



CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

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The Christmas boat

- ▶ The decorated boat is a Greek custom, as a seaside country.
- ▶ In recent years, many municipalities have decorated the squares with boats instead of firs or both.
- ▶ According to tradition, the ship was decorated because the Greeks had ties to the sea, since ancient times.
- ▶ The boat symbolizes, not only the anticipation of the children for reunion with their relatives, but also their own love for the sea.
- ▶ Most of the children ended up building the traditional, now, boat, inspired by the long journeys of their loved ones and the nostalgia to see them again.



The Christmas tree

- ▶ In Greece, the custom of the Christmas tree was brought by the Bavarians and was decorated for the first time in our country in the palace of King Otto. The forerunner of the Christmas tree in Greece was the traditional Christmas-Dodekameritis or Skarkanzalos mainly in the villages of Northern Greece. Each year they put a large log in the fireplace or in their stoves of wild cherry, pine or olive and let it burn during the 12 days of the festivities from Christmas until the Theofania.
- ▶ It is said that this custom brought luck and good luck to the houses and drove the goblins out of . Wherever it comes from, whether it is tall or short, deco-rated or not, with lanterns or without the Christmas tree, it brings joy, gifts and the festive atmosphere to our home.

