

**VORWEIHNACHTENSITTEN (PRE-CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS)****HOW TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS LIKE AN AUSTRIAN**

Learn Austrian Christmas songs: At least you'll know the tune to one - the famous carol Silent Night (Stille Nacht) was written in Austria in 1818. Other popular Weihnachtslieder are O Tannenbaum and Leise rieselt der Schnee.



Bake your Christmas cookies: Two thirds of Austrians will reportedly be baking their own cookies for Christmas. The most traditional are Vanilla Kipferl, crescent-shaped cookies made with butter, ground almonds, sugar, egg yolks and flour. Some are decorated and hung on the tree.