular tradition in Australia is Carols by Candlelight, which occurs annually on Christmas Eve. This joyful event brings together people of all ages to unite outside, preferably in a park. They sing along to carols performed by singers and/or an orchestra, all while holding candles hence candlelight.
- Donations from funds gathered from tickets, donations, and candle sales go to Vision Australia, an organization dedicated to people with blindness and low vision.

2. Enjoy Christmas parties and celebrations.

- In the weeks leading up to Christmas (and even the days following Christmas Day), it's typical for many parties and celebrations to take place.
- It's very normal for Australians to complain of gaining weight during Christmas time because of the immense increase in food intake and alcohol! Australian people will also take this opportunity to exchange gifts and Christmas cards.





MORE TRADITIONS

01

PLAY A GAME OF CRICKET.

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PARTY AT BONDI BEACH.

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DECORATE YOUR HOUSE

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CELEBRATE BOXING DAY



- Pavlova
- Christmas Ham
- Christmas Pudding
- Fruit mince pie
- Trifle
- Potato bake
- Barbecue
- roast Turkey

CHRISTMAS FOOD IN AUSTRALIA







CHRISTMAS EVENTS



1. Brisbane

Brisbane's King George Square is home to a massive Christmas tree that you can check out in the lead-up to Christmas. City Hall is also lit up with animated projections telling fun Australian Christmas tales.

2. Melbourne

In Melbourne, the Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve (24 December) is a charity music event that is televised across the country. Carols by Candlelight takes place at Sidney Myer Music Bowl and all proceeds go towards Vision Australia's charity work. This year, you can attend the event live by booking tickets or catch the event free-to-air on Channel 9.

The famous Federation Square becomes Christmas Square for the festive season, complete with a 16-metre Christmas tree, Santa's workshop, free music performances, and awesome restaurants and bars.





OTHER CHRISTMAS EVENTS



3. Sydney

Santa's Fun Fair runs from mid-December 2021 until early January 2022. Here, you can celebrate Christmas cheer with food, rides and 'snow' play.

The Christmas Lights Spectacular at Hunter Valley Gardens (just north of Sydney) features the Southern Hemisphere's largest light display, as well as fair rides including a Ferris wheel and swing chair. The event runs until 26 January, so there's plenty of time to check it out.

4. Darwin

The city of Darwin has its own calendar of events happening throughout December. Admire the Christmas tree at Smith Street Mall, visit Santa's Village or Fun in the Parks, and sing along with Carols by the Sea at the Nightcliff Foreshore. These activities are sure to make for a very merry Christmas!







Thanks for watching !!!





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