

## Poland

Christmastime starts on the first day in Advent and ends on 24<sup>th</sup> December.

They celebrate Christmas with the whole family. The dinner starts when the first star twinkles in sky. The families add one more table setting for unexpected guests. After dinner, it is gift time. At midnight they go to church - all together.



## Spain

Most people in Spain go to Midnight Mass. Most families eat their main Christmas meal on Christmas Eve before the service. The traditional Spanish Christmas dinner is “Pavo Trufado de Navidad” which is Turkey stuffed with truffles (the mushrooms, not the chocolate ones!)

After the midnight service, people walk through the streets carrying torches, playing guitars and beating on tambourines and drums.



## Argentina

In Argentina the weather is warm at Christmas. Preparations for Christmas begin very early in December and even in November. Many people in Argentina are Catholic and they also celebrate Advent.

Houses are beautifully decorated with lights and wreaths of green, gold, red and white flowers.

Christmas Trees are also very popular. Some people like putting cotton balls on the Christmas Tree to represent snow.



## Canada

Canada is a very large country and people of many different cultural backgrounds live there. Because of this, there are lots of different Christmas traditions in Canada.

The Eastern Canadian province of Nova Scotia is known all over the world for its fir and pine Christmas Trees. Mumming is a tradition which takes place in the province of Newfoundland. People dress up in costumes and knock on someone's door and ask in a disguised voice, "Are there any Mummers in the night?" – meaning "are there mummers allowed in the house". They sing and dance and have Christmas cake before moving on to the next house.

People in Canada send Christmas Cards to their friends and families.



## **Jamaica**

Christmas is a very special time in Jamaica and as in a lot of other countries, radio stations play carols all through the Christmas period.

Many people paint their houses and hang new curtains and decorations for Christmas. Most families spend Christmas Day at home with friends and family members.

The Christmas day meal is usually prepared on Christmas Eve. The traditional Jamaican Christmas meal includes fresh fruits, sorrel, rum punch and meat.



## **Hong Kong**

In Hong Kong, Chinese Christians celebrate Christmas with Church services in Chinese. At the Anglican Cathedral, some services are held in English, because Europeans who live and work in Hong Kong attend them as well as people from Hong Kong.

In Hong Kong people also send Christmas cards; many of them are made using Chinese craft techniques.



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