



Christmas holidays in Italy

And how we celebrate it

Christmas is one the holiday we love most because of its characteristic of making us all good and happy

Since it's so important, we have developed "traditions" that we keep every year.

Some of these are :

1. christmas tree
2. the nativity
3. the dinner of the 24th and the lunch of 25th
4. we usually open gift on the evening of 24th
5. playing cards with familiy and friends
6. dried fruit
7. the witch and her gift



Xmas tree

We decorate the tree with colored lights, festoons, balls and small objects that remind us of the christmas spirit. Plus we put our gift at the base of the tree



this is one of the most popular things in the world during christmas holidays. We usually do xmas tree on the december . Someone do it before, some else after that day

The nativity



The crib is a tradition that we always respect. It is very important to us .we arrange a part of a piece of furniture or a table and decorate it by recreating the moment of the birth of Jesus.

Then with small statuettes of farmers and shepards we arrange the background with moss, rocks, water falls etc.



Christmas eve and christmas day: what we eat

- In Italy good food is not lacking, and it's clearly expressed in the typical banquets that we do on christmas eve and on christmas day. We make a lot of christmas themed decorated appetizers and usually a first, a second and side dish. And then we conclude with dried fruit and pandoro and panettone. For sure on these days diet is abolished !



It is usually a tradition to open the gifts on twenty-four evening, after having dinner. more specifically we should wait until midnight to be able to fully celebrate the birth of Jesus



very often we have great dinners with our relatives and friends in which we then play many card games and accompany everything with dried fruit.



clearly this year we couldn't do it because of the covid, but usually it's a fundamental moment in which we all have fun together



The witch and her gift



according to legend, the befana is a good little witch who travels with her broom around the world on the night between January 5th and January 6th. bring small gifts to children who have been good throughout the year, instead bring charcoal to those who have misbehaved.