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Christmas Edition





THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS AND ITS SYMBOLS

Tis is the season to be..Merry? Happy? Enjoy? Well, to be informed about the biggest holiday of the year- Christmas.

With the list of holidays kick started, Christmas is something we all wait for.

Christmas is the most [widely celebrated holiday](#) after New Year.

Christmas is the season of joy and forgiveness, however, it is also full of unique and beautiful traditions we all follow without really understanding. Even the regular church goer go clueless about these symbols. Hence, we're here to take you back and let you know about every aspect/symbols related to Christmas as well as its significance.





CHRISTMAS TREE

Christmas Tree might be the most important icons of the holiday but its history dates long back and is equally entangled. The Ancient Romans and Greeks decorated their homes with plants and trees that stayed green throughout the year. It marked as the decoration for their homes like we decorate ours with pines, fir trees and more. When Christianity spread across Europe, the significance of evergreen trees also went with the religion to the different places. It was in 1848 when Queen Victoria of England inspired her husband, Prince Albert from Germany to decorate a Christmas tree. Hence, the prince got a 40-foot tree with candles, bells, angels and other miniature pieces and got a family photo clicked back then. The popularity of that photo all over the world encouraged others to take the tradition of setting up a Christmas tree in their homes on the occasion of

Christmas. Connecting Christmas and Christmas tree with each other, it is believed that when Christ was born it was dead winters and it was a miracle to see that the evergreen trees produced new shoots. Hence, it is said to be the symbolic icon of the sacred day.





SANTA CLAUS

Did you, as kids, wait for Santa to come through your chimney and keeps presents under the Christmas Tree? My kids too wait for him and little do they know that I am their Secret Santa. Santa Claus is another prominent figure that people relate to when Christmas is talked about. Little do people or even kids know about the man who rides his reindeer and gives gifts to all the little ones.

The legend goes back to the 4th century when St. Nicholas, a Bishop who went down in the history for distributing gifts to the young ones. He is remembered for giving all his wealth to those who needed it most. That's not it! You can even find traces of Santa Claus from the pagan roots where a man named Sinter Klaas. It is believed that Sinter Klaas short for Sint Nikolaas to be an elf who carried a bag full of goodies and distributed them among the children. The idea and images of Santa Claus kept on changing from time to time.

It is said that it was Clement Clarke Moore and Thomas Nast who played an important role in bringing up the imaginary person to life in our lives. The former described the life of St. Nicholas whereas; the latter added to the specifications like the North Pole, big beard, elves and a lot more that we find in the present Santa.

What are you getting from Santa this year? Have you naughty or nice? Based on your choices, you get to choose your kind of men's underwear and Mensuas will be your Santa.



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CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

If legends are to be believed, there was an old man who lost his wife and was in extreme pain. He lost all that he had after her death and became so poor that he had nothing left to offer his daughters as dowry for their marriage. Even though the 3 daughters were extremely beautiful nobody married them because they had nothing to offer in terms of money. It was very difficult for the family to make their ends meet.

It was then, when St. Nicholas was taking a walk in the town and heard the villagers talking about the man and his daughter's state. St. Nicholas wanted to help him out by providing what he needed but he knew that the man wouldn't accept his help. Hence, he one night slid through his chimney and threw 3 bags of gold which accidentally landed in the stockings the girls had hanged next to the fireplace for drying. When the girls saw the gold in the morning, they danced with joy and their father was at peace because each one of them could now be married in a well-to-do family.

This tale might be far-fetched and too unbelievable, but this is the closest one when you think about Christmas stockings.

Do you believe it?



CHRISTMAS CANDY CANE

Christmas Candy Cane being the sweetest element of the holiday apart from plum cakes and other delicacies, it has its own history. According to the legends, back in the 1670s, there was a choirmaster who was looking for a way that the kids would stay quiet during the Christmas service.

So, he went up to the bakery and asked the baker to make sweet candies for the little ones. However, he made sure that the children would keep in mind Christmas as well. Hence, he asked him to give the candies a 'J' shape. The shape resembled the shape of the crook of the shepherds watching over their sheep when angel Gabriel gave them the good news.

