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**Culture Resource Page: La Navidad~ Christmas**

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| **La Nochebuena** | Christmas Eve | **Papá Noel** | Santa Claus |
| **La Navidad** | Christmas Day | **Mamá Noel / Mamá Claus /Señora Claus** | Mrs. Claus |
| **Feliz Navidad** | Merry Christmas | **el calcetín/**  **la bota navideña** | the stocking |
| **el árbol de Navidad** | Christmas tree | **las galletas** | the cookies |
| **los regalos** | the gifts | **la leche** | the milk |
| **el reno** | the reindeer | **el muñeco de nieve** | the snowman |
| **el trineo** | the sleigh | **las luces** | the lights |
| **el adorno/**  **la decoración** | the ornament/  the decoration | **los cascabeles** | the jingle bells |
| **el gorro navideño** | the holiday hat | **el muérdago** | the mistletoe |

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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 6th.

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.

