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## Culture Resource Page: La Navidad~ Christmas

Nochebuena	Christmas Eve	Papá Noel	Santa Claus
Navidad	Christmas Day	Mamá Noel / Mamá Claus / Señora Claus	Mrs. Claus
Feliz Navidad	Merry Christmas	calcetín / bota navideña	stocking
árbol de Navidad	Christmas tree	galletas	cookies
regalos	gifts	leche	milk
reno	reindeer	muñeco de nieve	snowman
trineo	sleigh	luces	lights
adorno/decoración	ornament/decoration	cascabeles	jingle bells



### Notas Culturales~ Culture Notes

Traditions of *la Navidad*/Christmas time may vary in different countries. The Spanish word for Christmas Eve is *la Nochebuena*. This is one of the most important nights in Spanish-speaking countries as families gather for dinner and celebrate together. Christmas day (*Navidad*) is often a quieter day for family and rest. Smaller gifts may be exchanged these days, but the larger gift-giving is on *Día de los Reyes Magos* on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Typical foods eaten during these holiday celebrations are:

Mexico: *tamales*, *pozole*, and *ponche* (a warm fruit punch)

Spain: roast lamb or seafood, *turrón* (almond nougat)

Puerto Rico: roast pork and *coquito* (coconut eggnog)

Fun fact~ the poinsettia flower, known as the *Flor de Nochebuena*, originated in Mexico.

A popular song at Christmas time is "Feliz Navidad" by José Feliciano.