

Jul Swedish American Holiday Traditions

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Explore the enchanting blend of Jul Swedish American holiday traditions, where timeless Scandinavian customs meet American influences. Discover festive foods like lutefisk, the beauty of Lucia Day, and cherished family gatherings that define these unique seasonal celebrations.

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From smörgåsbord and St. Lucia processions to Christmas Eve gatherings with dear family and friends, Swedish American holiday traditions are linked through the generations by a legacy of meatballs and lutefisk. Christmas traditions, particularly those involving food, often honor those who came before us. Throughout the Midwest where Swedish immigrants settled, the dishes placed on the julbord (Christmas table) tell stories about who we are, where we come from, and where we are heading. In exploring these holiday customs in Jul: Swedish American Holiday Traditions, Patrice Johnson begins with her own family's Christmas Eve gathering and the combination of culinary traditions celebrated there: allspice-scented meatballs, Norwegian lefse served Swedish style (warm with butter), and the American interloper, macaroni and cheese. Just as she tracks down the meanings behind why her family celebrates as it does, she reaches into the lives and histories of other Swedish Americans with their own stories, their own versions of traditional recipes, their own joys of the season. The result is a fascinating exploration of the Swedish holiday calendar and its American translation. Featuring more than 100 recipes, dishes include yellow pea soup (ärtsoppa) and Swedish pancakes (Svenska plättar); assorted Swedish cookies like pepparkakor, rosettes, and meringues; meatballs with pickled cucumber; the julhög, a breakfast pyramid of bread, cheese, fruit, and cookies; and so much more. Come, raise a glass of punsch, hear tell of holidays past, snack on cardamom bread, and celebrate jul the midwestern way.

Swedish Christmas Traditions

Here readers will learn how to bring those warm traditions into their own homes, wherever they live. Included are instructions to make mulled wine, homemade peanut brittle, red candied apples, crisp pepparkakor, lightly browned Swedish meatballs, candles, wreaths, and more. Each recipe and project are accompanied by beautiful full-color photographs. From fashioning centerpieces to baking delicious cookies to hand-making Christmas tree ornaments, this book will inspire readers to rediscover the joys of a Scandinavian Christmas.

God Jul

The charm, warmth, and beauty of a Swedish Christmas is captured in this remarkable collection of 300 colorful, fun, and historic postcards dating back to the 1800s. Each postcard reveals the magic behind Christmas and of Scandinavian tradition and folklore. Here, gnomish elves meet Santa and children play with angels. With traditional postcards from renowned artists such as Jenny Nystrom, Elsa Beeskow, and Aina Stenberg, accompanied by explanations of the cultural and historical past, God Jul will make everyone that is even a little bit Swedish homesick for an Old World Christmas.

Swedish Christmas

Swedish Christmas is not just a cookbook but an inspiring book full of Christmas memories, recipes and tips of how to make Christmas enchanting. With its atmospheric photographs and engaging stories, it can be used as the ultimate handbook to a magical Christmas or simply be enjoyed as an armchair book. All the recipes have been adapted to the American kitchen.

An Old-fashioned Christmas

Describes Christmas celebrations from 1607 in Virginia through the Victorian era with descriptions of decorations, meals with many recipes, music, and other traditions from around the United States.

Swedish Christmas Crafts

Shares step-by-step instructions for making Swedish-style holiday season crafts, in a guide that provides an array of ideas from stockings and ornaments to gift wrappings and greeting cards.

Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society

This encyclopedia offers a comprehensive look at the roles race and ethnicity play in society and in our daily lives. Over 100 racial and ethnic groups are described, with additional thematic essays offering insight into broad topics that cut across group boundaries and which impact on society.

How to Make a Swedish Christmas

Over 300 holiday postcard images bring Sweden's Christmas traditions to...

God Jul

This volume is based on the recognition that heritage is popular and popular culture is now readily transformed into heritage whose meanings and myths reshape social life and political and economic realities as well as re-make "tradition." The papers in this volume consider: What does popular heritage look like? To whom does it speak? Is it active in dissolving class and cultural boundaries or just in reproducing new ones? How do societies manage a heritage that is fluid, immediate and that straddles extremes of serious conflict and hedonistic frivolity? When/under what circumstances is the creation and expression of new cultural forms – popular culture – capable of being transformed into heritage?.

Maypoles, Crayfish and Lucia

Encyclopedia of American Folklore helps readers explore the topics, terms, themes, figures, and issues related to the folklore of the United States.

