

# WORLD BOX

## ROUND THE WORLD CHRISTMAS FACTS

**America** – Americans often make Christmas decorations by threading popcorn on a string. The national meal for most Americans is turkey and all the trimmings.

**Ethiopia** - Play a type of hockey called “Ganna” using a curved stick and a wooden ball.

**Finland** – Santa is known as “Joulupukki” which means Christmas Goat as in a traditional tale, there was a scary goat who asked people for presents and certainly never gave presents out!

**France** – In a special Christmas Eve meal called “Réveillon” a chocolate log called “Buche de Noel” is enjoyed for dessert.

**Iceland** – Children put their shoes on the windowsill so the “Juletide Lads” or Santa Claus, fills them with little Goodies.

**Philippines** – There is a tradition of having a Christmas lantern called “Parol” which is a star shape and is made out of bamboo and paper.

**South Africa** – On Christmas Day the families gather for a “Braai” which is a type of BBQ.

**Trinidad and Tobago** – Special music is played called “Parang” and people go from house to house singing songs to be rewarded with food and drink.

**Vietnam** – Many people make a chocolate log to eat or give as a gift to others.



Merry Christmas in  
Ethiopian is...  
“Melkam Genna”

Merry Christmas in  
Finnish is...  
“Hyvaa Joulua”



Merry Christmas in  
Vietnamese is...  
“Chuc Mung Giang”

