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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.