If you relate to the candies for the occasion, you'd also see the 'J' as Jesus and the red color as the blood he shed for us on the cross whereas; the white is a significance of his purity. Initially, the candies were plain, it was later that they got the color to it. In addition, now you can find them in a variety of flavors out of which peppermint is the most popular one among others.

Which is your favorite flavor?





CHRISTMAS WREATH

You must have decorated your front doors every Christmas with beautiful Christmas Wreaths but did you know that it is a sign of welcoming? The wreaths has both cultural as well as modern meaning for us all. Used for centuries by the pagans, this decorative piece remarked the shortest day of the year (which is now known as Christmas). According to them, this was the time of death and rebirth as well as it signified that spring would surely come.



In the Persian Empire, wreaths were believed to be a symbol of importance and success, and were worn as headbands. Not only this, even the Greeks wore them as a symbol for their Olympics. Well, this is what the ancient times talk about. However, if you look at the modern set up, you'd find that people believe the circular shape to be the eternal birth. Not only the shape, the elements that are available in the wreaths have their own meaning. For example, the cedar is for strength the Holly leaves are for immortality and much more.

So, if don't forget to put up a wreath on the door to welcome joy, happiness and prosperity in your house.

5 BEST PLACES THAT SERVE AS AMAZING HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS

It is rightly said that “Life is a continuous journey” and this notion is best lived by travelers who love to visit new places. These are the people whose life can be best described in three words “Traveling”, “baggage” and “hotels”. They are the people who love to go on long vacation tours, explore new places, interact with unknown people and much more. It is their strong urge that keeps them in high spirits on long road trips with family, friends and other known people. Who would not love to enjoy foreign delicacies, new culture, traditions and people, beautiful landscape, and much more? However, all this can be possible only if you have a knack for traveling.

If you are one of those traveling enthusiasts, we bring to you some of the world's five best places that are a delight for everyone. There are numerous traveler guide, shows, and personal travel diaries that can explain you about some of the exotic locations of the world, this is a similar effort from us. We are offering you a quick trip around the world to help you know the best tourist places, cuisines, and other such helpful information. Take a quick look below to understand some of the exceptional places that needs to be visited by everyone. In addition, this guide would be able to suggest some [men's underwear](#) styles for the same.



PARIS

This French capital is best known as the “fashion capital of the world”. The place is best remembered for its high end fashion streets, well known designer labels, and other fashion accessories. The place is truly a delight for shopaholics as it offers branded clothes, shoes, accessories, perfumes/colognes, handbags, purse, and other cosmetic items. There are numerous well known fashion houses that are showcasing their arts through the help of various fashion events and exhibitions. Located on the Seine River, the city is home to some of the brilliant museum like The Louvre, Musee d’Orsay, Musee National d’Art Moderne, Notre Dame Cathedral, Eiffel Tower, Grand Palais, and a number of such places. You have to be a fashion icon if this is the place you choose. Wear the trendiest clothing articles with [men’s thong underwear](#) that is colorful, high-spirited and fashionable.

Some of the well-known french cuisines that are a real treat for your taste buds are Basil Salmon Terrine, Bisque, Foie gras, Croque monsieur, Steak Frites, Patisserie, Mille-feuille, Macaron, Eclair, Creme brulee, Cafe liegeois complimented with French cheese and wines. Apart from this, there are other regional delicacies to serve your appetite like Andouillete, Creme Chantilly, Crepe and Cider, Mont d’Or chaud, Escargots, Coq au vin, and other such dishes.



LONDON

This capital city is a beautiful ensemble of old world charm with modern art and sophistication. Places like the London's Eye, the Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Greenwich Royal Observatory and others are a living example of how this city has changed over the time. It is also a brilliant place for shoppers and offers a wide range of items for shopping. This is one of the oldest and beautiful city which shows a great legacy behind it. This most populous city of England and United Kingdom is built on the river Thames. London is known as the world cultural capital and is one of the most visited city by tourists all over the world. With so many places to visit, why not try [flag underwear](#) for this destination? In addition, you can also opt for sexy, defining [boxer briefs](#) for a classy appeal.

