



# The Krampus

*The tradition comes out of the Alpes and is often associated with St. Nicholas. The Krampus embodies the evil that punishes the bad children, while St. Nicholas rewards the good ones.*

*He resembles a devil and behaves accordingly. He wears a handmade wooden mask, a real fur, a horse's tail, hooves, a willow route, and a basket on his back to take the bad children with him. Because of their looks many children are very scared of them.*

*The term Krampus can be traced back to the German word Kralle. By the way, the official Krampus Day is the 5.12.*

*If you have gotten curious, I advise you to go to Krampus runs and watch the spectacle for yourself. But if you don't just want to watch the runs but also participate, you can simply contact a club in your hometown and if there isn't one, just use the internet to search for one near you. There are many children and young adults who practice this hobby in their free time.*

*Happy Krampus Day!*

