

# Traditions and holidays of Great Britain



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# Christmas

The biggest celebration is for the British Christmas. It is celebrated over dinner after the congratulatory speech the Queen. But before that, all the inhabitants of England come to church.

At Christmas, it decided to establish the main Christmas tree in the UK at London's Trafalgar Square. The whole country is surprisingly transformed to attack this bright holiday. Residents decorate the trees and houses with multicolored tinsel and garlands. A set on the lawns of the Father Christmas figurines. On the door hung made Christmas wreaths and decorating windows Scandinavian lights.





# Mothers Day

Mothers Day in the UK originated in the 19th century, when children who had to leave home at a very early age left the house to go to work away from home to provide for their families. And once a year they were allowed to leave work to come home and see their mother. Typically, this visit was accompanied by gifts of flowers or fresh eggs, as well as the fulfillment of all the children's homework instead of mothers.





# October 31 - Halloween

Halloween - combines the two holidays - Christian Halloween and the ancient Celtic holiday Samhain (Samhain). Celts believed that on this day the line between life and the world beyond the grave is the most delicate, and that on this day the souls of the dead come to take home with them living in the afterlife. Therefore, the Celts extinguished their homeland and dressed in scary costumes, which could scare away the spirits. Nowadays this tradition transform into custom organize costume parties. Children in the day knocking on neighbors' houses to get sweets (this practice is called trick or treat).





# December 26

## - Boxing Day

(Literal translation - day boxes). They say once that day servants received "Christmas box" with money or gifts from the hosts, as well as a day off for having waited on holiday at Christmas. Now it is another bank holiday and the chance to eat up all that remains of Christmas dinner.





Thank you for everything