The city is renowned for its expertise in the field of arts, commerce, education, entertainment, fashion, tourism, finance, research and development, transportation, and healthcare. It is one of the most diverse places with different people and their cultures, all assimilating into this city. More than 300 languages are spoken in the region which itself speaks well about this great city. Some of the notable places of this city are Palace of Westminster, Kew Gardens, Piccadilly Circus, Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral, Trafalgar Square, and a lot more. The place is also known for some of the classical museums like National Gallery, Tate Modern, British Library, Natural History Museum, National Portrait Gallery, Somerset House, and other such places.

For those food fanatics, there are multiple dishes to try for. You can have the taste for Sunday roast, Shepherd's Pie, Yorkshire Pudding, Arbroath Smokie, Cornish pasties, Welsh cakes, Ulster Fry, and other such delicacies.

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DUBAI

A single glance at this place will keep you thinking that how a splendid planning, architecture, and technology has given birth to this amazing city. Dubai has emerged as the global city and business hub of the Middle East region. It is really a gem in the land of oasis, deserts and dates. This wonderful city is home to some of the most fascinating places like Palm Jumeira Islands, Burj Khalifa- world's tallest building, huge shopping malls that consists of some of the most prestigious brands, and a host of other things. It is a great destination to shop, have fun, drink and enjoy some of the best cuisines all at a single place. The place is also known for its world's best hotels, camel safari, belly dancing, and other such royal treats.

The large volume of tourist inflows in Dubai is driven by its shopping facilities along with the presence of ancient and modern attractions. It is one of the most populous emirates among the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates. Dubai is also known as the “shopping capital of the Middle East”. The city consists of more than 70 shopping centres along with the world's largest shopping centre, Dubai Mall. With a destination like Dubai, staying conventional with [men's brief underwear](#) is must-try. In fact, you can even go sexy with [g-strings](#) if the idea is to surprise your partner.

The city is also known for its Emirati cuisines which contains a wide range of dishes to satisfy your taste buds. Food lovers can gorge on dishes like Al Jabab bread, Camel meat, Haneeth, Maqluba, Shuwaa, Khabees, Iffah, Kabsa, Mandi, Balaleat, and other such dishes.



RIO DE JANEIRO

This Brazilian capital is well known for its natural beauty, love for football, and its parade which is a major tourist attraction. Apart from this, it also has the statue of Christ- The Redeemer, which is one of the seven wonders of the world. The place is known its unique traditions, costumes, rich tribal diversity, and natural landscape. You could also find amazing beach destinations, exotic sea food and amazing hospitality that makes this city so special. If you want to shake a leg, you can also try out some amazing steps with the local Salsa, Samba and Rumba dancers.

The carnival of Rio de Janeiro is an event of great emotions, creativity, colors, fantasy, sounds, and joy. The festivities of Carnival include the Banda de Ipanema, which is a street parade for transvestite costuming that draws its throngs of revelers to the streets of Ipanema. This is the place to show what you've got with the [costume](#) [underwear](#) styles. This would make you feel like a part of the costume parade. Apart from the carnival, the New Year's Eve celebrations in Rio de Janeiro involves the entire population consisting of local inhabitants and visitors.

On this day, people thank each other and wishes are made to the goddess of the sea, Lemanja.

Coming to the Brazilian dishes, it has the influence of European, African, and Amerindian cultures. You can try out the Feijoada, which is known as the national dish of Brazil. Along with it, there are other dishes like Caruru, Vatapa, Polenta, Moqueca Capixaba, Cheese buns, Risolis, Pato na tucupi, and Linguica.



