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**With Christmas Day almost upon us, lets see how we
celebrate in Portugal!**

Christmas is the most celebrated holiday in Portugal, evolving into a cultural rather than purely religious event. Christmas traditions, set in stone for decades, have adapted in recent years mainly for convenience and also affordability.



The Portuguese celebrate Christmas on December 24 and 25, with Christmas Eve taking center stage. Another celebration on January 6 marks the end of the Christmas season.



Christmas Eve in Portugal

In Portugal, Christmas Eve on December 24th steals the spotlight. Families gather around 6-7 pm, and the main celebration begins with a late dinner around 8-9 pm.

Christmas Eve dinner stars "Bacalhau" (Salted Cod), often baked in the oven with potatoes, boiled egg, and cabbage during "Consoada." Cod also appears in Pastéis de Bacalhau, Codfish Fritters. Families enjoy various cod dishes, claiming there are 1001 ways to cook it, including Bacalhau a Gomes de Sa.

After dinner, the table transforms into a "dessert table" featuring traditional treats like Bolo Rei, a cake filled with fruits and nuts, Arroz Doce, Rabanadas, Pao de Lo, and Sonhos.

Port wine and coffee accompany laughter and games.

Traditionally, presents are opened at midnight. Even the small children stay awake to open gifts. Some attend the Missa do Galo, a midnight mass, before or after exchanging presents.

Families spend a few more hours together and then head home. Christmas Eve may end late, around 1 or 2 am.



Christmas Day in Portugal

Christmas day is a day of rest. Presents have usually been opened, but there might be more if additional family or friends visit.

Lunch around 1-2 pm features a meat dish like "Cabrito assado no forno" (Oven-

roasted Lamb) or a Stuffed Turkey, which is more affordable. "Roupa Velha," a mix of last night's cod, potatoes, and cabbage, might be a side or starter.

After lunch, Christmas desserts make a reappearance, including Bolo Rei, arroz doce, rabanadas, etc.

As the day unfolds, the air is filled with the sound of laughter and the aroma of delicious holiday meals. It's a time for reflection, gratitude, and appreciation for the bonds that bring people together during this special season.

The rest of the day is spent socializing or watching Christmas movies as a family. Some may take a nap on the couch. Friends and extended family might drop by to bring presents or enjoy dessert!





As the night falls, the glow of Christmas lights illuminates the streets, casting a warm and festive ambiance. Families may choose to take a leisurely stroll, admiring the decorations and savoring the tranquility that follows a day filled with love and festivities.

Eventually, the day comes to a close, marking the end of a joyful Christmas in Portugal. As families retire to their homes, hearts full of love and memories, they look forward to the promise of a new day and the continuation of cherished traditions in the years to come.

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