

Father Christmas

England

Julemanden

Hungary

Ježíšek

Finland

Papai Noel

Denmark

Joulupukki

Brazil

Mikulás

Czech Republic



In Hungary . Mikulás visits children across the country every 6th of December evening. Instead of stockings above the fireplace, children put their boots in the window. Mikulás gives presents to all the good children.

Joulupukki, as Santa Claus is called in Finnish, translates to Christmas goat. Santa Claus lives in Rovaniemi. Both kids and adults are welcome to tell their wishes. You can find him in his office, surrounded by busy elves and holiday spirit all year round.

Father Christmas visits children in England on Christmas Eve when the children are asleep in bed. As a thank you for his gifts, English children leave Father Christmas a treat of a minced pie and milk and carrots for his hard-working reindeer.

In Denmark, Santa is called Julemanden. He's short, with a white beard, grey clothing, and red hat, similarly to a gnome. Danish families typically leave rice pudding out for him around the holidays. lives in Greenland and brings presents to Danish children on Christmas Eve.

In Czech, we call him Ježíšek, which is a form of the name of Jesus but very small. You send him a letter where you would describe if you were good or bad and what would you like for your behavior. When baby Jesus comes with a gift, he would typically have a bell and ring it so people could pick up the presents but he must not be seen.

Papai Noel is the Brazilian Santa Claus. This friendly guy wears red and has a long white beard, and although he is very old, he travels all the way from the North Pole to bring gifts to Brazilian children. He comes from an ice-covered magical town with no name in the North Pole. He lives with his wife, the Mamãe Noel, countless magic elves, and about ten reindeer.