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CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN

I guess most Japanese like Christmas even though they don't know the history of it. Actually I don't even know about the history, but I celebrate it with my family or friends every year.

In Japan, the Christmas mood starts after Halloween. Lights appear on the streets and people really like them. There are a lot of Christmas events, food festivals, parties etc. Japanese people really enjoy this and they're very excited about it.

The funniest thing is that people tend to date someone before Christmas because they want to spend the holiday with a boyfriend or girlfriend. They think that if they don't have boyfriends or girlfriends on Christmas, they look like "poor people". However, they mostly break up after the holiday.

We have many of our own ways to enjoy Christmas in Japan. Christmas is one of the most important events for Japanese. How will you spend your Christmas?

by Ami Takahashi



WHAT COLOR ARE YOU FOR THE NEW YEAR?



The Happy New Year party at Copacabana Beach is one of the biggest parties in Brazil, with more than two million people on the beach, along with concerts and beautiful fireworks.


Preparing for the party, you need to choose what color of clothing you will wear. In the Brazilian tradition, that means you're deciding what you want for your life in the next year. For example, if you wear white, you are looking for peace and harmony. Yellow is associated with wealth. Green is the color of hope, while red is passion. Blue represents serenity and tranquility. The color black is little used, though, because it is believed that black means bad things, so you are not going to see people using this color.

Happy New Year / Feliz Ano Novo!



by Bruno Rocha

DECEMBER VACATION IN BRAZIL



In Brazil, December is when most people take vacation. Generally, these people save money, rent apartments and make a lot of plans during the year to get the best place to enjoy their vacation. Even though some people don't make a plan beforehand, if an opportunity appears to take a vacation this month, they will take it. This preference for December happens for a few reasons.

First of all, if you have a family with kids, you'll probably prefer to take a vacation this month because the beginning of December is when most of the schools start their vacations. So you can enjoy the vacation with your kids.

Second, some of the most important holidays in Brazil happen on December - Christmas and New Year. Some companies stop working a couple of days before Christmas and return after the New Year.

Finally, I think the most important reason people choose December to take vacations is because it's summer in Brazil. A lot of people like to enjoy the sun by going to beaches, houses with pools, or waterfalls with their friends.

Although some people prefer traveling to other countries, if you want to go to Brazil in December, you should make a plan to ensure a good place on the beach!

by Pedro Moraes

EVENTS IN LOS ANGELES FOR DECEMBER 2019



Dec. 1 CAFAM Holiday Marketplace. Craft & Folk Art Museum, 5814 Wilshire Blvd.

Dec. 2 - 17 The Contenders. Hammer Museum screens the year's most influential movies.
Get a chance to chat with the director and actors. Hammer Museum, Westwood. \$20.

Dec. 6 - 8 Echo Park Craft Fair.

Dec. 6 - 25 Grand Park's Winter Glow. Everyday after sunset, Grand Park will light up with
artworks from local artists and organizations. Grand Park. FREE

Dec. 9 Manhattan Beach holiday fireworks. Manhattan Beach. FREE

Dec. 14 Santa Monica Pub Crawl. Get drunk in the name of charity. Santa Monica, \$10

Dec. 14 - 15 Rolling Loud Music Festival, USC.

Every Sunday until Dec. 22: Melrose Trading Post. Open air market with antiques and vintage
goods. Melrose/Fairfax

Dec. 25 Hollywood Christmas parade.

Dec. 25 Venice Canals Christmas Lights.

Dec. 25 Marina Del Rey Boat Parade.

ONGOING:

December: The Secret Show At The Blind Barber. Invite only comedy show hidden behind a
barber shop.,with comedians such as Dave Chapelle, Maria Bamford and more. FREE,
invite-only, but you can email barbersecretshow@gmail.com to get on the list for Culver City
and barbershowhp@gmail.com for Highland Park.

Until Jan. 5: Enchanted Forest of light. Beautiful illuminations and sound effects. Descanso
Gardens, La Cañada. \$30.

Until Jan. 5: Dogs! A science tail : experience what it is like to be a dog. California Science
Center - USC/expo park

Until Jan. 12: Moonlight Forest. The Arcadia botanical garden will light up with beautiful
decorations. LA County Arboretum, Arcadia. \$28

Until Jan. 20: Ice skating at Santa Monica, Santa Monica. \$15

Until Jan. 20: Ice Skating at Pershing Square, Pershing Square, Downtown LA (\$9 for 1 hour)

by Gabriel Cabanal



THE BEST PLACES TO GO SKIING IN DECEMBER IN CALIFORNIA

Do you like Skiing? Not everybody knows that you can do it, even here in California! Here are some of the good and bad of the places you should check out if you feel like hitting the slopes this month.

1) MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN:

Getting there- It's less than half an hour from Mammoth-Yosemite airport, or a 5-6 hour drive from San Francisco, Los Angeles or Las Vegas.

Pros:

- Huge terrain for all ability levels.
- One of the longest seasons in the US.
- Efficient Lift System.

Cons:

- Crowded on holiday and weekends, with heavy snow.
- Expensive.
- Out of the way.

2) KIRKWOOD:

Getting there- 1.5/2 hours from Reno, Nevada 3/4 hours from the San Francisco Bay Area.

Pros:

- Exciting in-bound terrain.
- One of the highest annual snowfall averages in North America.

- Uncrowded.
- Fresh snow lasts for days.

3) HEAVENLY MOUNTAIN RESORT:

Getting there:- 1 hour drive from Reno, Nevada; 3/4 hours from San Francisco Bay Area.

Pros:

- Fifth largest Ski resort in North America.
- Great Variety of Terrain.
- Best views of Lake Tahoe, with views of the high desert on the Nevada side.

Cons:

- Can get crowded, with long lift lines.
- Not as much snow as resorts like Kirkwood and aqua valley.

Check these skiing places out when you get a chance!

by Badar Ali Rajab

