Venezuela

Fireworks

Gaita music

Christmas trees

Nativity scenes

Food- Hallacas, Pan de Jamón

Main presents are given at midnight on Christmas Eve

'San Nicolás' (St. Nicholas) & 'Niño Jesús' (Baby Jesus) bring presents

Egypt

Celebrated on January 7th

15% Christian

Coptic Orthodox Church

The Coptic month leading to Christmas is called Kiahk

From November 25th to January 6th, the people eat a basically vegan diet

Late night Christmas Eve(January 6th) service

'Fata' a lamb soup which contains bread, rice, garlic and boiled lamb meat

Secular Holiday

Santa is called Baba Noël

Parties and Festivities on Christmas day(jan. 7th)

<u>Nigeria</u>

Family Event

Christmas parties that will last all night long on Christmas Eve

Christmas Morning, they go to church to give thanks to God

Homes and streets are decorated

Most homes have artificial trees

Children love to play with firecrackers at Christmas

Food- pounded yam, jollof rice, fried rice, vegetable salad and some type of stew, beef, goat, sheep, ram or chicken

Very similar to United States Christmas

Germany

Advent Calendars (Each box or bag has a little present in it)

Advent Kranz(One candle is lit at the beginning of each week in Advent)

Christmas Trees

Singing songs

Exchange Presents Christmas Eve

Christmas Day is called "Erste Feiertag" (first celebration) and the 26th December is known as "Zweite Feiertag" (second celebration)

Christmas Markets(Christmas foods and decorations are sold)

Children write to the 'das Christkind/Christkindl' (leave the letters on the windowsill)

Santa Claus or Father Christmas (der Weihnachtsmann) brings the main Christmas presents on December 24th

Indonesia

10% Christian

Church services Christmas Eve and Day

Nativity scenes(used as part of a drama performance)

Christmas trees

Christmas carols on Christmas Eve

Christmas themed musical concerts

Sinterklass brings presents to children on Christmas Day

Cookie(Nastar, Kastengel, Putri Salju)

Happy/Merry Christmas is Selamat Natal

Pakistan

Bara Din(Big Day) referring to Christmas

A public Holiday, but there are very few Christians

Christmas Caroling

In the big Christian areas, each house is decorated and has a star on the roof

The crib and Christmas tree are important decorations

Midnight or vigil-mass services Christmas Eve

Fireworks/dancing to celebrate

On Bara Din or Christmas Day, Christians go to Church again for the Bara Din celebrations

People wear their best, colorful clothes

Christmas Baba is Santa Claus

Puerto Rico

The "biggest Christmas" in the world

Celebrate with everyone

People go into town and sing in the streets

"Noche Buena" or their Christmas eve is celebrated with family

Lots of dancing and singing

They eat pork, pernil, morcilla, arroz con gandules, cakes and many more sweets

They drink coquito

They open gifts Christmas morning and then have fun with their families

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