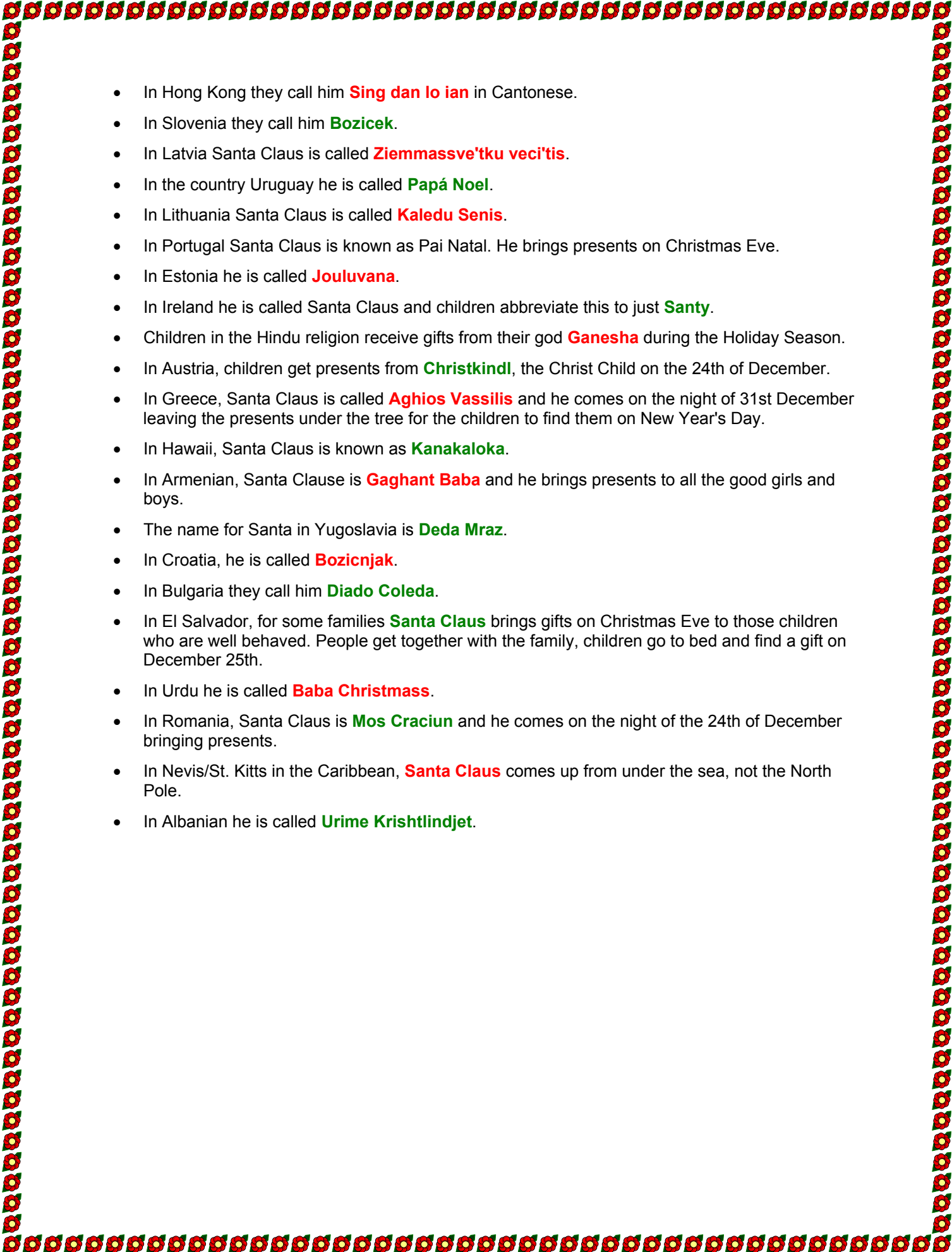


Santa By Any Other Name

- In the United States and Canada, his name is **Santa Claus**. He flies through the sky in a sleigh pulled by eight reindeer.
- In England his name is **Father Christmas**. He looks much like Santa Claus, but he has a longer coat and a longer beard.
- In Wales Santa is called **Sion Corn** - this translates as "Chimney John" relating to the story that Santa comes down the chimney of each house to bring his gifts to the children within.
- In France, he's known as **Pere Noel**. He is also called **Pere Noel** in parts of Canada.
- In Brazil and Peru, he's called **Papai Noel**.
- In Germany, children get presents from **Christkind**, the Christ Child on the 24th of December. Also, in Germany **Knecht Ruprecht** and his helpers come on the 6th of December. In Germany, Father Christmas can also be called **der Weihnachtsmann**.
- In Poland, Santa **Swiety Mikolaj** (Saint Nicholas) was a cardinal in the Catholic Church, he visits children on December 6th and he brings presents, mostly sweets, which he leaves in children's clean shoes.
- In some Slovak countries, Santa is **Swiety Mikolaj** (star man) -- for the North Star. He visits children on Christmas Eve, bringing presents. The Christmas Eve meal begins once the first star is seen.
- In Costa Rica, Colombia, and parts of Mexico, the gift bringer is **El Nino Jesus**, "the infant Jesus."
- In Puerto Rico, children receive gifts from the **Three Kings** on January 6th. Each child puts grass under their bed for the camels and in the morning the grass is replaced with gifts.
- **Jultomten** or **Tomten** Sweden. Jultomten visits in the evening before Christmas day, pulling a big bag of julklappar (Christmas presents) in the deep snow.
- På norsk (in Norwegian) **Julenissen** arrives on the evening of the 24th.
- In the Netherlands, he is called **Kerstman**. He flies through the sky with his reindeers and puts gifts under the Christmas tree on the 25th of December.
- In Finland, he is called **Joulupukki** and his home is in Lapland in the north part of Finland called Korvatunturi. Also in Finland, the Swedish-speaking Finns (finlandssvenskar) call him **Julgubben**.
- In Spain, on the night of January 5th, children put their shoes under the Christmas tree and have presents from the **Three Kings (Los Reyes Magos: Melchor, Gaspar and Baltasar)**. Santa Claus is called **Papa Noel**.
