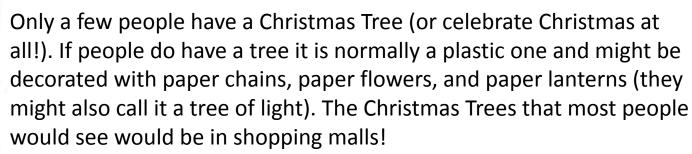


## Purchasing the trappings of Christmas

This is becoming increasingly possible in China, especially in the big cities where big malls sell wrapping paper, cards, etc., and there are import stores for Christmas ingredients. Online shopping is increasingly the cheapest was to get e.g. a Christmas tree and decorations or even a turkey delivered to your door.



Christmas isn't that widely celebrated in the rural areas of China, but it's becoming more well known.

The strange thing is that most of the world's plastic Christmas Trees and Christmas decorations are made in China, but the people making them might not know what they are for!!!





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 Christmas is celebrated in China in various ways but the most common way is with Christmas decorations. As the Christmas approaches, department stores, shopping malls, official buildings will be decorated with Christmas trees (Christmas trees are usually decorated with paper chains, paper flowers, and paper lanterns), colorful lights and even Chinese lanterns. Christmas carols can be heard over the noise of the crowds and the Chinese "Father Christmas" helps to make the scene complete.

#### **Exchanging Christmas Cards and Gifts**

 Exchanging Christmas Cards and Gifts is a very important part of Chinese Christmas Day. It is a chance to strengthen the relationships between friends, families and loved ones by exchanging Christmas cards and gifts. For many young Chinese people, Christmas Day is more like another Valentine's Day rather than the family-get-together of western counties. They invite their loved ones for celebratory dinner, exchange gifts and enjoy a romantic night.

### **Chinese Christmas Party**

- Chinese people are old grand Christmas parties rather than a fam Christmas Day. The Christmas s, plazas and in pubs and bars. parties are usua They are of various performances, balls, and kinds and incl cocktail par performances during the party are very a combination of ese culture and western special, featu performing a stilt walk, Beijing stmas Father culture, such as Opera and shad On some occasions, Chinese Christmas parties are merely inese culture.
- Foreigner visitors will have the chance to experience Chinese culture like Chinese paper-cutting, making a Chinese knot and Chinese porcelain and enjoying Chinese Tea Culture, as well as eating delicious Chinese food at these events.

# Christmas in Shanghai

 Shanghai is the Chinese city where Christmas is most popular. Celebrating Christmas Day has become the main theme at the end of every year. It is really easy to buy Christmas decorations, food and gifts in Shanghai Because Chinese goods are usually excellent quality and a reasonable price, many foreigners working in Shanghai buy lots of things Shanghai to take or send home to their family and friends as gifts.

