

**POLAND**  
**ALBANIA**  
**AUSTRALIA**





## POLAND

We celebrate Christmas in Poland on December 24.

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# POLISH TRADITION

## DECORATING CHRISTMAS TREE

*Traditionally, the tree should be natural, today artificial ones are preferred. The Christmas tree is not dressed up until Christmas Eve. The tree is a symbol of eternal life.*



# NAVITY PLAY

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- Nativity play is usually organized before or after Christmas. Their main characters are Jesus, Joseph, Mary, the three kings, shepherds, as well as the evil king Herod and death. Of course there are also angels. Although now more and more often in nativity plays there are also people referring to the present day, and sometimes the holy family does not appear in nativity plays. Nativity plays are played in churches, schools and community centers.





## FREE SEAT AT THE TABLE

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free space at the  
Christmas table.

Until recently, it was  
believed that the souls of  
the dead appear at the

Christmas Eve supper. It is  
for such "stranger from  
the afterlife" that an

empty seat was left at the  
table - this practice has  
probably survived to

this day as an empty space  
left for an unexpected  
visitor



FIRST STAR



Lento 

SANTA CLAUS

# MIDNIGHT MASS

*It is the first solemn mass of Christmas. It is held at midnight on December 24-25. Midnight mass commemorates the waiting and prayers of the shepherds on their way to Bethlehem. So we go at night, as the shepherds went to the nativity scene in Bethlehem, so we go to the church to greet the newborn Jesus. Shepherdess is one of the most important Christmas traditions.*





# *EVE*

The most important moment of the Christmas Eve supper is sharing the wafer and making wishes.