ISTANBUL

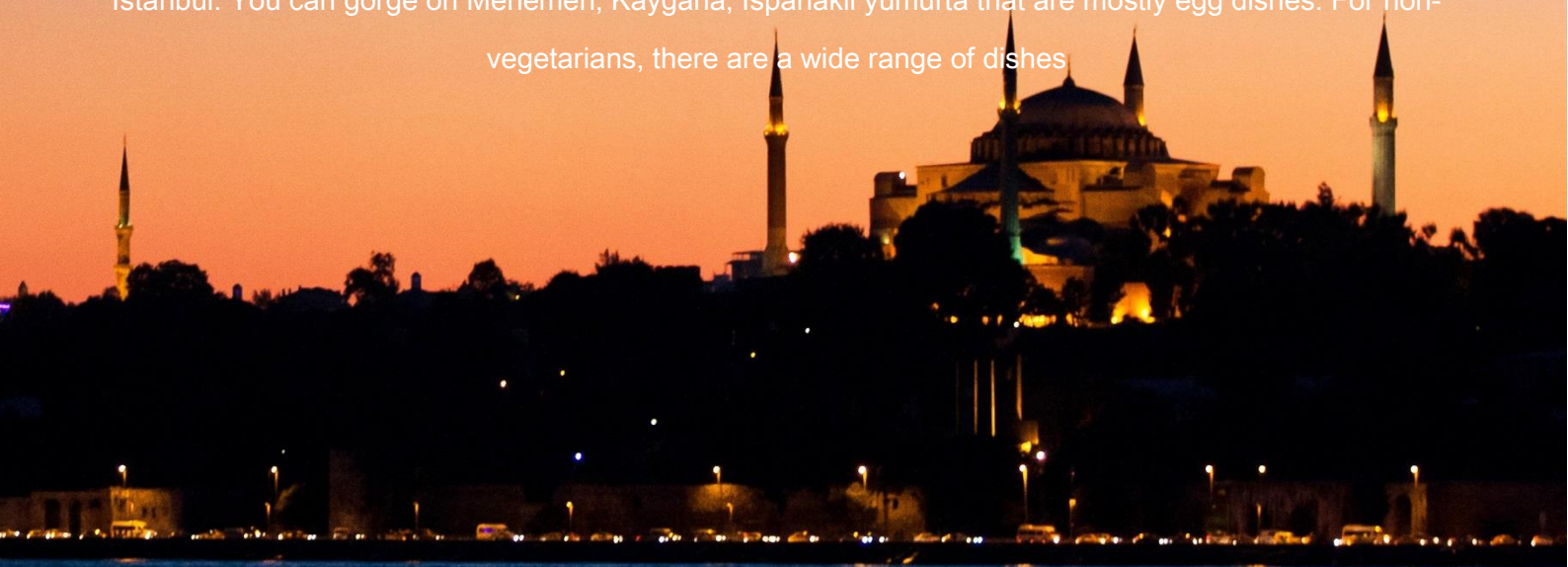
This Turkish city is a best example of ancient culture with the modern lifestyle. Istanbul is home to some of the exceptional monuments, dome structures, mosques, and other such places. Istanbul is a transcontinental city in Eurasia which is strategically located between the Sea of Marmara and the Black Sea. It is known as the European Capital of Culture and was visited by around 12.56 million foreign visitors in the year 2015 making it the fifth most popular tourist destination. Once, a caliphate country, it has quickly embraced the modernity with its traditional values. You can easily watch out its women, children, and men in swimming costumes on a beach side in this Turkish country even being an Islamist country. An appropriate [swimwear](#) for the same, otherwise, [men's bikinis](#) is what calls for the destination.

Some of the wonderful tourist attractions in Istanbul includes Sultan Ahmed Mosque, the Hagia Sophia, the Topkapi Palace, Basilica Cistern, Dolmabahce Palace, the Galata Tower, the Grand Bazaar, the Spice Bazaar, and Pera Palace Hotel. There is also a lot more for shoppers through numerous shopping centres like Metrocity, Akmerkez and Cevahir Mall that offers a lot to people.

If you are a lover of cookies and goodies, you can savor your tongue with mouth-watering Turkish delicacies. This Turkish has a lot more for everyone be it vegetarians or non-vegetarians. Here is a small list of the same as discussed below.

Vegetarians- Those who are vegetarians can try out a range of Turkish dishes like Dolma, Imam bayildi, Mercimek kofte, Mucver, Pilaf, and Tursu.

Egg and meat lovers- Being in this fantastic Turkish city, you can try out a wide range of egg and meat dishes in Istanbul. You can gorge on Menemen, Kaygana, Ispanakli yumurta that are mostly egg dishes. For non-vegetarians, there are a wide range of dishes



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