



# **The Features of the New Year Celebration in Brazil**

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# DISTINCTIVE FEATURE OF THE HOLIDAY

Almost every person associates New Year with winter, snow and frost. But not Brazilians

In this country the New Year is the summer holiday. Because the weather on December 31<sup>st</sup> is always sunny, hot and wonderful for swimming.

Long before the holiday itself, city streets are decorated with colorful lanterns and garlands, fluffy Christmas trees are decorated, as in our country.





# TRADITIONS

Brazilians have their own distinctive New Year traditions. For example, on New Year's Eve, it is customary for them to perform an interesting ritual: eat twelve grapes and make a wish.

There is no traditional chiming clock in Brazil. Before the start of the New Year, Brazilians count down the remaining seconds aloud, and at midnight a huge number of fireworks are shot into the sky








# BRAZILIAN SANTA?



- The Brazilians do not have Santa Claus either. The tradition of giving gifts on the New Year is fulfilled purely symbolically, because all those standing have already been presented at Christmas, which is considered a more important celebration by the Brazilians than the New Year.
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# CELEBRATION HISTORY

The celebration is unusual because it is based on African traditional rituals. Traces of African culture are especially evident in Rio de Janeiro. In the religion of Brazil, elements of Christianity are combined with the traditions of their ancestors. New Year is an opportunity to soften the wrath of the spirits.



Therefore, on New Year's Eve, every Brazilian should bring sacrificial gifts to the goddess Imanj, the ruler of the seas. To do this, everyone brings candles and white flowers with them. Burning candles on wooden stands are sent to the sea and make wishes. the longer the candle does not go out, the more chances it will come true. Wishes are also made by throwing flowers into the water, and if the surf throws the gift back onto land, it is better to repeat the request next year.



# NEW YEAR ON A BEACH



In Brazil, the New Year is Reveillon, which translates as fraternization. On this solemn night, Brazilians call each other brothers and sisters, forget all misunderstandings and promise to be more tolerant of each other in the future.

While on Copacabana Beach, nearly a million spectators watch the New Year's light show, in Freitas Lagoon, the world's tallest floating tree, 82 meters high, lights up fireworks against the equally famous statue of Christ the Redeemer, who stretched out his hands to bless the Brazilian city.



**Now let's just enjoy some  
wonderful pictures of salutes**









# **We need to talk about this Christmas tree**



Because it is one of the most amazing events in Brazil during New Year

This huge tree is floating on a water and all salutes are shot over it. The view is really wonderful and unbelievable






# WHAT IS GOING THEN?

January 1 in Brazil, as well as in Russia, is a day off, all people walk and have fun, and the holiday gradually turns into a carnival







Thank you for your attention!  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