# 12 Christmas Eve dishes

MUSHROOMS  
SOUP



HERRINGS



CARP



GROATS WITH  
DRIED  
MUSHROOMS





CARP IN  
JELLY



DRIED  
COMPOTE



CABBAGE  
WITH PEAS



DUMPLINGS WITH  
CABBAGE AND  
MUSHROOMS



POPPY SEED  
CAKE

*Gingerbreads*



NOODLES  
WITH  
POPPY SEEDS



BORSCHT  
WITH GRAINS





***ALBANIA***

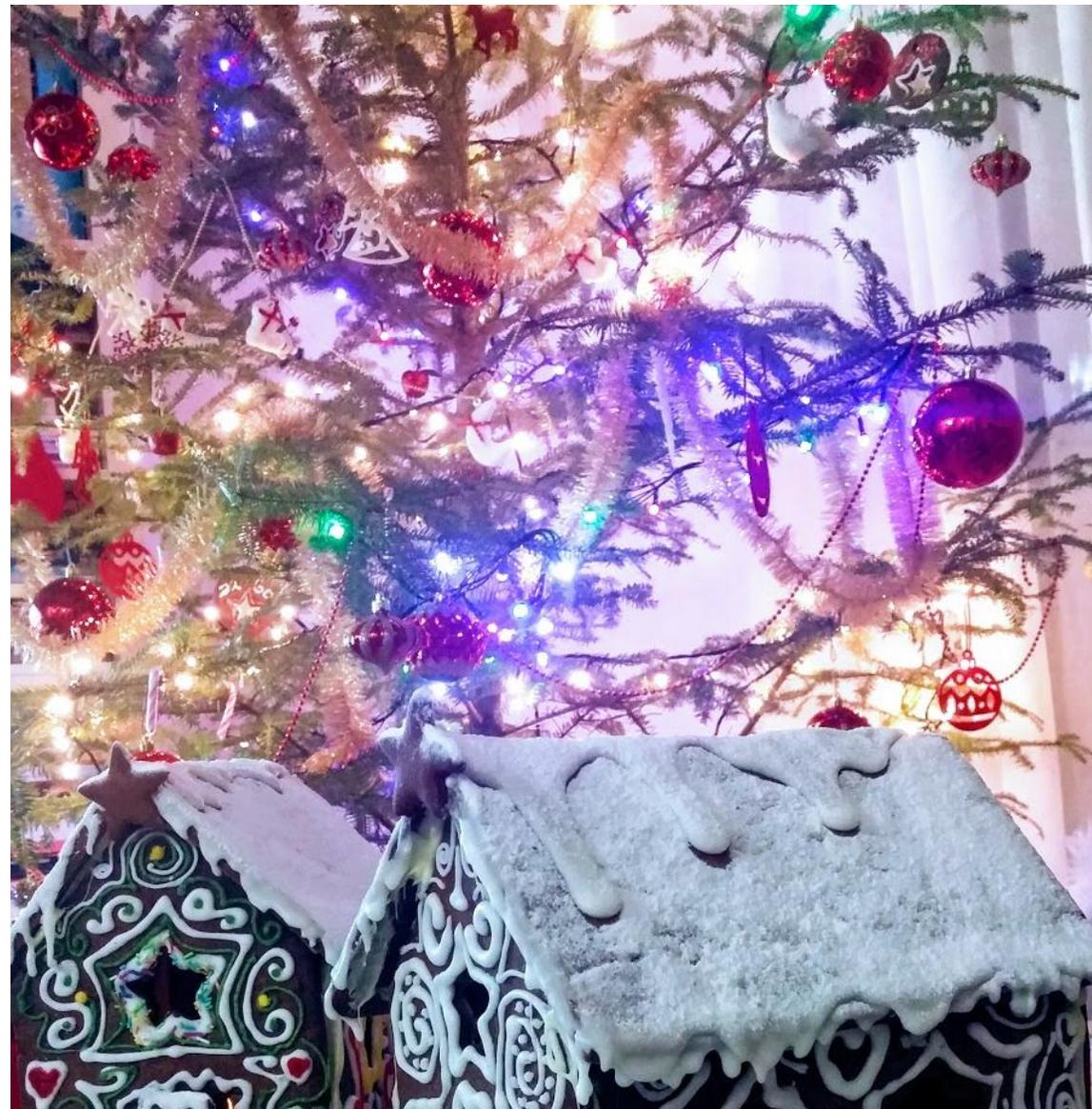


*Christmas in Albania is celebrated twice a year:*

- January 6 is Orthodox holidays*
- December 25 Catholic*

*On December 25, Albanians sit down to a supper/  
Christmas dinner.*

*The Christmas tree is  
New Year's Eve (dress  
up around December 6),  
Santa Claus is New  
Year's Eve, and the  
traditional family turkey  
dinner also takes place  
on December 31.  
Fortunately, after  
midnight, there is no  
madness in the premises  
until the morning, just  
like in Poland.*



*Children in schools and kindergartens have a New Year's party, which is to be the equivalent of our nativity plays. Santa comes, the kids recite poems and sing songs about installation, snow and the new year.*



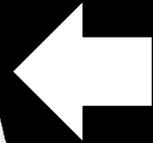
# MEALS

*TURKEY WITH DELLME A kind of small round bread, which, after baking at home, should be crumbled and combined with fried onions, spices, water and fat from roasting turkey.*



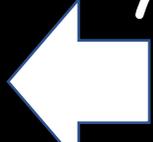
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*thin pasta with nuts.*

*For dessert,  
typical Albanian,  
though traditional  
Turkish, dessert  
like baklava or  
kadaif.*



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dhe arre*



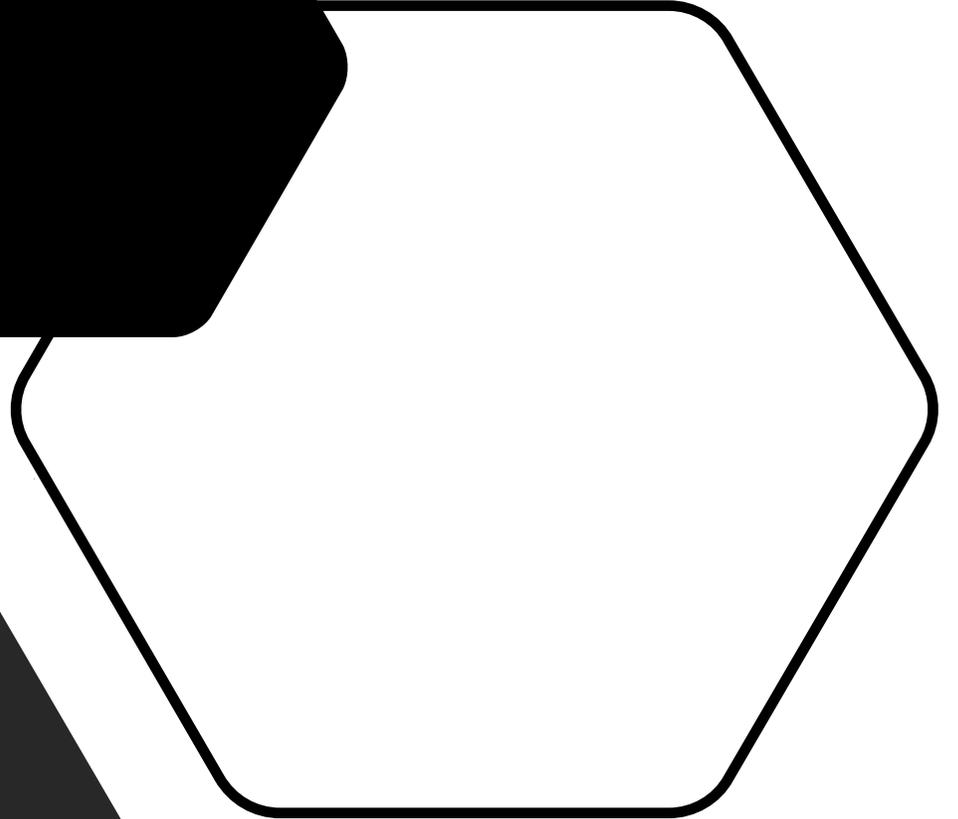
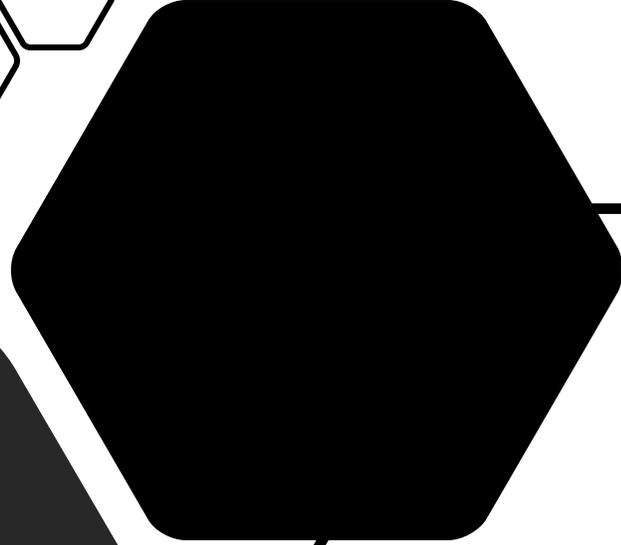
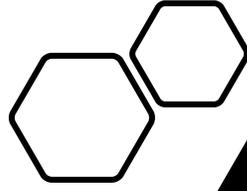


