In Iceland, children leave their shoes on the windowsill for the Jólasveinarnir or Yule Lads, mischievous trolls who come down from the mountains to play tricks and leave gifts. Good children received presents in their shoes, naughty children may get potatoes instead!

People wish each other Gleðileg jól

In India Christmas dinner is usually curry and, instead of an evergreen Christmas tree, people may decorate a banana or mango tree.

Christmas festivities typically indude lights, fireworks, and a midnight mass.

People wish each other Krisamas

In Lebanon the Nativity crib is often decorated with seeds such as chickpeas, broad beans, lentils, oats, and wheat, which then sprout and grow over the Christmas season.

People in Lebanon wish each other Eld Milad Majid. T

In Mexico Christmas celebrations start nine days before Christmas with La Posada, which is a procession, usually led by children, to a nativity scene at church and reminds people of the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem. Families will often celebrate with a piñata and eat tamales. People wish each other Feliz Navidad.

In Italy, celebrations last from