

***Christmas and
New Year
in Great
Britain***



Customs and traditions

Every country has its own customs and traditions. English people are proud of their traditions and they keep them up. It is difficult to speak about England without speaking about its holidays.



Christmas

All English people celebrate Christmas on the 25th of December. What kind of holiday is it? It is the yearly celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.



Christmas

This holiday means the beginning of the new year and the new life.



Christmas

English people celebrate this festival with evergreen tree – the fir - tree. Children posting Christmas stockings near their beds, and Santa Claus is coming through the pipe to bring them gifts.



Christmas

Christmas Day is the greatest holiday in England. It is interesting to visit the shops before this holiday. There are a lot of nice Christmas cards and presents there.



Christmas

English people like this holiday very much and prepare for it beforehand. They buy presents for each other, try to send Christmas cards for their relatives and friends.



***A Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!***

***Everywhere you
can see slogans
"A Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New
Year!».***



New Year's Day

It is commonly believed that New Year's Day is less important in England than Christmas. It is true in the southern and eastern parts of the country.



New Year

However, even there, the welcoming of the New Year is growing in popularity, particularly among younger people who prefer to spend Christmas with kin, but New Year with friends. New Year's parties go all night through.



January 1st

***Unfortunately
for all these
midnight
celebrators,
January 1st is
not a public
holiday in
England.***



After midnight

***After midnight,
people visit their
friends. They
bring cakes to
wish the owners
good year.***



The first visitor

The first visitor should bring a special gift - a piece of coal, and to wish good luck to the house and heat. It's an old Scottish tradition.