*AUSTRALIA*



*Christmas is celebrated there on December 25. It can be +30 degrees Celsius there, because the seasons there are opposite to ours.*





Australian celebrate Christmas twice. In Australia, we have Christmas in December and in July. This strange custom is becoming more and more popular- everyone prefer to celebrate Christmas in winter (and July is winter in Australia, and contrary to popular belief, it is snowing in Australia). So don't be surprised by Christmas decorations in July.

Mango



cherries



Shrimp



Mince pie



TRADITIONAL FOOD

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Australian  
Christmas  
pudding



BBQ  
Barbecue



Christmas ham

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New cars with a red nose and reindeer horns attached to the streets of Australia - in Melbourne, for example, such a Fiat.





However, it is usually heavily stylized - in a supermarket in Melbourne it was made of a three-dimensional, geometric structure made of luminous bars, and in Sydney it was made of Lego bricks.

*Most Australians choose artificial Christmas trees. A live tree in Australia is simply expensive. Also, with high temperatures, there is little chance of surviving more than a few days. Australians have been decorating Christmas trees since December 1.*

Santa comes to Australian kids on a surfboard, and has dolphins or kangaroos in the harness, and he wears shorts, a T-shirt and obligator flip-flops!... who would wear a 30-degree sheepskin temperature.





Santa Claus



As you can see, Australians have a great deal of distance to Christmas. A good example of this relaxed atmosphere is their version of Santa's team, which pulls a herd of ... kangaroos here.

# *CURIOSITIES*

1. In Australia there is X'MAS PARTIES instead of Advent.
2. American scientists have calculated that Santa would have to visit 822 houses per second to deliver all the presents on Christmas Eve.
3. In Poland, gifts are distributed not only by Santa Claus. In Małopolska, gifts are delivered by an Angel, in Pomerania by Santa Claus, and in Lower Silesia by Stars.

4. The highlight of last year's Christmas Eve was a large Christmas concert in downtown Sydney, just a few hundred meters from the city's botanical gardens and the Opera House. Thousands of people sat on the lawns holding red candles and sang Christmas carols and songs with the artists on the podium.



# **GLOSSARY- SŁOWNICZEK**

*The Christmas tree is not dressed up until  
Christmas Eve- Choinka jest*

*wystrojona dopiero w Wigilię Bożego  
Narodzenia*

*Mignight Mass- Pasterka*

*commemorates- upamiętnia*

*curiosties- ciekawostki*

*equivalent- równowartość*

*Orthodox- prawosławny*

*Until- aż do*

*Pomerania- woj. Pomorskie*

*Lower Silesia- Dolny Śląsk*

*Prayers of- modlitwy*

*Equivalent- odpowiednik*

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