

The world's most bizarre New Year's traditions

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The world's 10 most bizarre New Year's Eve rituals (and you thought YOUR family had strange traditions!)

OK, before we go any further, bear in mind that what may seem like a bizarre ritual to us is deemed absolutely normal in the society in which it takes place.



The Thai water fight - looks like more fun than some New Year's rituals. (Image: [Laurence King](#), via Wikimedia Commons)

After all, around Christmas, we cut down a tree, drape tinsel and shiny balls all over it - and then shove a fairy on top... And tomorrow night many of us will count down the final seconds to 2014, wish everyone - even complete strangers - "Happy New Year" - secure in the knowledge that it will probably be as bad as this one was, right?

Anyway, a while back, Badoo.com, a worldwide social network for meeting new people, conducted a global poll to find out which New Year's Eve tradition trumped all from a range of eccentric and distinctive local customs.

So here they are... Badoo.com's take (via Independent Publishing Company, Inc) on [The world's 10 most bizarre New Year's Eve rituals \(and you thought YOUR family had strange traditions!\)](#)

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