

Germany

Christmas is celebrated on Christmas Eve. Christmas Eve is a jam-packed day of celebrations for Germans. Traditionally, many households will spend the day decorating the tree, preparing food for the family and sprucing up the home. As soon as the night draws in, households will gather around the tree.



Any special traditions

In Germany, people use an Adventskranz, or advent wreath, with four candles on it to celebrate the four advents or the four Sundays before Christmas. On each of the four Sundays preceding Christmas Eve, a candle is lit. After lightening the first candle, the Christmas season officially begins.

How do they celebrate Christmas

While 25th December is still a national holiday in Germany, it's celebrated differently to how we do in England. Traditionally, the family will gather around a heartwarming meal, attend church, children will play with their new toys and the white candle of the Advent wreath (the one in the middle) will be lit.

Crossword



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 E s e i n t r P l ö t l i z e

1. der Lebkuchen	7. der Kamin
2. Dreikönigsfest	8. der Esel
3. der Schächer	9. Weihnachtstag
4. die Plätzchen	10. die Rentiere
5. Eifen	11. Mistel
6. die Krippe	12. die Sterne

What Christmas food do they eat?

They eat carp, salmon or hake often taking centre stage at the table, accompanied by fried potatoes or potato fritters and Sauerkraut.

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Bali

Bali is an island in Indonesia (Asia) which is known for its rice fields, warm weather and picturesque views. It is located in the Lesser Sunda Islands in the southwest of Indonesia.

Climate:

Bali has two distinctive seasons; the wet season and the dry season. The climate in Bali is tropical due to it being near the equator, in the Southern Hemisphere.

Foods:

Some of the native foods of Bali are Babi Guling (roast pork), Jimbaran Seafood (grilled prawns, crab, fish and squid) and Batun Bedil (a sticky rice cake served with a brown sugar sauce and coconut milk).

Transport:

One of the most popular ways of transportation are buses. Minibuses are one of the cheapest ways to get around. Traveling long distance between islands can be done by boat where many people travel together.

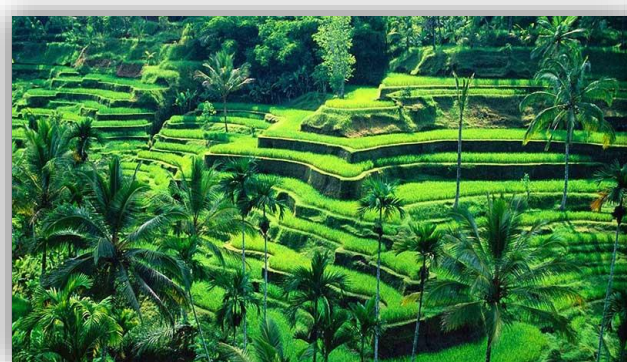
Animal of the Week:

The Bali Myna, also known as the Bali Starling, is one of the birds that natively live in Bali. The bird has a pure white coat with black feathers at the tips of its tail and wings, and blue skin around the eyes. These birds are extremely rare and beautiful.

Big Question:

Where is Bali located?

What is Batun Bedil?



Rice Fields



Batun Bedil



Bali Myna

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Sweden

Sweden is a Scandinavian country in the north east of Europe. It has a massive area but a population of only 10,612,086. The reason I say 'only' is because England has half the area but more than 6 times the population of it.

Famous foods in Sweden.

Some famous foods in Sweden are pickled herring, Räksmörgås, Prinsesstårter and Crispy bread. They are all signature foods of Sweden and are also the most commonly eaten. Lingonberries are a certain national dish along with gravlax and meatballs. This is why IKEA sells meatballs as IKEA is Swedish.

Famous landmarks in Sweden.

The Royal Palace, Stockholm. One of Europe's most magnificent castles, Stockholm Palace is the official residence of the Swedish monarch. Söftekörka, Gothenburg is another famous site in Gothenburg (Sweden).

Famous people in Sweden.

Zlatan Ibrahimović is a famous footballer in Sweden as well as Greta Thunberg an environmental activist known for challenging world leaders to take immediate action for climate change mitigation. Some people who have died from Sweden is Alfred Bernhard Nobel who was a chemist engineer, inventor, businessman, and philanthropist.



Animals in Sweden.

The wolverine, also referred to as the glutton, carcajou, or quickhatch, is the largest land-dwelling species of the family Mustelidae. It is a muscular carnivore and a solitary animal. Another animal is The red deer is one of the largest deer species. A male red deer is called a stag or hart, and a female is called a hind. The red deer inhabits most of Europe, the Caucasus Mountains region, Anatolia, Iran, and parts of western Asia.

Another animal native is the Arctic fox, also known as the white fox, polar fox, or snow fox, is a small fox that belongs to the family of Canidae, native to the Arctic/tundra.