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New Year Celebration across the world



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On New Year's Day in Canada it is very popular to do a 'polar bear swim'. It is called a polar bear swim because you run and swim in the ice cold sea like a polar bear in the winter. The water is so cold so you must swim quickly! This is a New Year's tradition to start the year fresh by washing away the problems of the last year. Sometimes, people wear silly costumes. Can you see my mum with Santa and a penguin?



MISS ELAINE



On New Year's Eve, we always make it a point to have as many round fruits as we can have on the table and a pineapple is also a must because of the round parts on its skin. Also, we always prepare many dishes and desserts on the table to enjoy with our families. Every New Year's Eve, we will gather together for the countdown and once the clock hits 12.00 am we welcome the new year by making noises with different sound makers together, pop some confettis in the air while shouting HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! New Year celebrations are always so fun and special especially with loved ones greet with hugs and kisses!



MISS JENNIFER





Last New Years Eve (for 2020), I was in South Korea with my friends! We went to see a very famous penguin called, 'Pengsoo' ring a bell at midnight. It was a very big bell and he had some people to help him. It was very cold and it started snowing! My friends and I counted down the last ten seconds of 2019 and when we got to the new year, we all shouted, 'Happy New Year!' and gave each other big hugs. Then we watched the amazing fireworks, it was so much fun!

HAPPY NEW YEAR



MISS ALEX

Back in England, I used to have big celebrations with lots of friends and lots of music. Sometimes I would spend New Year's Eve with my family too, watching fireworks displays and dancing to music. We sometimes ate twelve grapes for good luck at midnight, like they do in Spain! Now I'm living in Hong Kong, I often spend New Year's Eve on a junk boat to see in the new year with friends, food and fireworks! We also go on a New Year hike together in Sai Kung.



MR ADAM



Hyderabad, India



Mt. Fuji, Japan



Guillin, China

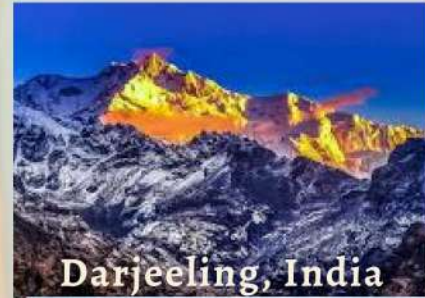


Vizag, India

In India the first day of the year is widely celebrated in every state and by everyone irrespective of our ethnicity, culture and religion. It is one of the biggest celebrations all over India. Everyone eagerly waits for the year end winter holidays and plans for an exciting 'New year celebration'. Generally, people will plan a year end trip with their family and friends to a place of their choice. All the tourist spots, historical places, and gardens are decorated with lights. People will bid 'goodbye' to the present year by having parties or family dinner and will wait until midnight to welcome the new year. Some people will use crackers during the 12.00 am countdown to celebrate the new year. Also children at home cut cakes and wish each other after the countdown. That night everyone stays awake until they wish their close relatives and friends. Mostly all the TV channels will have various entertainment programs and the older generations will enjoy watching television on that night. So on the day of 1st January people will generally either visit a temple or go for a picnic or hiking. My favourite place to visit on 1st January is sea beach. I always love to see the first sun rise of the year. I like to visit a hill or mountain or a cold place where I can see snowfall during the winter holidays. As a tradition, we generally exchange greeting cards and share some beautiful gifts.



DR. GHOSH



Darjeeling, India



Big Buddha, Hong Kong



Hong Kong

Quiz!

1. Which place is popular for 'Polar Bear Swim'?
2. Who went south Korea last year?
3. Which fruit is a must for Miss Jeniffer's New year celebration?
4. Who ate 12 grapes for good luck?
5. Who likes to visit cold places during winter?