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# **Christmas traditions in Poland**

# Santa Claus visits children twice in Decemer

- › On 6th of December children get presents from him
- › On 24th of December he leaves presents under Christmas tree





Traditionally we dress up Christmas tree on Christmas Eve in the morning.





Baking gingerbreads before Christmas with children is celebrated in many Polish families.





Christmas Eve dinner is very official and we eat 12 dishes then.



Polish Tradition instructs us to leave one empty plate for wanderer who has no place to stay for Christmas.





We do not eat meat in Christmas Eve day. The dishes on the table are mainly carp, mushroom soup, Sauerkraut with pea or dumplings and many more.





We start Christmas Eve supper with a prayer and we read the Bible.





We exchange the wishes and break  
Christmas Eve wafer.





Just before Christmas break there is nativity plays for parents at schools.





It is popular to sing Christmas Carols and visit our neighbours and friends.





Our children sing Christmas Carols and Pastorals in a festival. It is a kind of competitions between schools.





We celebrate our regional clothes and traditions.





On the 6th of January we write K+M+B 2019  
(Casper+Melchior+Baltazar 2019year) on our  
front door to and we take part in processions.





One of the famous traditions is also crib competition. (The most known is in Cracow)





Caritas is the charity organisation which helps people in need by selling candles for Christmas tables.





New Year's Eve we spend on dancing and having fun. Just before midnight we go outdoor to observe fireworks.





Sending thoughtful wishes your way this Christmas season. May the treasures and traditions of Christmas fill your heart with hope and happiness. Merry Christmas from Poland and a Happy New Year.

