

# CHRISTMAS IN POLAND

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## WE CELEBRATE IN 24<sup>TH</sup>

For Christmas we prepare from the beginning of December. We create an Advent calendar, we bake gingerbread, we buy gifts for loved ones and we dress the christmas tree.

Cities and houses are decorated with lights. The TVs is a lot of Christmas ads. The stores are christmas sale. Schools organize fairs Christmas charity.



# TRADITIONS



♥ ***Putting hay under the tablecloth*** - symbolizes the birth of Jesus in poverty.



♥ ***The first star*** - Christmas Eve supper begins when the sky will appear the first star. This is a reference to the star of Bethlehem, which meant the birth of Jesus, which saw three kings.



♥ **Common prayer** - dinner starts the prayer and reading the Gospel according to St. Matthew or Luke.



♥ **Wafer** - participants in the supper are divided with each wafer. This gesture symbolizes the mutual sacrifice and willingness to share with your loved ones the fruits of their daily work. Sharing the wafer is the intention of the approach and connect people.





***Christmas tree*** - we put the Christmas tree, which is the „tree of life”



***Twelve dishes*** - were twelve Apostles

If you try all the dishes, then you ensure yourself lucky for the whole year.

The most popular Polish dishes is a red soup with dumplings, mushroom soup, carp (fish), kutia, dumplings with cabbage and mushrooms, coulibiac, compote of dried fruit.





*Common Caroling*



*An empty place at the table for the newcomer*



*Midnight mass* - mass at midnight on Christmas, on which all sing Christmas carols