Swedish Traditions

"A festival of beautiful bakes and stunning photos." Review of ScandiKitchen: Fika & Hygge, Good Housekeeping Magazine. Let Brontë Aurell of The ScandiKitchen Café show you how to celebrate your Christmas Scandi-style by sharing her delicious recipes and family traditions with you. Anyone who has ever been in Scandinavia in December will know that Scandinavians really love Christmas. From huddling up in candlelit snowed-in cottages to consuming glögg at every opportunity, Christmas is peak-hygge season all over Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Everything reverts back to tradition once Advent Sunday has come along. From saffron scented bakes to 'gingerbread spice in everything!', Christmas is the time to break the never-ending darkness with edible treats and joyful feelings. Scandinavians visit friends and families taking along something home baked to share. They have Jul-Smörgåsbord parties where old and young celebrate with a spread of traditional dishes and delicacies. Everything they do for Jul is centred around food, tradition and home comforts. Join Bronte and feel the warmth, even when it's cold outside!

How to Make a Swedish Christmas!

60 delectable Swedish desserts perfect for sweetening up any holiday celebration! In Swedish culture, few things conjure up the spirit of Christmas like making and wrapping toffee. In fact, candy is just as important to Christmas as decorations, presents, and food. With the help of food creator and cookery book writer Lena Söderström, confectioners can now widen their repertoire and find new Christmas candy hits. There are of course old favorites like toffee, fudge, and nougat, but there are some unexpected flavorings and fun twists, too. All the recipes are simple and clear and are accompanied by inspirational pictures. So start playing your favorite Christmas music, put on your apron, and break out the sugar—because with Lena Söderström's help, Christmas will be better than ever!

Encounters with Popular Pastas

In Scandinavia the whole period of Christmas, from the first Sunday in Advent to New Year's Day, is marked by festivals and celebrated in traditional but beautifully contemporary style. Hygge, the Danish word for cosiness, is about being inside with candles, great comfort food and lots of cakes and sweets. The first week of December is baking week - enough has to be made to last the whole Christmas period. Jars of decorated cookies, gingerbread houses and clogs filled with little presents rub shoulders with simple wreaths, trees and tables decorated with white candles and fresh greenery - the perfect mix of ancient and modern. Brunches, cocktail and tea parties, lunches and dinners are celebrated with a mixture of traditional goodies and delicious modern recipes. Duck and pork rule on Christmas Eve, fish, ham and seasonal vegetables on Christmas Day. Sweets, biscuits, puddings and other treats abound - all washed down with glöwein and fruity cocktails. In this glorious book, illustrated with Lars Ranek's evocative photographs, Trine Hahnemann provides a cornucopia of 70 Christmas recipes - all featuring ingredients which are common to all northern climes - showing us how we, too, can decorate our homes and make delicious dishes to celebrate Christmas the Scandinavian way.

Encyclopedia of American Folklore

Gather around the fire and celebrate winter's 6-week "Season of Light" with Swedish traditions, foods and stories that warm the coldest nights of the year. Candles in the windows of Swedish households drive away darkness with legends of the mysterious farm tomte elf and smorgasbords laden with delicious treats to welcome open house guests. "A Swedish Christmas" shares the time-honored magic of the "Season of Light," Yuletide traditions, Christmas reminiscences, the St. Lucy celebration, Jultomte, Swedish hospitality and recipes, with captivating illustrations by Swedish artists, including Jenny Nystrom and others who popularized the red-capped elf in Swedish culture. A little book of heart-warming Swedish winter joys that will delight children and adults alike.

Scandikitchen Christmas

This book, a revision of Scandinavian Christmas, out of print for over a decade, features Christmas scenes from Washington to Pennsylvania. Essays and stories by Scandinavian writers about Christmas are included. There are stories by Selma Lagerlöf, facts about St. Lucia traditions for Swedish Americans, and information about Norwegian and Danish customs. Norwegian immigrant Elizabeth Koren's beautiful essay about Christmas is included. Photographs show St. Lucia arriving in a replica of a Viking boat at Poulsbo, Washington; Christmas customs at Vesterheim Norwegian-American

Museum in Decorah, Iowa; the Swedish American Historical Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the Danish Windmill, Elk Horn, Iowa; the Swedish-American Museum, Chicago; and the St. Olaf Christmas choir and orchestra, Northfield, Minnesota. Recipes feature all five Scandinavian countries: Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, and Finland from American contributors. They include beverages, appetizers, vegetables, side dishes, breads, soups, main dishes, and desserts.

