

## Christmas symbols in 3D

### Appendix 10 interesting facts about Christmas

1.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the tallest ever live Christmas tree was a **67-metre** Douglas fir.

2.

Trees cut down to become Christmas trees usually grow for 15 years. Only then are they cut down and sold.

3.

Ancient peoples believed mistletoe was holy because it stays green and has berries in winter, when all other plants die. They believed mistletoe could protect people from evil.

4.

The tallest snowman ever was **34.4 metres** tall.

5.

In Bolivia, the faithful bring roosters to mass on Christmas Eve. Bolivians believe a rooster was the first to announce the birth of Christ.

6.

The most popular carol is *Silent Night*, known all around the world.

7.

In Mexico, a **piñata** is hung down from the ceiling as early as on 15 December. Children gather underneath it and try to destroy it with a stick, releasing a shower of sweets, which the children then scramble after.





**8.**

In Spain, rather than break and share the wafer like in Poland, people share **halva** for Christmas.



**9.**

The custom of giving presents is connected to the bishop of Myra, who gave away his belongings to the poor and those in need. He is the original model for Santa Claus.

**10.**

In Syria, Christmas presents are handed out by a camel, traditionally believed to belong to one of the Three Magi.

