

# A Warm December Welcome

The Christmas season is upon us, and with Christmas comes hope, celebration, joy and fun. Christmas is many things to many people, and one enduring thing throughout, is the joy and happiness that Christmas brings to our lives.

Christmas has a meaning beyond the festivities and food, it is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. This helps us to remember that Christmas is an opportunity for some self reflection and an opportunity to come together and help those around us.

This time of year also brings some very familiar objects and Christmas symbols. Let's take a look at some of these symbols, and a few interesting facts about them.

Here are some traditional <u>Christmas symbols</u> and a few facts about each one.



A <u>snowflake</u> always has six sides. <u>Snowflakes</u> fall at approximately 5 – 6 kph. The first identical snowflakes were discovered in 1988.



Thomas Edison strung the first <u>Christmas lights</u> in 1882. Most recycled <u>Christmas lights</u> are recycled in China. Before <u>lights</u>, people used candles on their trees.

Queen Victoria popularised the <u>Christmas tree</u> in 1800. <u>Christmas trees</u> take about 10 - 15 years to grow. The Nordmann Fir is the king of Christmas trees.



Green is the symbol of life (think of evergreens in snow). Red represents the blood of Jesus Christ. Gold is the colour of the sun (the warm light in winter).



Let's take a look at some places to go, books to read, and movies to watch (right here in Hong Kong), over the Christmas holidays...

## Best Christmas Displays: Our top 3 places to go & see some fantastic Christmas displays:



Xmas Terminal, Harbour City



**Christmas Joy House, The Landmark** 



**Disney Winter Celebration** 

Fun Christmas Movies: Get in the Christmas mood with a festive and fun movie:







**Christmas Chronicles (adventure)** 

Elf (comedy)

Klaus (animation) Ch Christmas Books:

## Books will make your Christmas even more magical:



#### A Christmas Carol

### A Modern Xmas Mix





The Night Before Christmas



How the Grinch Stole Christmas





















