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In Brazil, Christmas (Natal) is a festive and family-oriented celebration, with the main festivities taking place on Christmas Eve (December 24th). Families gather for a late-night dinner featuring traditional dishes like turkey, ham, rice, farofa, and rabanada (Brazilian-style French toast), followed by the exchange of gifts at midnight. Many Brazilians attend Missa de Galo, a midnight Mass to celebrate the birth of Christ. Christmas decorations, including Christmas trees, nativity scenes, and bright Christmas lights, adorn homes and public spaces. In warmer regions, families often celebrate outdoors, with barbecues or beach gatherings. On Christmas Day, the mood is more relaxed, with family visits, casual meals, and outdoor activities. The celebration blends Catholic traditions with African and indigenous influences, creating a vibrant and inclusive holiday marked by love, unity, and joy.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS FELIZ NATAL





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In Brazil, New Year's Eve (Réveillon) is a lively and vibrant celebration, marked by huge parties, fireworks, and cultural rituals.

The majority of Brazilians celebrate on December 31st, often wearing white clothes for good luck and peace in the coming year. In cities like Rio de Janeiro, people flock to the beaches, especially Copacabana, for massive celebrations featuring live music, dancing, and stunning fireworks displays at midnight.

Many also participate in rituals to honor Iemanjá, the Afro-Brazilian goddess of the sea, offering flowers and gifts in the water.

The celebrations are filled with joy, unity, and hope for the new year, with families and friends gathering for dinner and toasts. For many, Réveillon is a time of renewal, making it one of the most anticipated holidays in Brazil.

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