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India



In India, people like to decorate their houses and streets with colourful, folded paper stars.



Ireland



In Ireland, people like to light candles in the windows of their homes to act as a guide for Joseph and Mary to travel to their resting place.



New Mexico, USA



In the southwest U.S.A, people display 'luminarias' or 'farolitos' to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

These are small, paper lanterns with a candle inside.

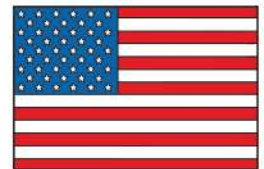


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Brazil



Each Christmas, thousands of people go to see the world's tallest floating Christmas tree in a lagoon in Rio de Janeiro.

It is 85 metres tall and contains 3.1 million bulbs.



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Australia



As well as Christmas trees and other decorations, Australians decorate their houses with 'Christmas Bush'.

This is an Australian plant with white flowers that turn a deep, shiny red at Christmas time.



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Guatemala



Most Guatemalans plan and build a Nativity scene with their family.

The Nativity scene is called a 'Nacimiento'.



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Sweden



In Sweden, one of the biggest celebrations around Christmas time is St. Lucia's day, which is on December 13th.

A girl is dressed up in a white dress with a red sash around her waist and a crown of candles on her head.

A popular food eaten for breakfast on St. Lucia's day is a saffron bun called 'Lussekatte', which means 'Lucia cat'.



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Mexico



Just before Christmas, during the 'Festival of Radishes', Mexican farmers carve radishes to make Nativity scenes.



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