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Behind the scenes – How do hotel professionals celebrate Christmas?

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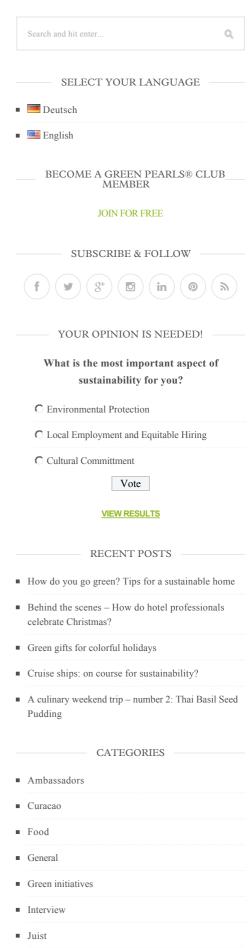
We take a look behind the scenes and show you, how employees and managers in the tourism industry celebrate the best time of the year. Be it in France or in Peru – the end of the year is dedicated to the family!

Joyeux Nöel!



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The charming sustainable city hotel <u>Le Pavillon</u> is situated in the heart of Paris, the city of love. Located in the 7th district within walking distance of the Seine, the Musée D'Orsay or the Champs Elysées, the former monastery is considered as an insider tip. The 15 rooms are lovingly furnished and you can tell from the sumptuous organic breakfast that the hosts do not originate



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from France. Barbara and Tommy Tascijevic are Germans, but they have been living here for 30 years. The French have a festive dinner on Christmas Eve and exchange gifts the next morning, on December 25th. Since this does not correspond to the Tascijevics' idea of a cozy celebration, the couple escapes from Paris to their German family in Den Haag. "We always celebrate Christmas in Den Haag, with the family of my sister Annette, who lives in the Netherlands and besides is Webmaster of our hotel group Green Spirit Hotels," Barbara tells us. "It is always a very lively and joyful celebration due to my two nieces, who are seven and twelve years old, and their cousins, a great celebration with the entire family – really nostalgic including a typical Christmas Eve and children's eyes shining full of excitement.

Feliz Navidad!



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The Peruvians usually celebrate Christmas together with the whole family. In provinces such as Cusco, the main road is transformed into a kind of street festival: traditional craftsmen present their skills while locals are buying presents. Here, travellers also find enchanting souvenirs such as small statues or dolls, colorful scarfs or blouses, candles and floral wreaths at little cost. In contrast, the boutique hotel Inkaterra La Casona, located not far from the center, offers festive contemplation. The hotel staff celebrates together with the guests and the nature of the celebration varies according to the guest's nationalities. A festive, typical Peruvian dinner and small gifts are essential, while everything else depends on the travellers' wishes and customs.



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