Swedish Christmas Treats

In *Pole Raising and Speech Making*, author Jennifer Eastman Attebery focuses on the beginnings of the traditional Scandinavian Midsummer celebration and the surrounding spring-to-summer seasonal festivities in the Rocky Mountain West during the height of Swedish immigration to the area—1880–1917. Combining research in folkloristics and history, Attebery explores various ways that immigrants blended traditional Swedish Midsummer-related celebrations with local civic celebrations of American Independence Day on July 4 and the Mormons' Pioneer Day on July 24. Functioning as multimodal observances with multiple meanings, these holidays represent and reconsider ethnicity and panethnicity, sacred and secular relationships, and the rural and the urban, demonstrating how flexible and complex traditional celebrations can be. Providing a wealth of detail and information surrounding little-studied celebrations and valuable archival and published primary sources—diaries, letters, speeches, newspaper reports, and images—*Pole Raising and Speech Making* is proof that non-English immigrant culture must be included when discussing “American” culture. It will be of interest to scholars and graduate students in ethnic studies, folklore, ritual and festival studies, and Scandinavian American cultural history.

Scandinavian Christmas

"In his book, Dag Blanck analyzes how Swedish American identity was constructed, maintained, and changed in the Augustana Synod from 1860 to 1917. The author poses three fundamental questions: How did an ethnic identity develop in the Augustana synod? Of what did that ethnic identity consist? Why did that ethnic identity come into being?" "[summary]"--Provided by publisher

A Swedish Christmas

"In this collection are seventeen essays and seven editorials by Barton and published in leading journals between 1974 and 2005. The subjects include post-World War II Swedish immigration and remigration to Sweden. A full bibliography of Barton's publications on Swedish-American history and culture is included"--Provided by publisher

Scandinavian Christmas

Filled with dozens of magical tips, recipes, crafts, and spells, Llewellyn's Little Book of Yule shares everything you need to make your Yuletide memorable and enchanting. From wassail blessings to the spirits of the solstice, this book delves into the lore of familiar traditions as well as observances that may be brand new to you, making it an invaluable resource for bringing meaning and magic to your holiday season.

Pole Raising and Speech Making

Learn how Christmas is celebrated around the world by coloring 30 pictures of young carolers in Great Britain, Mexican children playing under a piñata, a Swedish girl wearing a traditional crown of candles, Greek children parading with drums and triangles, an Australian family picnicking on a beach, and more.

The Creation of an Ethnic Identity

Christmas in Sweden like other European nations is a mixture of traditional and new. The Swedish climate and location naturally lends itself to Christmas traditions, decorations and atmosphere. The main Christmas meal is on Christmas Eve - 24th December - with a famous Julbord, a buffet of numerous dishes over several courses. Dishes include meats such as ham and meatballs, various herring dishes and smoked salmon, and a wonderful array of biscuits and desserts. Try some typical Swedish Christmas food with this book - *The Swedish Christmas Cookbook*

The Old Country and the New

From Minnesota's newer traditions--Hmong hotdish--to its oldest--nourishing wild rice--Land of 10,000 Plates invites readers to bask in the warmth and hospitality of kitchens throughout the state.

Llewellyn's Little Book of Yule

A gorgeous, giftable, illustrated anthology of Sweden's unique holiday traditions In this beautifully designed and richly illustrated volume, the year's Swedish holidays and traditions are described with a focus on their cultural-historical roots. In addition to major weekends such as Easter, Midsummer, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Christmas and New Year, special days in the calendar are also noted, such as Olofsdagen, Valborg and Mickelsmäss. Through them we get a glimpse of what people's lives and conditions looked like in preindustrial society, in a calendar filled with traditions, parties and holidays celebrated in Sweden. Some are new, others have been celebrated for a long time. In Swedish Traditions, the folklorist Tora Wall guides us through the entire calendar year and goes through the origins, history and customs, both historical and contemporary, around Swedish traditions and holidays. The publication is inspired in its design by 19th-century Swedish household Bibles.

Humanities

Like the warmth of a cabin fireplace and the twinkle of lights along the edge of a frozen lake, Christmas in Minnesota evokes memories of holidays long ago.

