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Christmas Isn't The Same Everywhere



A classic decorated Pine Christmas tree with gifts under it.

What is X-Mas?

Its X-Mas time. Time to get nice gifts. Time to gather around with your family, but what is the story of X-Mas. What is the Meaning behind it, and why is it different in Panama than in other places. Christmas, now popularly called X-Mas is a ceremony made every year in December 25th to celebrate the birth of Christ.

People in some parts of the world don't even know what Christmas is. They even took out Christ from the word of Christmas, but even after all was forgotten, it won't stop Panamanians who still believe in a real Christmas from celebrating it every year.

What is Christmas

Christmas is a religious celebration where people celebrate the birth of Christ, which is supposedly in December 25th at midnight. He was actually born around 2-7 BC at an unknown date, which is thought to be sometime around October.



Church San Francisco de ls Caleta in Coco del Mar, Panama. Christmas is celebrated in this church

How do Panamanians do things differently

What Panamanians Do

In Panama most Catholics gather with their families, and go to go to Church to pray and to welcome Christ to the Earth. Then they gather to invite Jesus to a breakfast as a symbol of respect, and love. Then the Catholics go to church once again to ask for forgiveness, and sing to god.

What Panama Shares

Panamanians have the tradition like in many other countries, to get a pine tree, and put gifts under it. Then at midnight of December 24th they go under the tree, and open all the gifts under it. It is a symbol of welcoming Christ back to the world.

When is Christmas Celebrated

Even though Christmas is on December 25th at midnight, in Panama we start preparing for it , around mid November. In December 24th in the afternoon some people go to a revival ceremony to revive Jesus, and invite him to Christmas, this event usually happens at a Church.

What do Panamanians eat on Christmas



Art of The Revival ceremony being performed in a church



Lights turned on in the Christmas tree of the Cinta



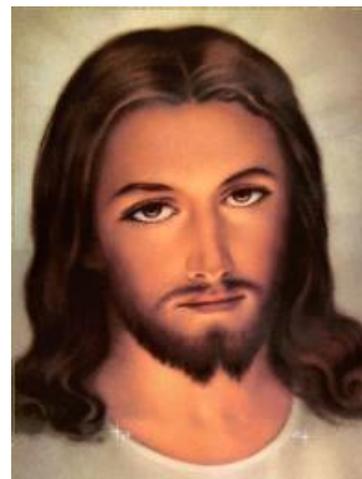
Pan Rosca
It is a traditional bread eaten only in Christmas, and some other special occasions



Ron Ponche
A Panamanian eggnog drink. It is drank mainly on Christmas



Turkey
Classic Christmas dish eaten all over the world



Jesus of Nazareth. His birth is the reason of the celebration of Christmas

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