



Go

EXPERTS

COMMUNITY

CONTESTS

VIDEO

EVERYDAY PARTIES

HOLIDAYS & SEASONS

LOG IN

BECOME A MEMBER

Enter the Big Game Party Idea Contest



Enter the Big Game Party Idea contest for your chance to win a dream Big Game party worth up to \$5,000!

ENTER THE CONTEST

Meet other members of Celebrations



Andrea Demirjian

Favorite party idea
Mistletoe Party
Favorite holiday
New Year's Eve



Schmerin

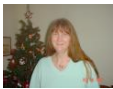
New York, NY
Favorite party idea
Tailgating
Favorite holiday
Super Bowl



SequoiaWoman



NPagliochini



imagedesign62

Duluth, MN
Favorite party idea
Family Reunion
Favorite holiday
Thanksgiving

Everyday Parties

Food & Wine
Dinner Parties
Wine Tasting
Cocktails

Birthdays
Birthday Cakes

Getaways
Weekend Getaways

Party Ideas
Tailgating
TV Theme Parties

Holidays and Seasons

Fall and Holiday Season
Fall Parties
Halloween
Thanksgiving
Chanukah
Holiday Party
Christmas

Winter
Super Bowl Parties
New Year's Eve

Life Celebrations

Bridal Showers

Happy Ho Ho's Under the Mistletoe

The Nice & Naughty of Holiday Kissing Etiquette

By [Andrea Demirjian](#)

As there's a possibility to get a bit carried away when holiday festivities are high, here's a little ladies and gents kissing etiquette to keep in mind when the eggnog brings on lusty peppermint sensations where your lips have to do something more than nibble on a candy cane.

Kissing Under the Mistletoe – An Ancient Tradition

This fabulous, flirty custom began long ago in the Golden Age of Rome with the festival of Saturnalia – a holiday of feasting and gift giving which ran from Dec. 17th-23rd, and ended with a day where households servants switched roles with their masters. Kissing under the mistletoe was also popular with the Druids and Scandinavians who associated it with peace and fertility.

Classic mistletoe kissing etiquette back in the early days varied. Most common then, as is now, would be to kiss anyone who walked under it. Another custom required a man to pluck the berry when he kissed the woman, and if there were no more berries left on the sprig, there couldn't be anymore kissing. All universal codes of mistletoe kissing conduct say it's bad kissing karma to refuse a kiss!

A Time for Kisses & Good Cheer

Today, mistletoe kissing most often happens at a party – be it at a friend's home, the office shindig or a bar. If you're single or newly coupled, you're in luck. The holiday season is the ultimate "karpe kisseem" opportunity to show your affection for someone when the spirit moves you, and in a way that's perfectly acceptable. It's golden! And you might get just what you asked Santa for!

If there is someone you've had your eye on, use that mistletoe as a 007 "license to kiss". If you're worried about getting your intended under that magical berry sprig, carry your own – it's a very convenient way to ensure a kiss no matter where you are! The plastic ones are good if you plan on mistletoe cruising over the holiday stretch. It's also the perfect time when you've been dating someone new to break the ice in a fun, frisky way. Mistletoe gives you pleasurable permission for that first kiss, and can help relieve some of the nervousness of wondering when and where.

The Nice & Naughty of Mistletoe Kissing

Ladies: If there's a gentleman you want to kiss, don't hesitate. Any man would be delighted to receive an unexpected kiss from a lovely lady. It will make him feel good about himself. Just make sure to use your "randy radar" to tell whether to make it sweet and friendly, or go for something a wee bit naughty. Who knows, after you kiss him, he might kiss you right back!

And if a guy takes a chance and kisses you, always be polite, even if you don't particularly feel the vibe. It's the time for peace on earth, so



Kissing Under the Mistletoe

Join the Celebrations Community Today

Join the Celebrations community in December and get a \$10 gift card for use at our partner [GreatFood.com!](#)

BECOME A MEMBER

What is Your Favorite Holiday Memory?



Defrosting a turkey in the bathtub? Sledding with cousins on Christmas Eve? Share your holiday memories with the community today!

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

GO TO COMMUNITY HOLIDAY MEMORIES

Become Our Next Expert

Celebrations.com is looking for the next Expert to join Jeanne and Mindy. Want to write for Celebrations? Drop us a line.

BE OUR NEXT EXPERT

Tell Us What You Think

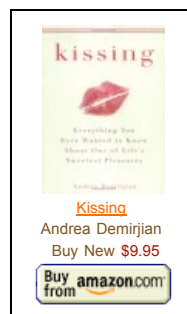
GIVE US FEEDBACK



Andréa Demirjian - About the Expert



Andréa Demirjian is a preeminent "kissing expert" and radio personality. Her book "Kissing – Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About One of Life's Sweetest Pleasures" (Penguin) is a sweet 'n sexy celebration of kissing and all things kissable.



Kissing
Andrea Demirjian
Buy New \$9.95

Buy from amazon.com

Shopping WITH Chefs

Shop Smarter. Cook Better.

Watch Weekends at 1pm ET >>

do more with your time & money

FINE LIVING TV NETWORK

Become a Member of Celebrations and get a

\$10 GIFT CARD* from GREATFOOD.COM

German Holiday Traditions

Holiday Recipes, Markets & More You May Win a Free Trip to Germany!
www.GermanFoods.org

Christmas Party

Browse Holiday Recipes Find 1000s of Top Recipes to Enjoy!
www.MyRecipes.com

Mistletoe Benefits

There Is More Than Kissing! Browse Our Free Articles Now.
www.LifeScript.com

Good Kissing Tips

Proven Kiss Tips You Can Use To Make Any Woman Melt In Your Arms
www.DoubleYourDating.com

Celebrate New Years

Bands, Food, Drinks, Fun Join the party in Boulder Colorado
www.boulderado.com/new_years

show that goodwill towards men. After the kiss, smile, wish them a happy holiday, and politely excuse yourself on the pretense of needing to find your friend, or re-apply your lipstick.

[Privacy Information](#)

Gents: While mistletoe seems to be an open invitation, all gentlemen must remember not to get too carried away. Be careful not to turn into one of those party clichés. Keep your cool, and be gracious to the lady. A kiss on the cheek is always a good place to start, and if her eyes spark and twinkle, well then go for a little lip. Soft, brief and gentle wins all the time (best to leave the tongue behind), and could lead to something special!

Happy Holiday Kissing!



COMMUNITY PHOTOS



Riona
By **Riona**



Cinco de Mayo - Let the Drinks Begin!
By **ppothpan**



Round The Country Cake
By **seth**



More from my neighborhood reunion
By **randif**

MORE VIDEO



Big Game Party: Main Game Recipes



Big Game Party: First Down Appetizers



Big Game Party: Super Pro Decor



Big Game Party: Halftime Fun and Games