

Christmas in the Czech Republic



and New Year in the Czech Republic

Before Christmas - the day of St. Nicholas (in Czech "Mikulas"). Catholics celebrate it on 6 December. From this day, children receive presents the first - on the roads of St. Nicholas go with his entourage and congratulate kids. In Russia, Christmas begins two weeks later - because of the difference of the Gregorian and Julian calendars.

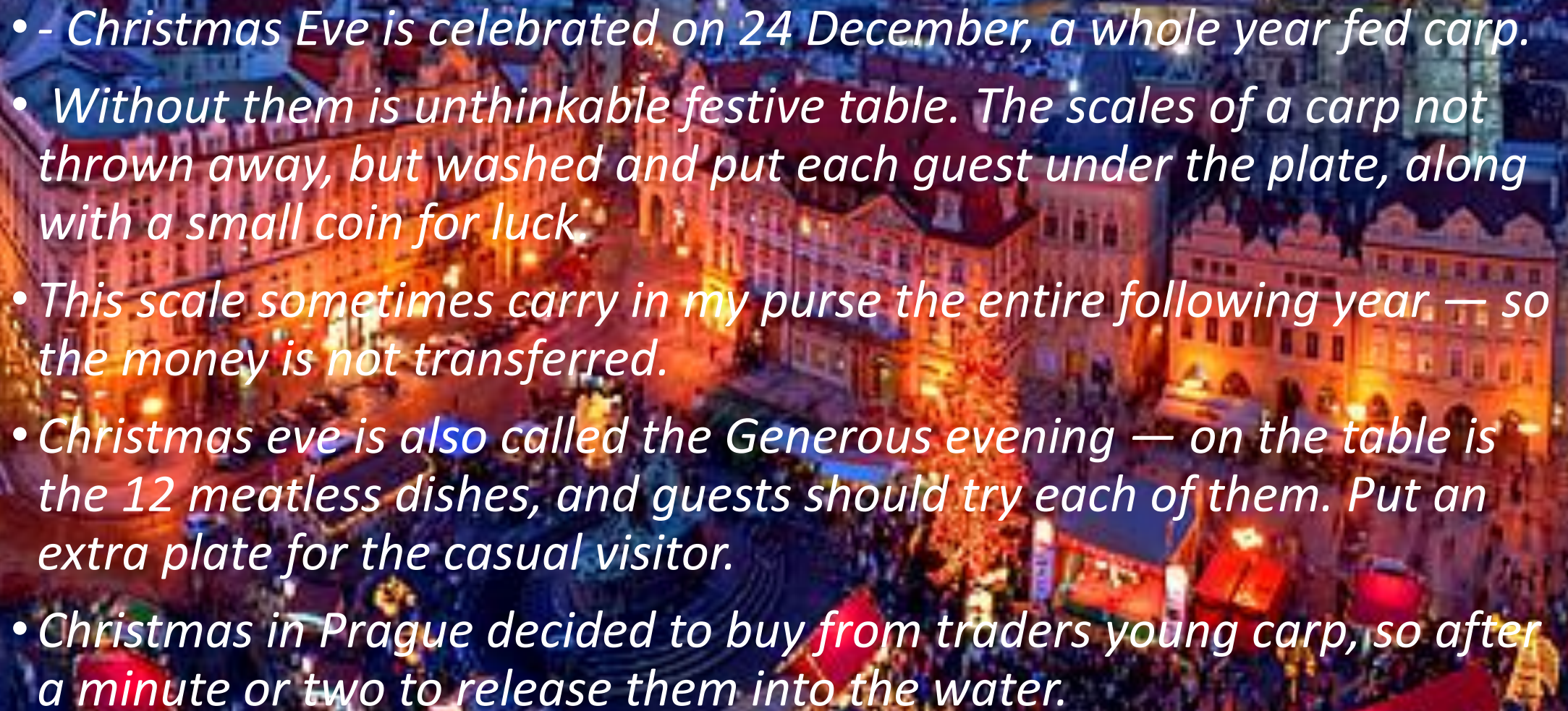
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- Czech Republic Population mostly atheists. According to the results of the population census in 2011, about 80% of respondents said that they have no religion or refused to answer this question. The largest number of believers - Catholics.

In Prague, on the Catholic tradition celebrate
Christmas from 24 to 26 December



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- - *Christmas Eve is celebrated on 24 December, a whole year fed carp.*
 - *Without them is unthinkable festive table. The scales of a carp not thrown away, but washed and put each guest under the plate, along with a small coin for luck.*
 - *This scale sometimes carry in my purse the entire following year — so the money is not transferred.*
 - *Christmas eve is also called the Generous evening — on the table is the 12 meatless dishes, and guests should try each of them. Put an extra plate for the casual visitor.*
 - *Christmas in Prague decided to buy from traders young carp, so after a minute or two to release them into the water.*



- *-In a city, Park are treated to a sweet tame bears. Bears were dangerous for the inhabitants of the medieval town, they tried to placate so that they are not "offended", and did not come to the people.*
- *- Danger no longer exists, and the tradition has remained. So, Christmas Eve is still called Bear day.*
- *And the next day it's time for the Christmas goose and other meat-frills, various cookies and sweet candy.*

Thank you for attention!

