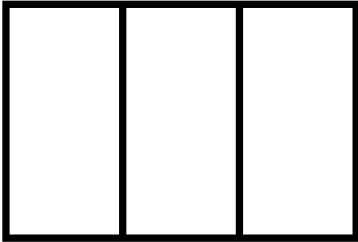
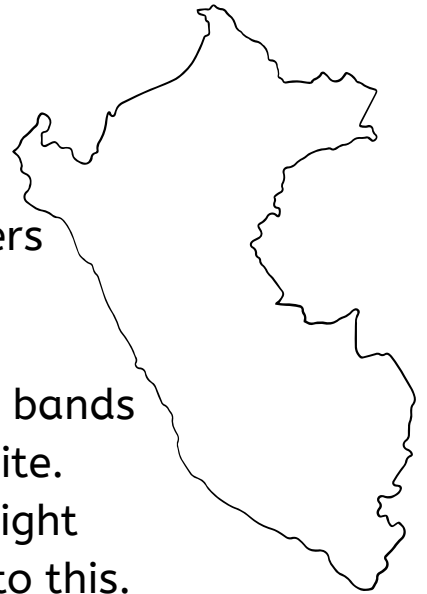


Christmas in Peru

Peru is a country in South America. It shares borders with Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Chile.



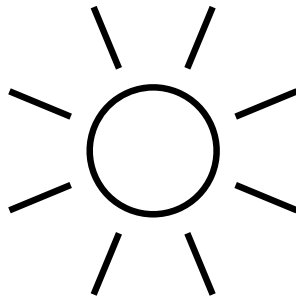
The Flag for Peru has two outer bands of red and a middle band of white. Depending on its use the flag might have different emblems added to this.



A few things I learned about Christmas in PERU

The official language of Peru is Spanish. To say Merry Christmas in Peru you say "Feliz Navidad".

Weather



Because Peru is in the Southern Hemisphere Christmas happens during the summer.

The weather is usually in the 70's (F) during the month of December.

Gifts



Christmas gifts are exchanged on December 24th (Noche Buena).

Presents are often opened around the same time as dinner is eaten around midnight!

Food



The main food at Christmas include roast turkey, salads, tamales applesauce, potatoes and rice dishes.

The traditional dessert is panetón and homemade hot chocolate.

Santa or Papa Noel

Papá Noel (Father Noel in English) is one of the major icons during the holidays.

Some families wait until Christmas day for gifts from Papá Noel others include his gifts under the tree on the 24th.

Christmas Tree

The tradition of a Christmas tree has spread to Peru, where the tree is always fake. Pine trees don't grow in Peru.

Nativity Scenes are still the most traditional decoration in Peru.

Chocolatada Navideña

Chocolatada Navideña or Christmas Hot Chocolate is the tradition of giving kids homemade hot chocolate, Panetón or sweet breads, and small gifts in schools, churches, and communities.