

NEW YEAR

New Year is the main calendar holiday that occurs at the time of transition from the last day of the year to the first day of the next year. It is celebrated by many peoples in accordance with the adopted calendar. The beginning of the year on January 1 was established by the Roman ruler Julius Caesar in 46 BC. In ancient Rome, this day was dedicated to Janus - the god of choice, doors and all beginnings. The month of January got its name in honor of the god Janus, who was depicted with two faces: one was looking forward, and the other was looking.



New Year traditions

- Each country has its own New Year traditions, but there are several festive customs that people around the world follow.
What is customary to do for the New Year?
- Get together as a family.
- Most people tend to celebrate the holiday in a warm, comfortable, homely atmosphere. Raise glasses of foaming champagne, make a wish with family and friends, sit at the festive table - these are the things that are valued all over the world!
- Decorating a house.
- It has been customary to create a festive atmosphere in a house since ancient times. What our ancestors did not decorate their home with! Basically, it was something edible: apples, nuts, potatoes and even eggs. Much later, glass balls, garlands and other decorative elements familiar to us appeared. Today, the choice of Christmas decorations is so great that it is not difficult to choose exactly what will make your home unique and fabulous.
- Give gifts.
- Not a single New Year is complete without gifts. So it was before, people congratulated each other on the end of the old year and the beginning of something completely beautiful. The tradition of giving gifts is certainly one of the most enjoyable!

New Year's table in other countries

- ▣ The New Year's table should traditionally be rich, however, it is up to everyone to decide which dishes to cook.
- ▣ In England, Christmas Pudding
 - ▣ In almost every house in England on the table there is a sweet dessert of flour, candied fruit, lemon zest, apples, raisins, nuts and spices. A dish begins to be prepared a month before the celebration! This makes it even more desirable, especially for younger members of the family.
- ▣ In the US, stuffed turkey
 - ▣ They love to cook turkey for various holidays in the United States of America, and the New Year is no exception. The filling of the bird can be absolutely any, each family prepares a dish according to its own recipe.
- ▣ In Austria and Hungary, strudel
 - ▣ The traditional dessert takes its place of honor on the New Year's table. It is usually served with ice cream and nicely decorated with nuts, berries and syrup.
- ▣ In Japan, Moti Cakes
 - ▣ Delicate rice pastry cakes are not only put on the festive table on New Year's Eve, but also distributed to friends who come to visit, neighbors and relatives.
- ▣ In Germany, pork knuckle
 - ▣ Favorite dish of all Germans is always present on the table on New Year's Eve! The shank is usually brewed in beer, and served with sauerkraut, potatoes and other side dishes.

Santa Claus



- The kindest fairy-tale character that all children look forward to is, of course, Santa Claus.
- The old man with a long gray beard, arriving on the three horses late at night, when everyone is already sleeping, quietly enters the house and leaves gifts under the tree.
- The history of the appearance of this character is rooted in ancient times, when there was still paganism. The almighty god Morozko personified the winter-beauty, was a generous donor of frost and snowstorms. With the adoption of Christianity, Morozko began to be presented as a negative hero, and only in Soviet times did the image of the good grandfather return.
- For many years, there has been a tradition in children to write letters to Santa Claus, who lives with his granddaughter Snegurochka in the city of Veliky Ustyug, it is from there that he arrives on New Year's Eve with gifts that everyone is looking forward to!

New Year films

- Nothing inspires people before the holiday more than watching films filled with the fabulous atmosphere and magic of the New Year.
- If you still do not have a New Year's mood, free the evening from work, cook aromatic mulled wine or cocoa, take a warm blanket and choose a movie from our holiday selection. We guarantee that any of them will give you the very feeling of a holiday that is so necessary in the last days of the outgoing year.

Favorite New Year movies around the world:

- "Alone at home"
- "Miracle on 34th Street"
- "Merry Christmas"
- "Wizards"
- "Exchange Holidays"
- "Irony of Fate or Enjoy Your Bath!"
- "Christmas tale"
- "Christmas trees"
- "Carnival Night"
- The Grinch - The Christmas Thief

