



Frohe Weihnachten



Christmas in Germany

On Christmas Eve, Germans eat suckling pig, white sausage, and macaroni salad. On Christmas Day, they eat roast goose, Christstollen, Lebkuchen, marzipan, and Dresden Stollen. A favorite German Christmas treat is gingerbread.



Tannebaum is the German Christmas tree. It is decorated with apples, candy, nuts, cookies, cars, trains, angels, tinsel, family treasures, and candles. Families also have Advent wreaths with 3 purple and one pink candle.

St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, comes to German homes on the eve of December 6. Children put a shoe or boot by the fireplace. If they have been good, children find treats in their shoe on the morning of December 6. If they have not been good, they find twigs.

The Christkindl, or Christ Child, comes to German homes with gifts for children in the late afternoon of Christmas Eve while the family is at church. When the children come home, they are allowed to see the Christmas tree for the first time and open their presents.