

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Great Britain



Christmas Day

Christmas Day, 25th December, is a very special day for Christians all over the world. In Britain they have three or four days' holiday for Christmas. It is a happy time, especially for children.

Decor

People decorate their houses with Christmas cards, holly and paper decorations – bells, chains and stars



Boxing day

Boxing Day is a holiday celebrated in the UK on December 26 the day after Christmas. It is based on the service or donated to the poor gifts wrapped in boxes.





Traditional Christmas fare

- 1. Baked stuffed turkey
- 2. Chestnuts
- 3. Christmas pudding



Christmas carol

The most popular Christmas carol sing on this day by the English called "Good King Wencelas".

GOD KING WENCESLAS.



2.

"Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

3.

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pine-logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither."
Page and Monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament,
And the bitter weather.

4.

"Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger,
Fails my heart, I know not how;
I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, good my page;
Tread thou in them boldly;
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

5.

In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

Mistletoe

Here was born the custom of kissing under the mistletoe hanging from the ceiling. Such a kiss brings happiness and fulfillment of wishes.





Cracker Christmas

Cylindrical candy made of paper, which contains a surprise.

Shopping

The shops are very busy at Christmas. Everyone wants to buy presents for their family and friends. And people buy a lot of food and drink for all the Christmas meals and parties.



A nighttime photograph of Trafalgar Square in London. In the center, a large, brightly lit Christmas tree stands tall, its branches covered in white lights and topped with a star. To the right, the fountains of the square are active, with water spraying upwards. In the background, the National Gallery building is illuminated, showing its classical architecture and a prominent dome. The sky is dark, and the overall scene is festive and brightly lit.

London trafalgar square

Every year there is a very big Christmas tree in the centre of London, in Trafalgar Square. This is a present from the people of Norway to the people of Great Britain.