Christmas Around the World Coloring Book

Elevate your coffee break to a true Swedish fika with these delightful recipes for cookies, cakes, pies, tarts, buns, breads, soups, and more! The Swedish tradition of Fika is a bit like British tea time, except that it features a great cup of coffee rather than tea and evokes feelings of a cozy cafe with a good book, a slice of moist almond cake, perhaps a cinnamon bun fresh out of the oven. Fika is a chance to take a break in the midst of a busy day to savor the sweet things in life. Milo Kalén shares the delights from her own Kaka på Kaka café in Sweden, offering a delightful collection of recipes for sweet and savory treats. Fika may be famous for its traditional baked goods, but Kalén also includes comforting lunch dishes such as Vegetable Gratin featuring roasted carrots, parsnips, and leeks smothered in grated cheddar and Tomato Soup with homemade dumplings. Find recipes including: Jam Thumbprints, filled with a dollop of raspberry jam Oat lace cookies, which are gorgeous stacked in a glass jar Mazarin Cake with layers of grated almonds, raspberry jam, and short crust pastry Butter Wreath made of cinnamon rolls shaped into a wreath and baked to a golden brown Rye rings, which are a bit like bagels and delicious served with smoked salmon Cauliflower soup, a smooth and creamy soup with a kick Salad with chèvre and pan-fried plums And more! Pour a cup of coffee and flip through the sumptuous pages of Swedish Fika. The beautiful photographs and easy-to-follow recipes will inspire you to take more breaks to enjoy a homemade cookie, a slice of pie, or a bowl of comforting soup.

The Swedish Christmas Cookbook

Have you ever thought what the world would be like if I didnt carry that sack and make that sleigh ride each year? I know one thing; there wouldnt be a need for a Naughty and Nice list anymore. Can you imagine all those children and their sad little faces? I could never give up this cause because the children are so angelic with those bright and cheery smiles when they look at you or the presents you leave on Christmas morning. -- Santa Claus

Land of 10,000 Plates

Updated and Revised Edition 2016 Christmas is a very special holiday not only in Germany but all over the world. It's such a special time of year and the magic atmosphere of December and the holiday season gets to everyone. This book will take you on a journey through many German Christmas traditions filled with happy childhood memories. Learn about longstanding traditions and customs like decorating your home, baking cookies (Weihnachtsplätzchen) and visiting the Christmas markets from someone who was born and raised in Germany. How do German children celebrate St. Nicholas Day? Who brings the Christmas gifts and when? What are the favorite Christmas ornaments and decorations in Germany? What dishes are eaten? These and many more questions will be answered in a very personal way. The author even included three of her favorite Christmas cookie recipes for you to bake. For the version 2014 I added two more recipes for Christmas drinks and easy instructions how to make your own Christmas decorations.

Celebrating the Swedish Way

Learn all about the holidays and cultural festivals celebrated in Sweden. Features fun facts about the unique festivals of the ancient Sami people, how the Swedish royal family is honored, and what traditional foods are eaten.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica

This Little Golden Book stars Molly, Josefina, Nanea, Felicity, and other favorite American Girl characters as they celebrate the holidays! Traditions may change over the years, but one thing never changes: everyone loves celebrating the holiday season! Felicity™, Molly™, Nanea™, Rebecca™, Josefina™, and other American Girl historical characters show off some of the ways families have enjoyed the holidays over the decades—from the food to the songs to the parties, presents, and more! There are many ways to celebrate Christmas and the season in this Little Golden Book featuring full-color illustrations and a diverse group of spirited characters from a variety of historical settings. This Little Golden Book is the perfect holiday gift for girls and boys ages 2 to 5, and collectors of all ages! Introduced in 1986, American Girl's flagship line of historical characters features 18-inch dolls, books, and accessories that give girls a dramatic understanding of the role women and girls played in shaping our country.

Swedish Traditions

Presents information on all aspects of European American life including politics, employment and income, education, religion, literature, performing arts, science and medicine, and sports.

Christmas in Minnesota

An illustrated lifestyle cookbook on the Swedish tradition of fika--a twice-daily coffee break--including recipes for traditional baked goods, information and anecdotes about Swedish coffee culture, and the roots and modern incarnations of this cherished custom. Sweden is one of the world's top coffee consuming nations, and the twice-daily social coffee break known as fika is a cherished custom. Fika can be had alone or in groups, indoors or outdoors, while traveling or at home. A time to take a rest from work and chat with friends or colleagues over a cup and a sweet treat, fika reflects the Swedish ideal of slowing down to appreciate life's small joys. In this adorable illustrated cookbook, Anna Brones and Johanna Kindvall share nearly fifty classic recipes from their motherland—from cinnamon buns and ginger snaps to rhubarb cordial and rye bread—allowing all of us to enjoy this charming tradition regardless of where we live.

Swedish Fika

Humanities