



SUMMERTIME!

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Finally, it's warm outside again! Summer officially starts on the northern hemisphere on June 21. Jackets can stay home now, it's long days and nature comes to life – everything blooms and grows. The air is vibrant. Summer means fresh fruit, such as blackberries and cherries, many beautiful flowers like sunflowers and pansies, and that you can see animals outside in nature much more often these days. By the lakeside you'll find dragonflies buzzing around, down in the forest a fox tiptoes through the scrubs, and us humans come out of our homes more often to meet friends and celebrate summer.

All over the world this season is celebrated in one way or another. Since farmers had to work long hours in summers, there are but a few official holidays. Today summer is also well used for street festivals. Of course there are a lot of rites and customs linked to summer in many cultures and countries in the world. In Sweden, for instance, midsummer (midsommar) is quite a big celebration, which a huge kind of maypole is erected for, nicely decorated with flowers and twigs. For the same date elsewhere, for example in Germany, Norway or Denmark, people light a huge fire, called John's fire. In Denmark and Norway this fire is lighted already on the eve of John's Day (Sankt Hans) to burn a giant figure made of straw and hay.

Now let's look at what's happening on the southern hemisphere. Since summer begins on December 21 there, you can have warm, green and sunny Christmas. What's well known, too, is Carnival in Rio de Janeiro. For this folk festival Brazilians and tourists alike celebrate quite a donnybrook for several days in a row.

Nights begin to stay warmer now, too, which means it's a perfect time to go look at the stars.

From August 9 to 19 you can spot shooting stars of the delta aquarides and of the persides falling. Also, on November 19 there will be a partial lunar eclipse.





Strawberry Mojito

Recipe

Mojitos are one of the most popular cocktails in the world. Originally they're from Cuba and are made of rum, lime juice, mint, cane sugar and sparkling water. We show you an awesome summer version of this drink for the whole family. Here you spare out the alcohol and add strawberries instead. That makes a good treat for hot days!

The exact origin of the name „mojito“ is still unknown, since there are several stories claiming the truth. One of them says that „mojito“ means „small mojo“, an West African bag for magical herbs and objects. According to this story „mojito“ roughly means „little charm“.

- You need:
- drinking glasses
 - ice cubes or crushed ice
 - 1 – 2 limes
 - sugar
 - 500g strawberries
 - mixer / stick blender
 - tonic water / sprite
 - mint

Step-by-Step-Recipe:

1. First you blend 2 hands full of strawberries until you get a fine squish.
2. After that you best prepare the glass, putting a couple of ice cubes in it, adding the juice of one lime, 1 tea spoon of sugar and a few mint leaves (for a more intense flavour, chop them into little pieces).
3. Next, add the strawberry juice and fill the glass up with tonic or sprite.
4. For decoration you can tuck half a strawberry or a lime slice to the rim of the glass. A little twig of mint with leaves on it looks pretty there.