

Santa's Christmas Route

You will need a map with longitude and latitude to complete this page.

It's almost Christmastime and Santa's on his way.

He'll visit each town and city by the arrival of Christmas Day.

He'll fly south to Europe to a major capital city.

When he arrives at 41° N, 13° E, he'll sing a Christmas ditty. _____ (1)

Then Santa will fly southeast over the _____ Canal, (2)

And the sea he will cross over matches Rudolph, his reindeer pal _____ (3)

He'll travel southwest across Africa to the Ivory Coast. "_____ is our capital," is the natives' boast. (4)

Then off to the southeast of Africa to a large offshore island.

"_____ is our destination," choruses his tiny reindeer band. (5)

The reindeer change direction and fly north of the Tropic of Cancer.

"Let's fly over eastern Asia to Seoul, _____," says the feisty little Prancer. (6)

Momentarily, Prancer thinks a minute and scratches his tiny ear,

"If it's 1:00 P.M. in London, what time will it be here?" _____ (7)

Then Santa crosses southern Asia and goes to the country of _____, to Bombay. (8)

He crosses the _____ Mountains as he proceeds along this way. (9)

He travels southeast to Singapore and wonders where he's at.

"Santa," shouts Cupid, "we're at _____ Long. and Lat!" (10)

Then they dash across the sky like lightning and thunder.

They're headed southeast to _____, the land "down under." (11)

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They sing happy Christmas carols filled with joy and mirth,
And they make their way southwest across the continent to the main city of _____.
(12)

Then Santa's off to Alaska and needs the shortest route that's best.
Will he fly _____, or will he fly northwest?
(13)

How many time zones does Santa cross en route to Anchorage? _____
(14)

At least he won't have to worry if his perishables aren't stored in the fridge!
Santa travels east across the _____ Mountains to the capital of Canada.
(15)

_____ Is the capital Toronto? Is it Montreal? Or is it Ottawa?
(16)

Santa travels south toward the equator on the same meridian.

When he arrives in Colombia's capital, _____, he promises the
reindeer some fun!
(17)

He travels south through the _____ Mountains,
(18)

Then due east along the Tropic of Capricorn.

By the time they arrive across the continent in the farthest eastern coastal city of
_____,
(19)

Santa's looking extremely tired and forlorn.

His last destination is _____,
and Santa can't _____ (your home town)
quite figure it out,

So write at least four more lines
of rhyme and help Santa plan
his route!

Merry Christmas!



Santa's Christmas Route Answer Key

1. Rome, Italy 11. Australia
2. Suez 12. Perth
3. Red Sea 13. northeast
4. Abidjan 14. 6 time zones
5. Madagascar 15. Rocky
6. South Korea 16. Ottawa
7. 10:00 p.m. 17. Bogota
8. India 18. Andes
9. Himalaya 19. Rio de Janeiro
10. 3° N 103° E