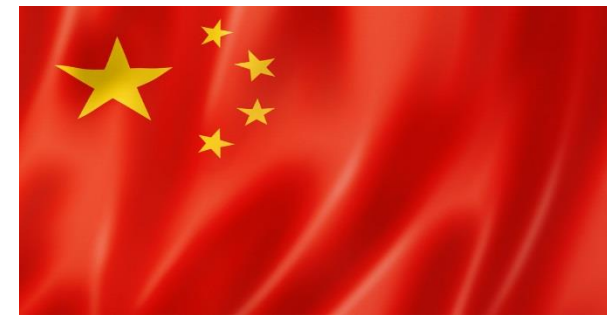


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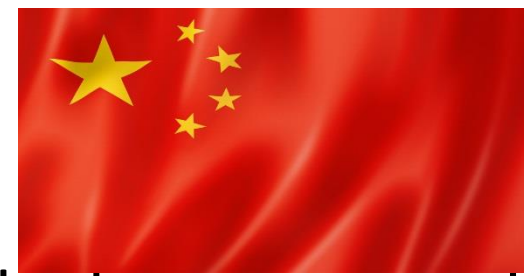
# China



In China only 1% of people are Christians, so Christmas is celebrated in a few cities. In those cities there are Christmas trees, lights and other decorations on the streets.



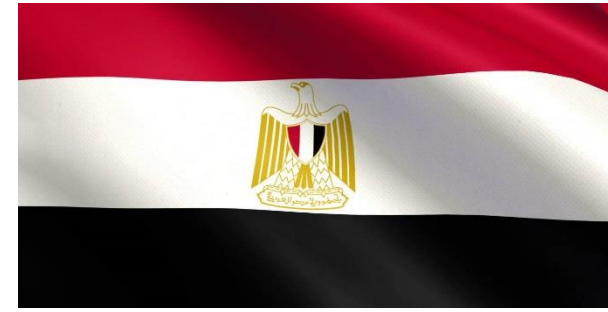
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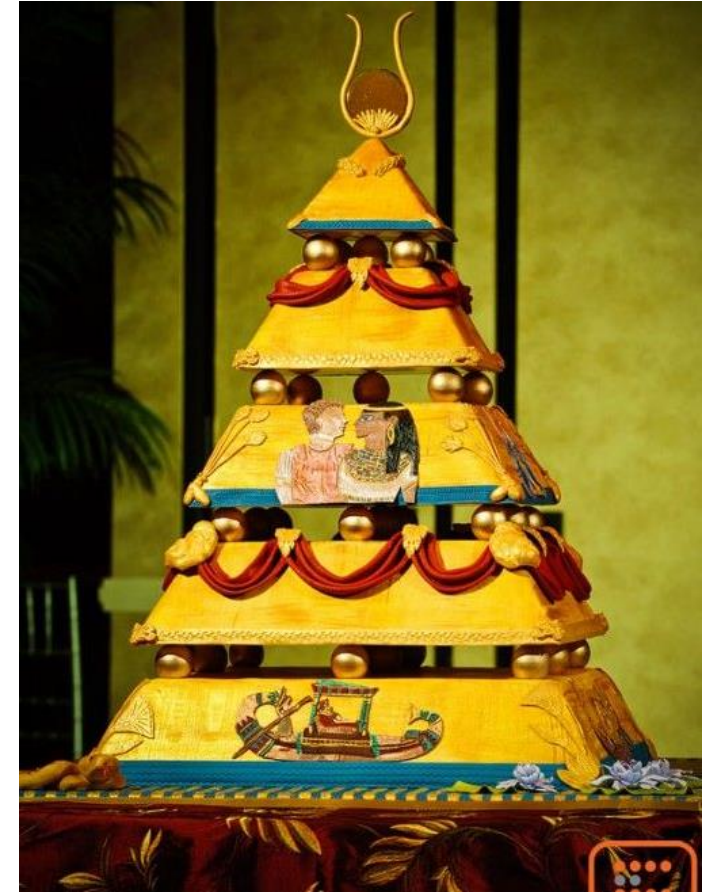
Santa Claus is called “Shen Dan Lao Ren”. Usually the post men dress up as Santa when delivering letters before Christmas. Some people go carol singing. *Jingle Bells* is a very popular song in China.



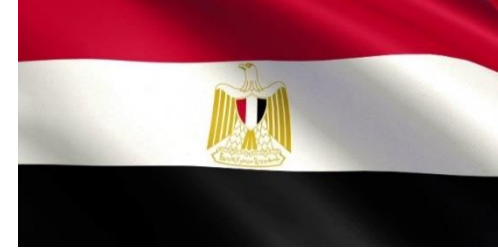
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In Egypt about 15% of people are Christians who celebrate Christmas as a religious festival. Most Egyptians - Christians belong to the Coptic Orthodox Church and they have some very unique traditions for Christmas.



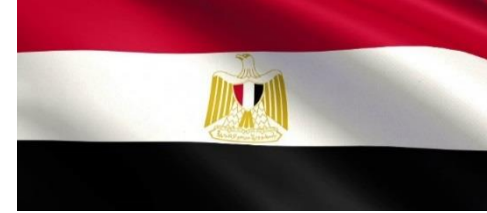
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Christmas Day isn't celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> December, but on the 7<sup>th</sup> January. The Coptic month leading to Christmas is called "Kiahk". People sing special praise songs on Saturday nights. For the 43 days before Christmas, from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> January, Coptic Orthodox Christians have a special fast where they basically eat a vegan diet. They don't eat anything containing products that come from animals. This is called "The Holy Nativity Fast", but if people are too weak or ill they can be excused.



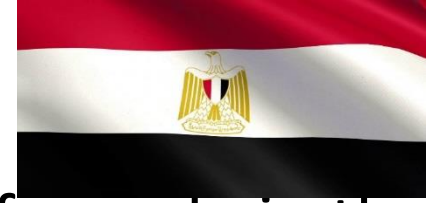
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On Coptic Christmas Eve, people go to church for a special liturgy or service. When the Christmas service ends, people go home to eat the Christmas meal. A popular course is “Fata”, a lamp soup which contains bread, rice, garlic and boiled lamp meat. On the Orthodox Christmas Day, people come together for parties or festivals. People often take “kahk”, which are special sweet biscuits, with them to give as gifts.



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Even though there are not many Christians in Egypt, a lot of people in the country like to celebrate Christmas as a holiday. Christmas is becoming a very common celebration and most supermarkets sell Christmas trees, food and decoration. Hotels, houses and streets are decorated for Christmas. In Egypt, Santa is called “Baba Noël”, meaning Father Christmas. Children believe that he ’ll climb through a window and will leave some presents and they might leave some kahk out for him.



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