

Unique New Year's Traditions Around the World

GRAPE STUFFING, SPAIN

Cram 12 grapes into your mouth in Spain at midnight, and enjoy good luck in the next year.



TAKANAKUY FESTIVAL, PERU

This small community in Peru gets pretty rowdy during its New Year celebrations, as villagers fist fight to settle old scores.



BROKEN PLATES, DENMARK

Unused plates and dishes in Danish households are saved up until the 31st December, and then smashed on the front doors of friends and family.



ICE CREAM SPILLAGE, SWITZERLAND

Dropping ice cream on the floor is a valid way to celebrate New Year in Switzerland, apparently.



PANCAKES, FRANCE

The French have the right idea – eating a big stack of pancakes. That's a tradition we want for our own!



FEASTING, ESTONIA

Another tradition we like the sound of – Estonians tuck into seven meals on New Year's Day, signifying abundance in the coming year.



GREAT BALL OF FIRE, SCOTLAND

Nobody does New Year quite like the Scots, and in Stonehaven, it's tradition to have a parade of swinging fire balls in the streets.



CEMETERY CAMPING, CHILE

In Talca, a special midnight mass is held in the local graveyard, so that families can spend time with deceased relatives.



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ICE COLD SWIM, WALES

An annual tradition in Saundersfoot, thousands of people brave icy waters to raise money for charity.



CROSSING THE THRESHOLD, SCOTLAND

Yup, they've made the list twice - another great Scottish tradition is first-footing. The first person across a threshold of a home at New Year carries a gift for good luck.

