



Christmas in Poland

IN THE PAST AND NOW





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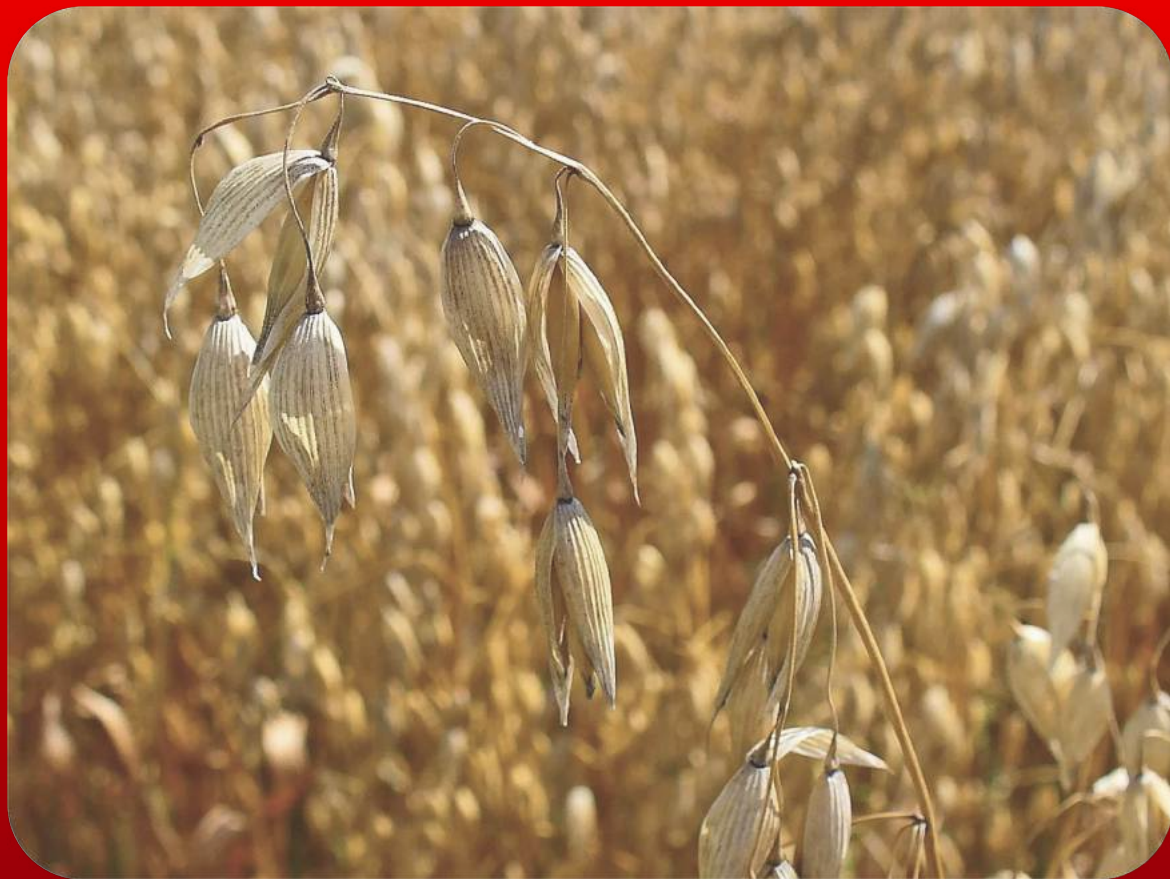


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IN THE PAST there was no electricity,
that's why the people had to bring a special christmas
torches to go on shepherdess

THROWING OAT GRAINS



IN THE PAST there was an iconic habit of throwing oat grains. It was mentioned about the biblical stoning. Oat grains were put into bags and kept in the church for this occasion. The clergy had to be polite for all of the parishoners, otherwise they could be thrown by them using oat grains



SHARING THE WAFER

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AROUND 100 YEARS AGO people used to share the wafer with animals, because they believed, that it will bring health and prosperity to the farm for the next year. Now this tradition is only using by people – during sharing it they make wishes each other



CHRISTMAS TREE

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This is how the christmas tree looked **IN THE PAST**. People hung a piece of a tree on the ceiling and then decorated it as we do it nowadays. Later the tradition of a whole tree with decorations, standing in our houses came to Poland from Germany.

EXTRA CHAIR AT THE CHRISTMAS TABLE



100 YEARS AGO people thought, that the christmas table had to have an even number of chairs, that's why sometimes at the table was standing an extra one, but nowadays we remind it as a tradition to keep the chair for someone who's lost or just unexpected guest



12 DISHES



Very common tradition in Poland is about twelve dishes on the Christmas table. This tradition was used in the past and it has survived to this day, but now we don't treat it like a special rule for everyone to use



SOME OF THE CHRISTMAS TRADITIONAL DISHES



SOUP BARSZCZ



PIEROGI



CABBAGE WITH MUSHROOMS



DRY FRUIT TEA



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DECORATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE

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IN THE PAST the christmas tree was decorating by using candles. Now we decorate it with lots of colorful baubles



THANKS FOR YOUR
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