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New Year's Day is a national holiday celebrated on January 1st, the first day of the New Year, following both the Gregorian and the Julian calendar.

This New Years' holiday is often celebrated by fireworks, parades. Many people celebrate New Year's in the company of loved ones and many cultures celebrate this happy day in their own unique way.

England, Finland, France, Russia, Sweden, Scotland

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England

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In England, there is a traditional belief that whoever first arrives at the threshold of the household will be the one bringing good luck to the lives of the inhabitants of the household living in, for the entire coming year. The tradition is called as 'First Footing'. However, a woman, a blonde is not welcome for the day, as they are considered to bring bad luck for in year. More so, if that person carries coal, money, bread, salt with him, then it is considered to be a sign of a good luck and prosperity for the rest of the year.

- There is also a popular tradition of exchanging New Year gifts. However, with Christmas day falling few days before the New Year day, this tradition of exchanging gifts is now less followed. Then, there is a tradition of 'burning of bush', which is considered to be a symbol of burning of all past evils and making a new beginning.



England

City centres everywhere decorated with Christmas trees. The most famous Christmas tree can be found lit in all its glory at Trafalgar Square in London. Santa Claus is called Father Christmas and will appear in the night, on Christmas Eve. Traditional food left for Father Christmas includes mince pies and sherry or brandy. Christmas lunch or dinner served on Christmas Day consists of roast turkey, baked potatoes, carrots, parsnip, mini sausages, Brussels sprouts and Yorkshire pudding. Christmas crackers are another tradition with each guest or family member receiving one.

Christmas lunch



Christmas tree at Trafalgar Square



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Russia

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- **New Year in Russia** can truly be called the most popular holiday. It is so much loved here that it's even celebrated twice!
The first one is January 1 – according to the Gregorian calendar. Another date is January 14 – the first day in the Julian calendar.
- Preparations to the Big Day start long in advance. In December city streets “dress up” in bright colors and ornaments. It is also the time to go shopping for gifts! Many shops and markets provide special offers, which makes the shopping even more pleasant. People buy food for the festive table and start decorating their homes.



Russia

- On December 31 people start cooking for the festive table. Firstly, a big bowl of the Olivier salad. Secondly, a bottle of champagne. Thirdly, mandarins for New Year. The mandarins are known as a symbol of New Year – in the Soviet time when it was hard to get any fruit except for mandarins people were trying to get as many of them as possible. With times it became one of the **Russian New Year traditions** to buy mandarins for New Year.
- **New Year in Russia** is an official holiday and many businesses and offices are closed on January 1 and the next 10 days – New Year's holidays. It's a great opportunity for many Russians to meet their relatives and friends.





Finland

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- All the major cities in Finland, including the capital city of Helsinki, set off splendid shows of fireworks at the midnight. Finland skies get filled with colorful lights created out of the constant rising fireworks. Many people gather at the famous Senate Square, located at the centre of the Helsinki. It is a popular spot to be in on New Year. Many cultural shows are organized on during the time.



Finland

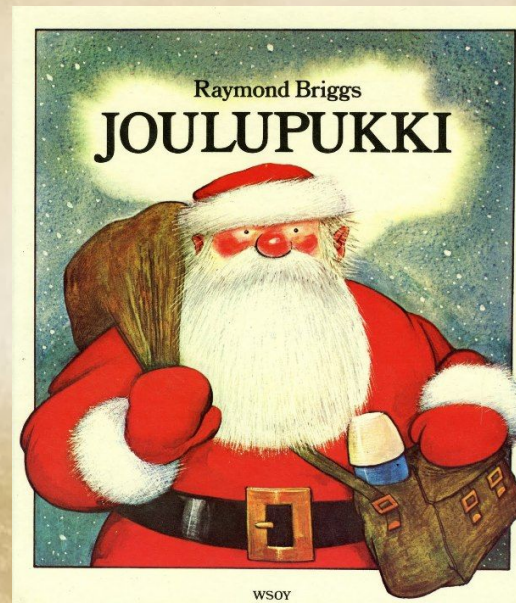
On the day of New Years Eve in Finland, people enthusiastically participate in a tradition based on making future predictions. Basically, the way it is executed is quite interesting. A molten tin is taken to be dip into a water stored in a container. Then, the expert present there predicts future for the people on the basis of the shape formed by the molten lead in the water. This tradition is usually performed after the fireworks show.



Finland

- Dinner begins early in the evening after the decorations and sauna baths get over. A typical Finnish dinner includes oven baked ham or pork roast, casseroles with carrots and rice, or rutabaga. In drinks one can find 'glogg', which is nothing but flavored wine. Prune tarts and berry puddings are served as desserts.
- **Santa Claus is known as 'Joulupukki'** in Finland. This version of Santa is different from what it is in USA. He comes in sleigh pulled by reindeers but does not fly. 'Joulupukki' resides in Korvatunturi or Lapland, situated in the north of the Arctic Circle. In the evening when dinner is over in almost all parts of Finland, children is waiting Santa.

Glogg



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Czechia

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- Prague is a popular city to celebrate New Year. There are entertainment options to suit everyone.
- As midnight approaches, crowds gather in the city centre to watch the fireworks. These are launched by various organisations, including many by the revellers themselves!



Czechia

- The traditional New Year's Eve dinner in Prague consists of fish soup, potato salad and carp. It brings good luck if we put under the dishes the scales of the carp as a way to ensure that each of the family members will not lack money in the next year.
- The same tradition dictates that no one can leave the table during dinner, and two apples are cut in two equally blocks to reveal the seeds the health of the following year.



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France

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- New year in France is celebrated on January 1 (according to the Gregorian Calendar).
- One of the famous New Year parades take place in Paris. It is not to be missed 2-day festival. Thousands of performers - singers, dancers and entertainers steal the show.
- People start gathering to **The Champs-Élysées (Elysian fields)** at around 9 pm on New Year's Eve where you can get a great view of the Eiffel tower which displays a sparkling light show at the stroke of midnight.



France

- New year's dishes in France are pancakes and foie Gras, which is a dish made from duck or goose.



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Scotland

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- Scottish New Year is also known as Hogmanay. It signifies the last day of a year and at the same time, the celebrations of New Year.
- New year's tradition of **Hogmanay** - a merry procession with lighted torches, which according to some reports may be attended by several thousand people. During the holidays, the Scots wear traditional clothes, because to meet a man in a kilt or Viking costume is not difficult. In this festive procession, the locals sing and dance, and do not let the torches of fire out of their hands.

Hogmanay



Scotland

- Redding: It is one of the most important Scottish New Year traditions. Scottish families spend the New Year eve together. They start preparing for the grand event by cleaning their houses and other belongings. It is said that a clean and tidy home can welcome the good spirits of the New Year in the best way. Special attention is given to the fireplaces.
- The main decoration of the table is a boiled goose or baked Turkey. Mandatory food-braised Brussels sprouts. Apple pies, tortillas and cake are also prepared. It should have a round shape, and as a decoration it is applied Scottish cross or symbolic image of crossed hands on the background of the mountains



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