



# Holidays in **FRANCE**



Christmas is celebrated the entire month of December in France. There are many exciting events leading up to Christmas Day. St. Nicholas Day is on December 6. Children put their shoes outside for St. Nicholas to fill with candy. He might also hang small toys on the Christmas tree.

People in France love to visit the Christmas markets. The markets are small villages with wooden booths. All of the booths are decorated with colorful lights. People can buy handmade crafts, Christmas cakes, and sausages. Many people also buy crepes and small statues for their Nativity scenes. French families. The crepes are cooked on a round grill and sprinkled with sugar.



Shops sell homemade crepes at the Christmas market.

The Festival of Lights is a popular event during the holidays. During the four day festival, colorful lights illuminate the town. People light candles in their windows. All of the buildings are decorated with strands of lights. People travel from all around France to see the spectacular displays.

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What can people buy at the Christmas markets? \_\_\_\_\_

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