

Traditions of La Navidad...

Argentina:

The Christmas Eve Meal is typically held around 10-11pm outside on the barbeque due to beautiful summer weather in December. At midnight, fireworks are lit to welcome Christmas Day!



Colombia: Leading up to Christmas, Colombians celebrate "Las Novenas," December 16-24th, with nine nights of gatherings and parties. They celebrate with family, friends and neighbors.

Puerto Rico: Puerto Ricans are known for their unforgettable "parrandas." A parranda is when a small group of friends gather together to "asaltar" or surprise another friend. It's the Puerto Rican version of Christmas caroling. Most "parranderos" play some sort of instrument and all sing carols together as they visit friends along the way.



Nicaragua:

Christmas in Nicaragua begins officially on the 6th of December. On December 7th, Nicaraguans celebrate "La Purisima" (meaning "the most pure") or the Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary. Thousands in the country, especially the young, sing hymns as loudly as they can and go from house to house,

honoring the Virgin Mary.

España: Epiphany is celebrated on the 6th of January. In Spanish, Epiphany is called 'Fiesta de Los tres Reyes Magos': in English this means 'The festival of the three Magi Kings'. On Epiphany Eve (January 5th) they leave shoes on windowsills or balconies or under the Christmas Tree to be filled with presents.