- In Russia, he is called **Grandfather Frost or Ded Moroz**.
- He is also called **Kriss Kringle** - origin unknown.
- He is called **St. Nick** in Turkey.
- **Télapó** is Santa Claus in Hungarian.
- In Italy, he is called **Babbo Natale**. Also, they receive their presents on January 6th from the gift bringer an old lady called **Befana**.
- **Black Peter**, St Nick's helper, originates from Morocco or Liberia.
- In China, he is called **Shengdan Laoren**.
- In Denmark they call him, **Julemand**.

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- In Hong Kong they call him **Sing dan lo ian** in Cantonese.
 - In Slovenia they call him **Bozicek**.
 - In Latvia Santa Claus is called **Ziemassve'tku veci'tis**.
 - In the country Uruguay he is called **Papá Noel**.
 - In Lithuania Santa Claus is called **Kaledu Senis**.
 - In Portugal Santa Claus is known as Pai Natal. He brings presents on Christmas Eve.
 - In Estonia he is called **Jouluvana**.
 - In Ireland he is called Santa Claus and children abbreviate this to just **Santy**.
 - Children in the Hindu religion receive gifts from their god **Ganesha** during the Holiday Season.
 - In Austria, children get presents from **Christkindl**, the Christ Child on the 24th of December.
 - In Greece, Santa Claus is called **Aghios Vassilis** and he comes on the night of 31st December leaving the presents under the tree for the children to find them on New Year's Day.
 - In Hawaii, Santa Claus is known as **Kanakaloka**.
 - In Armenian, Santa Clause is **Gaghant Baba** and he brings presents to all the good girls and boys.
 - The name for Santa in Yugoslavia is **Deda Mraz**.
 - In Croatia, he is called **Bozicnjak**.
 - In Bulgaria they call him **Diado Coleda**.
 - In El Salvador, for some families **Santa Claus** brings gifts on Christmas Eve to those children who are well behaved. People get together with the family, children go to bed and find a gift on December 25th.
 - In Urdu he is called **Baba Christmass**.
 - In Romania, Santa Claus is **Mos Craciun** and he comes on the night of the 24th of December bringing presents.
 - In Nevis/St. Kitts in the Caribbean, **Santa Claus** comes up from under the sea, not the North Pole.
 - In Albanian he is called **Urime Krishtlindjet**.