



Christmas in RUSSIA



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Celebration of Christmas

In Russia the two holidays (Christmas and the new year) are celebrated as one and its called "The New Year". According to the Russian Orthodox Calendar Christmas is on the 7.Janaur and is celebrated separately in a modest way. The official Christmas and New holidays in Russia last from December 31st to January 10th.





Traditional foods

Herring under fur
(Selyodka podshaboi)



Olivier salad, which was created by a French cook, LUCIEN OLIVER. Although it has a French name, in the rest of the world it is called a "Russian salad".





New year eve

The Kremlin Clock in Moscow is Russia's New Year symbol. The ringing of these chimes at midnight officially welcomes in the new year, and according to tradition, wishes made between the first and last ringing will definitely come true.





Ded Moroz is a Russian version of a Christmas gift-bringer. The second character who comes with the first one is The Snow Maiden or Snegurochka. Also, she is the granddaughter and helper of Ded Moroz.

The Story of Babushka

Once in a small Russian town, there lived a woman called Babushka. Babushka always had work to do sweeping, polishing, dusting and cleaning. One evening she was busy dusting and cleaning, she heard a loud knocking on her front door! Opening the door, Babushka gaped in amazement. There were three kings at her door with one of their servants! "My masters need a place to rest," the servant said, "and yours is the best house in the village." "You want to stay here?" asked Babushka. "Yes, it would only be until night falls and the star appears again," the servant replied. Babushka gulped. "Come in, then," she said. The kings told her to go with them to find the new-born king, a King of Earth and Heaven "I'll come tomorrow," Babushka called, "I must just tidy here first and find a gift for the baby." The kings went away sadly after 2 days she packed the toys in a basket and ran down the path the kings had taken. Everywhere she asked "Have you seen the kings?" "Oh yes," everyone told her, "we saw them. They went that way." For a day Babushka followed the trail of the kings. It was evening when Babushka arrived at Bethlehem and she had been traveling for a long time. She found someone and asked if he knew where the family went "They have gone to Egypt, and safely," he told Babushka. "And the kings have returned to their countries. But one of them told me about you. I am sorry but you are too late. It was Jesus that they found, the world's savior." Babushka was very sad that she had missed Jesus and it is said that Babushka is still looking for him.

At Christmas everything is decorated with colorful lights. Also, people in Russia decorate their Christmas trees on 24 of December.



Russian Christmastide

Svyatki—Russian Christmastide—follows Christmas and is a two-week period closely associated with the pagan traditions of fortune telling and caroling. Svyatki lasts until January 19, when Epiphany is celebrated. This day marks Jesus's baptism, and people honor the occasion by diving into the country's icy rivers and lakes.

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*





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