

CHRISTMAS IN DIFFERENT PLACES

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SPAIN

Christmas is a traditional festival that is celebrated in Spain in a cheerful and happy way accompanied by the loved ones.

There are national holidays and each region has its customs. Every year the cities are decorated with lights and ornaments.



- ▶ **Food:** sweets, lechazo, roscón of kings, turrón and fish.
- ▶ **Traditions:** all the family joins on the 24th–25th and the 31st–1st. On 31st of December, when the year is going to finish, we eat 12 grapes. On the 6th of January, Three Wise Men go to every house and give presents to the children –and usually to adults as well–.



UKRAINE

Ukrainian Christmas start on Christmas Eve and the end of the holidays is the Epiphany (January 6th). Everybody illuminates and decorates their homes.



- ▶ **Food:** it consists of 12 dishes, some of them are: Kutiá, Uzvár, Kalach and Varényky.
- ▶ **Traditions:** For Ukrainians, Christmas Day is the most important holiday of the whole year. With the appearance of the first star, the family starts to eat. The table always has a free site for the dead family members.



POLAND

Christmas is the biggest annual cultural event in Poland. These dates create the most wonderful and magical moments in the country and have great religious meaning.



- ▶ **Food:** the food is varied but dinner does not include meat. A twelve-course banquet, representing the twelve months of the year is a tradition.



- ▶ **Traditions:** when all the family is joined they eat oplatek while they wish merry christmas.



GREECE

Greece is a country where Christmas is celebrated in large company. Their customs are part of ancient traditions that are relived every year in the heat of the celebrations for the birth of Jesus.



- ▶ **Food:** roast turkey, rice, meat, soup, salads, lots of bread, cheese cake and Christopsomo.



- ▶ **Traditions:** On 24 December all children wake up in the morning excited to begin a special day. On December 25, the most traditional families get up early to go to church.