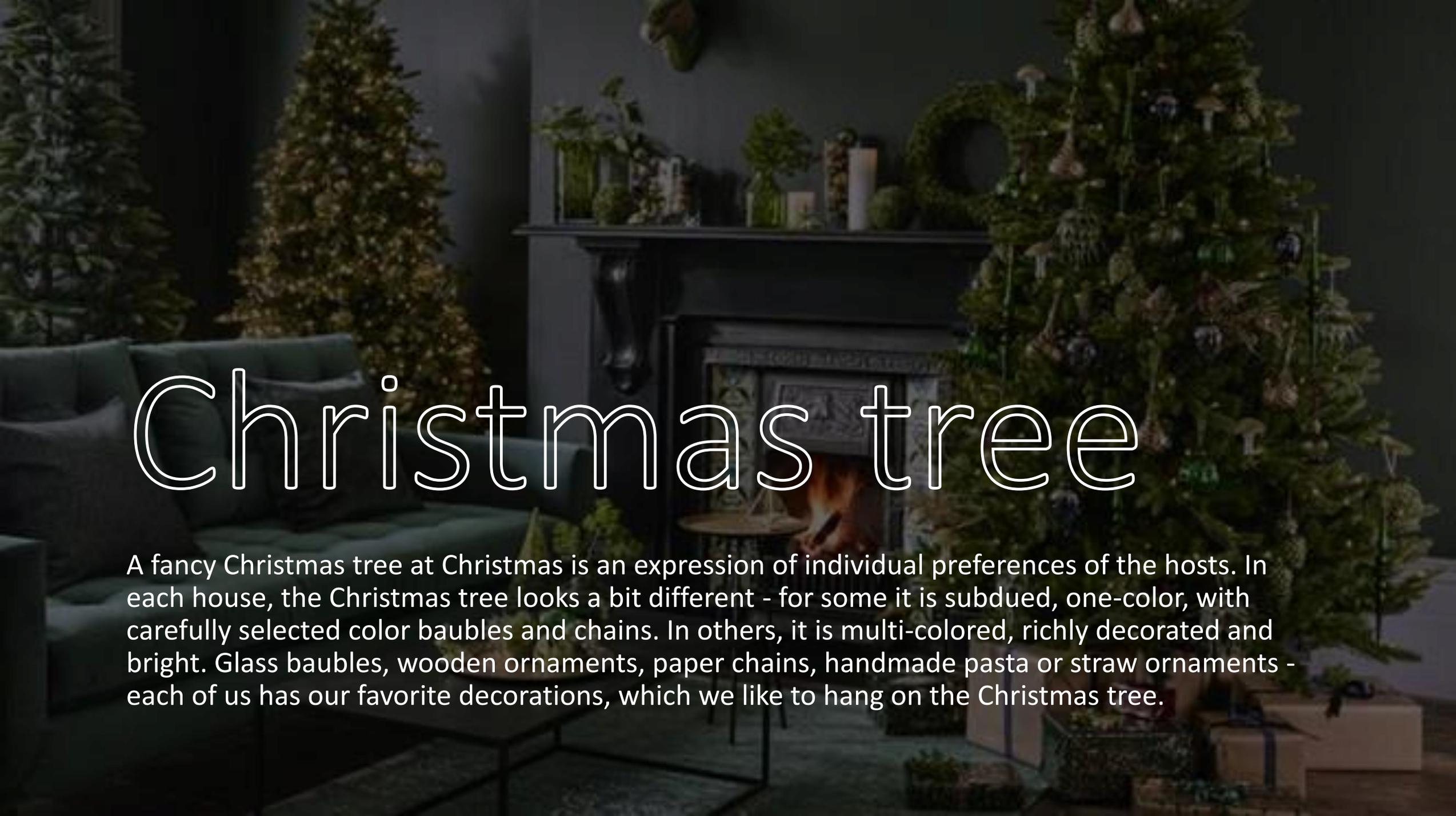
Christmas in Poland





Christmas and festive holidays - tree

Friday, December 25



Christmas tree

A fancy Christmas tree at Christmas is an expression of individual preferences of the hosts. In each house, the Christmas tree looks a bit different - for some it is subdued, one-color, with carefully selected color baubles and chains. In others, it is multi-colored, richly decorated and bright. Glass baubles, wooden ornaments, paper chains, handmade pasta or straw ornaments - each of us has our favorite decorations, which we like to hang on the Christmas tree.



Christmas in Poland - traditions, customs, traditional Polish Christmas dishes

Christmas is the most important holiday of the year for many Poles. This December Christmas time is for most people a family holiday. It is a period of summing up various spheres of life, especially relationships with loved ones, achieved successes, and the implementation of intended plans. Moreover, many traditions and customs are associated with this holiday, which is important to all Poles. Christmas in Poland lasts three days. They start on December 24, i.e. Christmas Eve, and end on December 26.

A festive Christmas dinner table is the background for the text. The table is set with white and gold ornate dishes, including a large white serving dish with a gold rim, several plates of food like a salad with orange slices and a dish with green peas, and a small white cup with a gold rim on a matching saucer. In the background, a Christmas tree is decorated with silver and gold ornaments, and a star-shaped decoration hangs from the top. The overall scene is warm and celebratory.

Traditions and important dates related to Christmas

December 24 - Christmas Eve

In the Polish tradition, it is the most solemn and most touching day of the year. The highlight is the Christmas Eve dinner, which is strictly family oriented. On this day, each house has a unique, warm atmosphere. Families gather at Christmas Eve tables, break the wafer and make wishes for each other. The Christmas Eve supper is an occasion for which various types of vegetarian dishes are prepared once a year. Traditionally, there should be twelve of them, but there should be borscht with dumplings with mushroom filling or soup made of dried mushrooms. Fried carp should also be present on the Christmas table. A traditional dish is also sauerkraut with peas or mushrooms. For dessert, people eat noodles with poppy seeds, various cakes, poppy seeds with dried fruits and dried fruit.





December 25 - Christmas

One of the most important Christian holidays in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ. Poles experience the joy of this day deeply, combining old and new traditions in their own way. Poles meet at a common table in a wider group of relatives and cousins from extended families. Holidays in Poland also have an artistic dimension - carols are sung, nativity plays, and carols are performed.



December 26

The second day of Christmas: in the Catholic Church, St. Stephen, the first martyr. According to tradition, on the second day of Christmas, the period of caroling for priests begins, and in the villages - also for groups of carolers to the homes of the faithful. St. Stephen, by birth, was a Jew from Jerusalem, a Christian and one of the seven deacons who helped the apostles of Jesus Christ. He died for his faith, stoned to death by the Jewish community in Jerusalem.



Traditional Polish Christmas dishes

Polish Christmas is inextricably linked with feasting and has a very old and rich culinary tradition. According to the Christmas tradition, the holiday season will include 12 dishes on Christmas Eve, symbolizing the 12 apostles. However, Polish cuisine abounds in a much larger amount of tasty dishes during the holiday season. During Christmas, holiday cards, first of all, Christmas cards and dried fruit compotes. The traditional Christmas dish served during Christmas Eve also includes red borscht with dumplings, dumplings, mushroom soup or cabbage with peas. Courses, however, dishes that deserve special attention during Polish holidays, above all



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