

# Ten Facts About Christmas You May Not Know!

- 1.** The first artificial Christmas Tree was made by Germans, from goose feathers which had been dyed before.
- 2.** According to Guinness World Records, Douglas fir was the highest Christmas Tree. It was displayed in one of the shopping centres in Seattle, Washington.
- 3.** The first Christmas Tree in the USA was sold in 1850.
- 4.** Christmas Trees grow for about 15 years before we can buy them.
- 5.** Santa Claus is based on St Nicolas of Myra, who lived in the 4th century. He is the patron saint of banking, pawnbroking, pirating, butchery, sailing, thievery, orphans, royalty, and New York City.
- 6.** Oliver Cromwell who was a Puritan, prohibited celebrating Christmas in Great Britain in 1649-1160.
- 7.** Christmas Trees were banned from The White House in 1901 by President Theodore Roosevelt , who as an environmentalist.
- 8.** The first person to decorate a Christmas tree was reportedly the Protestant reformer Martin Luther (1483-1546).
- 9.** Apples were the first Christmas Tree decorations.
- 10.** While having Christmas dinner, British people wear paper crowns.



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