

# WORLD BOX

## CHINA & SNOW, ICE & DRAGON BOATS

Travel the World of Faiths and Festivals.

### Dragon Boat Festival

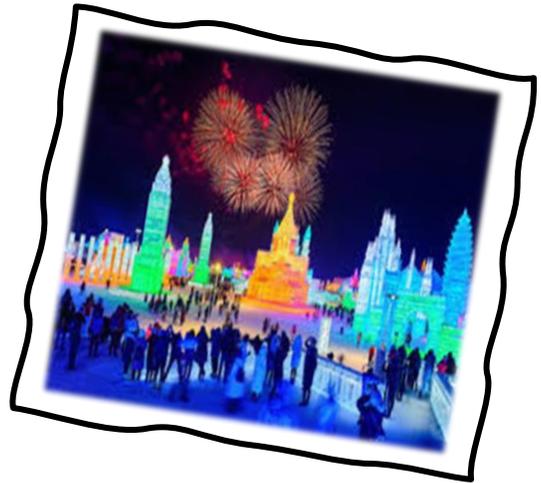
The Dragon Boat racing takes place on the 5th day of the 5th month of the traditional Chinese calendar.

[Click here](#) to watch a short film of the Dragon Boat Festival.

### Harbin Snow and Ice Festival

The Snow and Ice Festival is an annual sculpture event.

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### Christmas in China:

In China only about 1% of people are Christians, so most people only know a few things about Christmas and so it is often only celebrated in major cities.

Santa Claus is called "Shen Dan Lao Ren" and has grottos in shops like those in Europe and America.

The post men sometimes dress up as Santa when delivering letters before Christmas!

Only a few people have a Christmas Tree. If they do have a tree it is normally a plastic one and might be decorated with paper chains, paper flowers, and paper lanterns (it is known as a tree of light).

The strange thing is that most of the world's plastic Christmas Trees and Christmas decorations are made in China, but the people making them might not have trees in their own homes at Christmas!

A tradition that's becoming popular, on Christmas Eve, is giving apples and stores have apples wrapped up in coloured paper for sale.

In Chinese, Christmas Eve is called "Ping'an Ye" (平安夜) meaning peaceful or quiet evening.

More young people are celebrating Christmas in cities where Christmas parties are becoming popular and it's also a time where young couples will be gifts for each other, a bit like Valentine's day.

In Chinese Happy/Merry Christmas is 'Sheng Dan Kuai Le' or 圣诞快乐 in Mandarin and 'Seng Dan Fai Lok' or 聖誕快樂 in Cantonese.



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