



## HOW PEOPLE SPENT CHIRSTMAS IN CHINA?

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# 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 way to get e.g. a Christmas tree and decorations or even a turkey delivered to your door.





Only a few people have a Christmas Tree (or celebrate Christmas at all!). If people do have a tree it is normally a plastic one and might be decorated with paper chains, paper flowers, and paper lanterns (they might also call it a tree of light). The Christmas Trees that most people would see would be in shopping malls!

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 countries. They invite their loved ones for celebratory dinner, exchange gifts and enjoy a romantic night.

# Chinese Christmas Party

- Chinese people are more likely to hold grand Christmas parties rather than a family-get-together on Christmas Day. The Christmas parties are usually held in big hotels, plazas and in pubs and bars. They are of various kinds and including performances, balls, and cocktail parties. The performances during the party are very special, featuring a combination of Chinese culture and western culture, such as Christmas Father performing a stilt walk, Beijing Opera and shadow play. On some occasions, Chinese Christmas parties are merely a display of Chinese 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 in Shanghai to take or send home to their family and friends as gifts.



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