



## *"History of the Santa Claus Village"*

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### *History and legend of the Santa Claus Village*

*Christmas is made up of different centuries-old stories, tales and traditions based on the religion and nation in which you live. Traditions so magical that they are handed down from generation to generation without ever getting lost in time*

*Legend has it that Santa's original house is located on the mysterious mountain of Korvatunturi ("The Ear Mountain") in Finnish Lapland. Since the exact location is secret and known*

*to only a few, he decided to open an office in Rovaniemi, the capital of Lapland, in 1985. Rovaniemi was awarded the status of official residence of Santa Claus in 2010. The village in question was born almost by chance in*



*1950 on the occasion of the visit of the wife of the American president Roosevelt to Lapland. What is now the Christmas capital with workshops and toy shops.*

*In the post office you will find Santa Claus himself, intent on hand stamping and sending Christmas letters that arrive from all over the world. The letters left in the red mailbox are sent all over the world by Santa's elves complete with postage stamps from the kingdom of Santa Claus.*

*Those unable to visit the Santa Claus Village can send their letter to the following address: Joulupukki, Joulupukin Pääposti, FI-96930 Napapiiri, Finland.*

*Over the years I have been passionate about Christmas in America trying to really understand what the difference is between Christmas in real life and movie films, as I am a fan of American Christmas comedies. In these researches I have focused on the topics and activities listed below.*



## *Street singers.*

*Street singers are seen in every Christmas movie. Dress in historical Victorian period clothing. In reality, as in the movies, they brighten up holidays by singing traditional songs along the streets, or they go from house to house.*

## *Where to buy the Christmas tree in America.*

*Entire families choose the Christmas tree in a rich display of fir trees, which give the idea of a winter wonder garden. In America these areas really exist.*

## *The tradition of lighting the Christmas tree in America.*

*Virtually everyone is familiar with the traditional tree lighting at Rockefeller Center.*

*this is an event that is truly felt and widespread in American cities.*

## *Christmas Illuminations in the United States.*

*Houses whose decorations can be seen everywhere from entire cities set up with thousands of Christmas lights and characters; competitions for the most beautiful illuminations. Christmas in America is taken very seriously. American citizens even spend \$ 30,000 to \$ 50,000!*

*One of the best known areas is certainly Dyker Heights in New York. This area of Brooklyn is dressed in spectacular light displays and giant motorized characters, attracting many visitors.*

*A show not to be missed.*

## *Houses decorated for Christmas in America.*

*As the decorations for the exterior of the houses are made, so also for the interiors. American houses are a tribute to decorations. All the rooms in the house are decorated. Many Americans open their homes to visitors.*

## *Ice skating rink*

*The skating rink is an important appointment for Americans, many bring their skates with them and, as soon as they leave the office, they go skating with friends and relatives! access to the slopes is free and you only pay for the rental of skates for those who don't have them.*

## *The native difference between film and reality*

*In many American films or comedies, where we talk about Christmas, many cities are transformed, with lots of decorations and decorations, into themed Christmas markets. In reality, in America there are Christmas villages with decorations, fabulous decorations and Christmas markets where you can meet Santa Claus with his sleigh.*

## *Christmas in America. Traditions, Christmas lunch*

*The most important day in America is December 25, December 24 is a working day, certainly felt. The tradition of the Christmas lunch is more common than the Christmas Eve dinner, it provides a menu similar to that of Thanksgiving. During the night of December 24, the children prepare a small meal for Santa Claus and Rudolph the reindeer, based on milk, cookies and carrots.*

## *Gift and Cards*

*When a gift is given to an American, it is always accompanied by a greeting card. There are many shops that sell greeting cards of all sizes, and many models, gift cards are also used which are Christmas cards with a family photo, all this is in the movies and in reality.*

*In conclusion, Christmas in America is like in Christmas movies and comedies, indeed I will tell you it is much more in reality.*

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*My thought is:*

*The Christmas village is not a hobby it is an extraordinary infinite passion.*

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