

Danish Christmas traditions

Danish Christmas pastries.

Baking at Christmas time has been a tradition in Denmark for a very long time. The oldest danish christmas pastry, klejnen, has been made for Christmas since the middle ages. Klejner is made of dough and you boil them instead of baking them in an oven.

The “Danish doughnut”, æbleskiven, is also very popular to eat at Christmas time. It has been a popular Christmas tradition since the 1700’s. Back then, it was actually made from thin slices of apple dipped in pancake dough and then fried on a pan with butter. Now, most people buy them frozen in supermarkets and heat them up in an oven.

The traditional Danish Christmas biscuit, pebernødden, is a little, hard pastry made of mostly butter, sugar and spices. Some of the spices could be: ginger, cardamom and a little bit of pepper. They’ve been made since the 1400’s in Germany. In German they’re called Pfeffernüssen.

Parcel dice game.

in Denmark we do parcel dice game. Parcel dice game is when each player bring a small gift and all gifts are placed in the middle of the table. 1st round: players take turns in rolling the dice and when you roll a 6, you choose a gift until all gift have been taken. 2nd round: the game continues the same way, but now you steal gifts from the other players, when you roll a 6, though only for limited amount of time, which has been set beforehand. Everybody then gets to open their gifts.

Traditional Danish Christmas calendars.

Watching Christmas calendars on TV each day in december is a beloved tradition, especially in families with kids. Every day in December you can watch an episode of the Christmas calendar, julekalender, of the year. One of the most loved Christmas calendars is: Nissebanden. It’s watched on TV every year by mostly kids. It is about a gang of pixies travelling to Greenland to save Santa Claus. Santa Claus has lost his good mood and if

he's not happy, there will be no Christmas. So the pixies have to find the four things that make truly make Santa Claus happy.

Another famous Christmas calendar is: The julekalender. It is about 3 stupid pixies Hansi, Fritz and Günther. They are looking for a key for "the spilledaase". The spilledaase holds the oldest pixie's spirit. If the pixies don't open the spilledaase before the 24th of December, the oldest pixie dies.