

Christmas around the world

How Christmas is celebrated in Bulgaria,
Latvia , Portugal and Spain

In Bulgaria, Christmas is celebrated on December 25th. Christmas Eve (called 'Budni Vecher') is a very important day and the main Christmas meal is eaten in the evening of Christmas Eve.



The meal should traditionally have an odd number of dishes in it (normally 7, 9 or 11) and an odd number of people sitting around the table.



There's a special round and decorated loaf of bread called 'pitka' which has a coin baked in it. If you find the coin, you're meant to have good luck for the next year! The bread is normally cut by the oldest person at the meal and they hand it around the table.

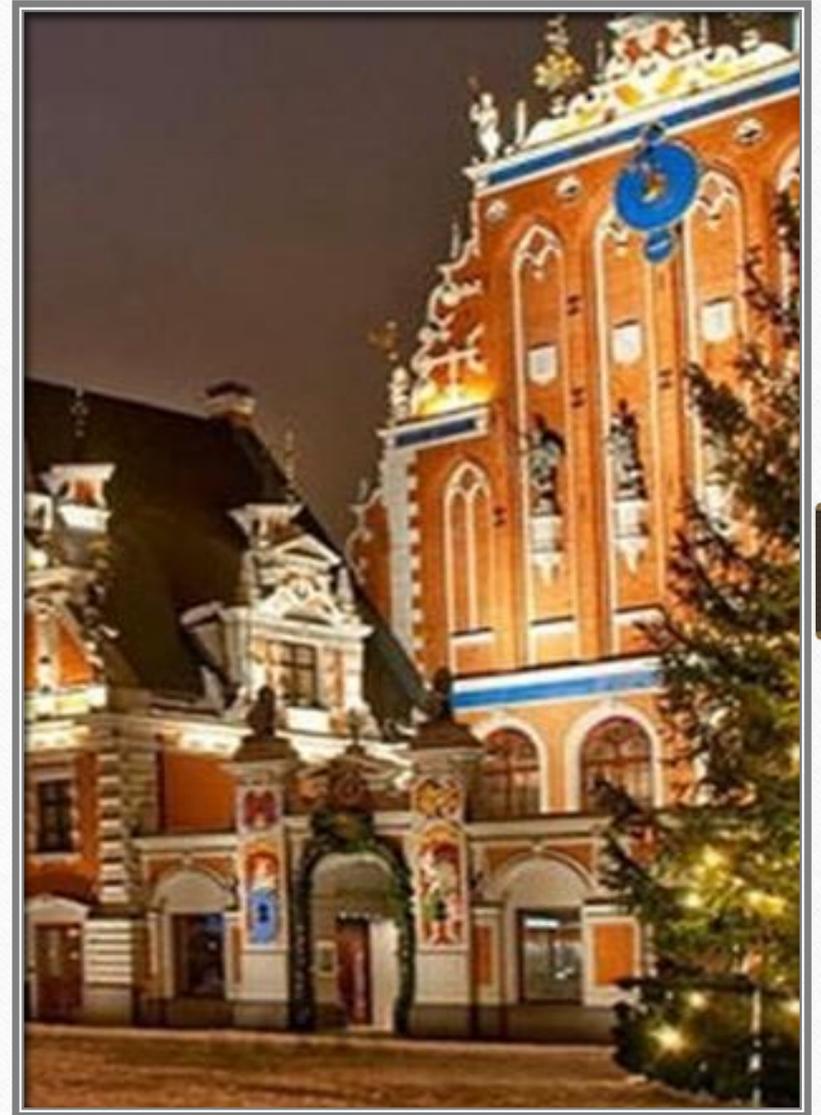


You might also hear Koledari which are normally young men who go carol singing dressed in traditional clothing. ~~When they reach a house,~~ they sing 'the house song' praising and wishing the house well. Having the Koledari visit your home is meant to be good luck.

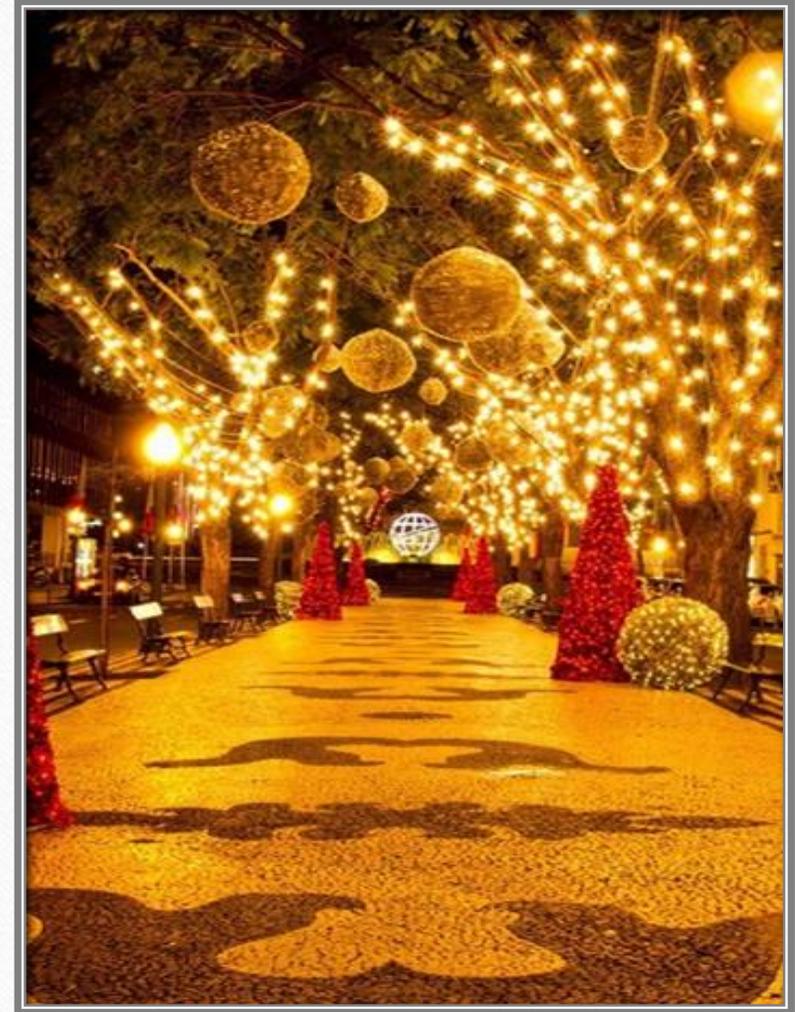


Latvia

Children in Latvia believe that Santa Claus brings their presents. The presents are usually put under the Christmas tree. The presents are opened on during the Evening of Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day. Latvia also claims to be the home of the first Christmas Tree.



The special Latvian Christmas
Day meal is cooked
brown/grey peas with bacon,
sauce, cabbage & sausage,
bacon rolls and gingerbread.



Portugal

Father Christmas is believed to bring presents to children on Christmas Eve, rather than Christmas Day. The presents are left under the Christmas Tree or in shoes by the fireplace.



Every house has a rich table set in the living room full of traditional food, cakes, fried cookies, nuts and other goodies!



Spain

Most people in Spain go to Midnight Mass. In the days before Christmas Eve, children go and sing carols around their neighbors .

Most families eat their main Christmas meal on Christmas Eve before the service. The traditional Spanish Christmas dinner is Turkey stuffed with truffles.



After the midnight service, one old tradition was for people to walk through the streets carrying torches, playing guitars and beating on tambourines and drums.



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