



December



"We should all start to live before we get too old. Fear is stupid. So are regrets"
(M. Monroe)

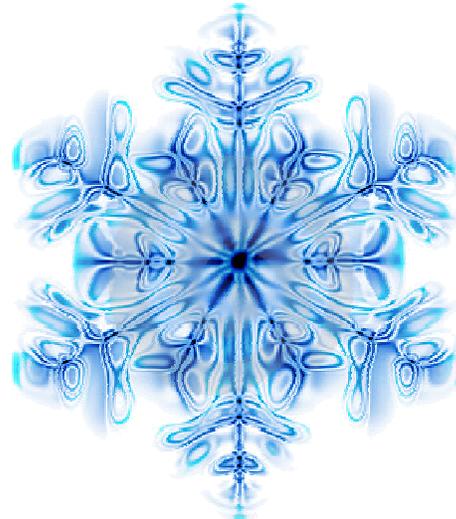
December 2nd @19:00 (Wed)
Stammtisch
every month together
at " La Piazza Ristorante" (Brandt Passage 33 Odense C)

December 3rd @ 16:00 (Thu)
Enjoy amazing and glamorous Indian experience!
Indian Music
@
the Music Library

December 5th and 6th 10:00 to 18:00
Historical Christmas Market
Christmas as it was in the 1800s.
free entrance
Mønterården Overgade 48-50, Odense C



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Live in Love

The end of the year is always a good chance for reflection and looking back at all the five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes (or something around that number) that have passed and would be approximately equal one year.

Day by day we go through different processes, discoveries, challenges, surprises and miracles. Day by day we hopefully become better people. Better to others and, of course, better to ourselves.

With all the things you take, grab, enjoy, smell, taste, sense or fall asleep to, they hopefully bring you closer to the most single and yet the most complicated thing of all – love. And if you are smiling right now, it's hopefully because you understand that sometimes all you need to do is open your eyes and let everything go. Everything is perfect as it is. If you want to feel that moment, that every here and every now within every single cell of your body, every single molecule. You can only cross that ocean when you dare to loose the shore from your sight.

Therefore International Club is wishing you to dare to be free, to enjoy life and experience all the amazing miracles you might come across and, of course, love!





Merry
Christmas

Events Continuation

December 6th @ 16:00 (Sun)

Gospel for Christmas

Gospel Choir from Southern Fyn.
free entrance at Paarup Kirke, Paarupvej
62, Paarup, Odense NV

VORES JUL - en ønskekoncert

With the Chamber Chorus of SDU directed
by our own Saul Saks

December 7th, 19.00 at Håstrup Kirke,
Pilekrogen 5, Håstrup, Fåborg
December 11th, 19.00 at Sct. Hans Kirke •
Sct. Hans Plads 1 • 5000 Odense C

December 10th 9:45 to 13:00 Business PhD

Learn about the cooperation of local
business and PhD students from SDU
for more information visit the web page of
the Career Center. Sign up until the 7th of
December

December 11th 14:00 to 18:00 (Fri)

Julehattens workshop (Danish)

Christmas-experimental workshop, a
creative place for children and adults.
participation is free,
@ Kulturmaskinen, Farvergården 7,
Odense C

December 12th @ 11:00 (Sat)

UNICEF's Childrens' day (Danish)

Music films and presentations,
a cozy afternoon for the family.
Support UNICEF with your *entrance fee -
50DKK.*
Theater Momentum, Ny Vestergade 18,
Odense C

December 13th 14:00 to 16:00 (Sun)

Danish Christmas Traditions

ISO is organizing an event
for the whole family.
at Bolbro Brugerhus, for more details
contact Jose Rojas: jmrojasd@yahoo.dk

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Christmas Season in Denmark

Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ. Christmas Eve is on 24th December. Here, the family gathers to eat and give each other presents. Most people dance around the Christmas tree and sing Christmas carols and other songs. Many people attend a church Christmas service. And at Christmas, all the shops and streets are decorated with lights, hearts and spruce. Pixies, small fantasy creatures which are part of the heathen tradition, also have an important part to play at Danish Christmas celebrations. In December, many workplaces hold Christmas lunches, and at nursery, schools and after-school recreational centres, children make Christmas presents. Many children have a Christmas calendar just like the ones they see on the Christmas calendar TV programmes. These calendars count down the days to Christmas Eve. On the 25th and 26th December, which are called Christmas Day and Boxing Day, many families gather for a Christmas lunch.

Source: www.finno.dk

Some ancient traditions of winter time

Winter solstice was overlaid with Christmas, and the observance of Christmas spread throughout the globe. Along the way, we lost some of the deep connection of our celebrations to a fundamental seasonal, hemispheric event. In Iran, there is the observance of Yalda, in which families kept vigil through the night and fires burned brightly to help the sun (and Goodness) battle darkness (thought evil).

Winter solstice celebrations are also part of the cultural heritage of Pakistan and Tibet. And in China, even though the calendar is based on the moon, the day of winter solstice is called Dong Zhi, "The Arrival of Winter." The cold of winter made an excellent excuse for a feast, so that's how the Chinese observed it, with Ju Dong, "doing the winter."

The placement of Hanukkah is tied to both the lunar and solar calendars. It begins on the 25th of Kislev, three days before the new moon closest to the Winter Solstice. In fact, this year, the first night of Hanukkah occurs on Winter Solstice!

Source: <http://www.candlegrove.com/solstice.html#others>

In contrast to the winter and the idyllic with Christmas in the North, South from the Ecuador line the seasons are reversed and therefore the celebration was related to the summer solstice.

The Inca were the best planners of the South American pre-Columbians and were builders par excellence.

The capital of the Inca world was Cuzco, which in the Quecha language means the navel, or in a manner of speaking, the center of the universe. It was actually a hub for the famous network of Inca roads.

Now, 500 years after the conquest of the Inca empire, the Quecha-speaking people of Cuzco still celebrate the arrival of the summer solstice. Each year, in the early cold morning hours of the 21st of June, the men, women and children of Cuzco and its surrounding areas, dressed in colorful alpaca wool ponchos and knitted earflap hats, gather together at Sacsahuaman.

