



La Navidad Around the Spanish-Speaking World



Mexico

In Mexico, many families celebrate Las Posadas, a nine-day tradition with songs, candles, and piñatas.



Spain

In Spain, Christmas continues until January 6, when The Three Kings arrive and leave gifts for children.



Puerto Rico

In Puerto Rico, people sing parrandas, visiting friends' houses with music and traditional food.



Colombia

In Colombia, Christmas begins with Day of the Little Candles on December 7, when streets fill with candles and lanterns.



Argentina

In Argentina, it is summer during Christmas, so many families celebrate with outdoor meals and backyard gatherings.



Chile

In Chile, children wait for Viejito Pascuero, who brings gifts on the night of December 24.



Peru

In Peru, many families attend Midnight Mass (Misa de Gallo) and then enjoy panettone and hot chocolate afterward.



Venezuela

In Venezuela, many people roller skate to church on Christmas Eve morning; in Caracas, streets are even closed for this tradition.



Guatemala

In Guatemala, families burn toritos (traditional fireworks) and decorate with lanterns and large nativity scenes.



Costa Rica

In Costa Rica, families celebrate with tamales, parades, and beautiful nativity scenes at home.





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Answer the following questions about la Navidad en los países hispanohablantes.

- 1 Mexico**
Q: What is the name of the nine-day Christmas celebration in Mexico with songs, candles, and piñatas?

- 2 Spain**
Q: In Spain, who brings gifts to children on January 6?

- 3 Puerto Rico**
Q: What is the name of the tradition where people visit homes singing with lively music during Christmas?

- 4 Colombia**
Q: What holiday on December 7 begins the Christmas season with candles and lanterns?

- 5 Argentina**
Q: Why do people in Argentina often celebrate Christmas with outdoor meals?

- 6 Chile**
Q: What is the name of the gift-giver in Chile, similar to Santa Claus?

- 7 Peru**
Q: Many families attend “Misa de Gallo” in Peru. What time of day does it usually happen?

- 8 Venezuela**
Q: What unique activity do many people in Venezuela do on Christmas Eve morning to get to church?

- 9 Guatemala**
Q: What traditional items involving fireworks do families often burn during Christmas celebrations?

- 10 Costa Rica**
Q: What traditional food do many Costa Rican families make and share during Christmas?



Christmas Around the Spanish-Speaking World



(clave para el maestro)

Mexico

Q: What is the name of the nine-day Christmas celebration in Mexico with songs, candles, and piñatas?

▶ Answer: Las Posadas

Spain

Q: In Spain, who brings gifts to children on January 6?

▶ Answer: The Three Kings / Los Reyes Magos

Puerto Rico

Q: What is the name of the tradition where people visit homes singing with lively music?

▶ Answer: Parrandas

Colombia

Q: What holiday on December 7 begins the Christmas season with candles and lanterns?

▶ Answer: Día de las Velitas / Day of the Little Candles

Argentina

Q: Why do people in Argentina often celebrate Christmas with outdoor meals?

▶ Answer: Because it is summer in December

Chile

Q: What is the name of the gift-giver in Chile, similar to Santa Claus?

▶ Answer: Viejito Pascuero

Peru

Q: Many families attend "Misa de Gallo" in Peru. What time of day does it happen?

▶ Answer: Midnight

Venezuela

Q: What unique activity do many people in Venezuela do on Christmas Eve morning to get to church?

▶ Answer: Roller skate

Guatemala

Q: What traditional items involving fireworks do families often burn during Christmas celebrations?

▶ Answer: Toritos

Costa Rica

Q: What traditional food do many Costa Rican families make and share during Christmas?

▶ Answer: Tamales

