



CHRISTMAS IN HUNGARY

Santa Claus



Mikulás—the Hungarian equivalent of St Nicholas—comes to Hungary on December 6, and in preparation Hungarian girls and boys must clean and polish their shoes the night before, placing them on the windowsill.

Luca day



Saint Lucy's Day, also called the Feast of Saint Lucy, is a Christian feast day celebrated on 13 December in Advent, commemorating Saint Lucy, a 3rd century martyr.

The Christmas tree



While the Christmas markets of the country will all put up their grand, fantastically-ornate trees at the start of December, traditionally the tree isn't actually decorated until Christmas Eve.

Present giving



While in the USA the Santa brings the presents on December 25th morning, in Hungary the Hungarians use Christmas Eve to share the presents.

Advent



Advent in Hungary is the period before Christmas, the four week long preparation for the holidays, the start of the ecclesiastical year. It begins on November 30, or the closest Sunday to it, and goes on until Christmas Day.

Candles on the wreath



The wreath has 3 purple and 1 pink candle on top.

1. candle's meaning is belief
2. candle's meaning is hope
3. candle's meaning is joy
4. candle's meaning is love



Hungarian Christmas food:

- Fish soup
- Christmas candy
- Stuffed cabbage
- Poppy seed roll



Hungarian Christmas songs



- Little Christmas, Big Christmas (Kis Karácsony, Nagy Karácsony)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yaDQG9tkUw>
- Christmas celebrations (Karácsony ünnepe)n)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6lXZ--uMdY>
- When Christmas Passes (Ha elmúlik karácsony)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDiNeZaiwoc>



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