

WRITE A FUN FACT ABOUT A HOLIDAY AROUND THE WORLD



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“La siesta”

In Spain, in summer, the people napping in Spain is a common and very simple practice: sleeping for a while, especially in the summer months, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. approximately, but, why is napping so well known in Spain and why is it a common practice? According to the "Biological Rhythms and Behavior" study, napping is a natural consequence of the decrease of blood from the nervous system to the digestive that occurs after lunch. That is, most of the body's blood goes to the stomach for good digestion. Therefore, after lunch (which in Spain are usually copious) there is a fall in alertness.

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Day of the dead

Is a two day celebration that reunites the living and the dead. Families create ofrendas to honor their departed family members that passed away. Create altars that are decorated with photos of the family members, with favorite foods and drinks and a large way of petals of cempasuchil flowers. The offerings are created to be visited for the passed away family members that came back from the land of the dead. We dressed up like catrinas painted our faces and we have parades in the streets. The cemetery visits are also common, go to decorated the grave and clean it.

The xoloitzcuintli are often featured in Day of the dead decorations as these animals will lead the dead back to heaven after the party is over.

Is celebrated in Spain, too, while Spanish culture has heavily influenced Mexico, it has also adopted several Mexican traditions, one of them is the Day of the Dead.

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The end of the year in New York is one of the most wonderful holidays in the world. The Big Apple gathers and many fireworks explode and people gather in Times Square. On December 31, 1904, the owner of the New York Times threw a huge New Year's Eve party in honor of the new newspaper building on the square (hence its name, as we told you in the Times Square guide. Times Square has become a phenomenon that is broadcast live all over the world.)

The famous ball is a symbol: it rises at 6:00 p.m. and at 11:59 p.m. it descends for 60 seconds from One Times Square building. When the descent ends, during the first second of the new year, clouds of confetti rain down on the square. On TV, the New Year's Eve Ball Drop looks so much more spectacular, as you don't see the long hours of sub-zero waiting squeezed into the crowd.

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La Tomatina is a festival that is celebrated in the Valencian municipality of Buñol, Spain. It is always celebrated on the last Wednesday of August, within the Buñol festival week, and consists of the participants throwing tomatoes at each other. It was created in 1945, during the parade of "Giants and Bigheads" of the Buñol festivities, when some children wanted to sneak in to participate in the procession, which caused a struggle that ended in a tomato battle since there was a vegetable stall nearby.

After one hour, the fight ends. The entire square is stained red and rivers of tomato juice form



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Saint Patrick's day

Saint Patrick was not Irish.

Speaking of Saint Patrick, let's go over a bit of his history. In Scotland in 387 a boy named Maewyn Succat was born. At the age of 13 he is kidnapped and taken to Ireland to work as a slave.

After 6 years, he manages to escape and heads to France. There he is trained as a priest and changes his name to Patricius. After achieving his mission and evangelizing the Emerald Isle, he died on March 17 in the year 493. And that is the reason why it is the central date of St. Patrick's Day.



HALLOWEEN

Although at present it is a costume party, where children and adults collect and eat large quantities of sweets, the origins of Halloween, which takes place on the last day of October, are not so happy and its roots come from an ancient Celtic festival more than 3,000 years ago.

Halloween is the contraction of All Hallow's Eve, also known as Halloween Samhain ("End of summer" in Old Irish). The pagan holiday was celebrated in Ireland on October 31, when the harvest season was coming to an end and the "Celtic New Year" began.

In Halloween children use to go out of their house trick- treating around their neighborhood. Young people have parties and they often wear scary costumes or they're inspired by a horror movie, but there are other people who dress up as something fun or creative, it does not necessarily have to be scary.



Christmas

Jingle Bells was the first song played in space

The crew of NASA's Gemini 6A space flight got into the christmas spirit and made story when they played "Jingle Bells" on December 16, 1965, earning the jolly jingle the Guinness World Record for being the first song ever played in space, float among the stars.

But for a surprise, "Jingle Bells" it was originally composed as a Thanksgiving tune, written by Unitarian church organist James Lord Pierpont in the 1850s in Savannah, Georgia, the song was first performed during a Thanksgiving concert at his church.

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Christmas day: The image of Santa Claus

The Santa icon in Coca-Cola advertisements is not the origin of the Santa image. The reality is that the image of Santa Claus is more of a figure that has evolved over time, shaped by writers, artists, and even historians. Thus, images of the well-known chubby man in a red suit appeared in magazines, posters and advertisements long before the cheerful portrait of this well-known soft drink brand. According to the book "One Night Stands with American History", Santa Claus did not always have a beard. It was artist and cartoonist Thomas Nast who added the beard to the character.

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