

Christmas

around the world

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- The British do not know the tradition of celebrating Christmas Eve. They eat their Christmas meal on the first day of Christmas. The traditional dish is roast turkey stuffed with chestnuts, turtle soup and so-called Christmas pudding, a type of dessert made on the basis of dried fruit, brandy, brown sugar, gingerbread spice and orange peel. Presents can only be opened on the second day of Christmas.
- Here the custom of kissing under the mistletoe hanging from the ceiling was born.
- Such a kiss brings happiness and fulfillment of wishes.
- London is the home of the first greeting cards. In 1846, Jon Horsley from England designed the first Christmas card with the words "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

England

- In Spain, the equivalent of wafer is halva. Before Christmas, every Spanish family buys a new crib.
- Christmas Eve begins after midnight mass. Then everyone goes out to the streets lit by thousands of colorful light bulbs, sing carols, dance and party until the morning.
- The main course is baked fish and "Three Kings Cake", in which small gifts are baked.
- Gifts are given out on January 6 on the Epiphany festival, in memory of the gifts Jesus received from the wise men of the East.

Spain

- In Italy, Christmas has a thousand-year tradition. The Italians send many greeting cards to family and friends.
- On December 8, they decorate a Christmas tree and build crèches in churches.
- On December 24, Christmas Eve is celebrated - a gala dinner during which typical Italian cakes are eaten - penettone and pandoro, as well as nougat, almonds and hazelnuts.
- The Italians take part in the Midnight Mass. They give presents at Christmas, too.
- The central streets of Rome are decorated with large Christmas trees.

Italy

- In Hungary, big balls for children are organized during the holidays.
- The most important of them takes place in the capital of the country, Budapest, in the Parliament building. Famous actors and artists participate in it. One puts hay under the table cloth lying on the table. Pulling out the longest straw promises a long life. During Christmas Eve and Christmas, Hungarians eat roast turkey, fish soup and chicken broth. Poppy seed cake cannot be missing on the table, because poppy seeds provide love for the family.

Hungary

- In Austria, a small bell rings through the windows after five o'clock in the afternoon.
- This is a sign that the Christmas dinner is starting. Austria is the homeland of one of the most beautiful carols in the world "Stille Nacht, heilige nacht" (Silent Night, Holy Night).

Austria

- In Denmark, on Christmas Eve, sweet rice with cinnamon and baked goose with apples are served. The traditional dish is pudding with rice, in which the hostess hides an almond. Whoever finds him gets the marzipan pig, which ensures happiness throughout the year.

Denmark

- In which country balls for children are organized?
- Hungary
- In which country Christmas trees are dressed on 8th December?
- Italy
- In which country presents are given on 6th January?
- Spain

Quiz

- Which country started the mistletoe kiss tradition?
- **England**
- What does finding an almond in the rice pudding ensure?
- **Happiness throughout the coming year.**

Quiz



The End
