

# Christmas in France

- In France Christmas is celebrated on December 25th. As well as in other Christian countries, Christmas in France is one of the main public holidays.
- Public life goes quiet during Christmas: post offices, banks, stores, restaurants and other businesses are closed.
- The main gift-bringer, Father Christmas, is called Père Noël in France. Père Noël leaves presents for children in their shoes. So, the presents that he brings are small enough to fit: money, sweets or small toys.

# At Christmas time people in France:

- put up a Christmas tree
- visit a special church service
- eat a festive meal
- open gifts (they do it on Christmas Eve)
- other activities also include: participating in city life, sharing a meal with family and close friends.