

# Winter holidays



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# **INTRODUCTION**

**In this project I studied such holidays as Christmas and New Year in three different countries: Great Britain, USA and Russia. I chose this theme because I like these holidays most of all and I am always looking forward to their coming. I think that there is something magic about these holidays and they make you feel happy. Even an adult believes in miracles on Christmas and New Year.**



# CHRISTMAS

**Christmas is a traditional holiday, which is celebrated to commemorate the birth of Jesus. Christmas is the most widely celebrated festival in the whole world today. Christmas is a time for families, fun, and festivals.**



# Christmas in England

Christmas is Britain's most popular holiday and is characterized by traditions which date back hundreds of years. Christmas in England is celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> of December.



Father Christmas



Christmas Pudding



# Christmas in USA

A typical Christmas celebration in America mix Irish, Austrian, Polish and Belgian traditions into something that is its own. As in England Christmas in the USA is celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> of December.



Santa Claus





# Christmas in Russia

In Russia, Christmas is celebrated on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January. Today, Christmas is celebrated in the country in a grand fashion, with the faithful participating in an all-night Mass in Cathedrals.



Holy Supper





# NEW YEAR

The New Year marks the beginning of a new calendar year. The New Year of the Gregorian calendar, today in worldwide use, falls on 1 January.





# New Year in England

New Year in United Kingdom is celebrated on January 1, the first day of the first month as per the Gregorian Calendar. The New Year in England is celebrated with great enthusiasm. The New Year is celebrated either by having a party at home with family and friends.





# New Year in USA

December 31st is round the corner and people of USA will be celebrating New Year's Eve. In the United States, the federal holiday is January 1st, but Americans begin celebrating on December 31st.





# New Year in Russia

**The Russians celebrate the New Year on 1st January according to the Gregorian calendar and again on 14th January which is 1st January according to the Julian calendar.**





# CHRISTMAS

|           |                        | <b>ENGLAND</b>                  | <b>USA</b>                      | <b>RUSSIA</b>                   |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Date</b>            | <b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Tree</b>            | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Presents</b>        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>-</b>                        |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Special food</b>    | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Santa Claus</b>     | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>-</b>                        |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Carols</b>          | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Official speech</b> | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>-</b>                        |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Stockings</b>       | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>-</b>                        |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Churches</b>        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Fortune telling</b> | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |



# ***NEW YEAR***

|           |                        | <b>ENGLAND</b>                  | <b>USA</b>                      | <b>RUSSIA</b>                   |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Date</b>            | <b>31<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>31<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>31<sup>th</sup> December</b> |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Tree</b>            | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Presents</b>        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Special Dinner</b>  | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Father Frost</b>    | <b>—</b>                        | <b>—</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Parade</b>          | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>—</b>                        |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Wishes</b>          | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Official Speech</b> | <b>—</b>                        | <b>—</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Champagne</b>       | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Fireworks</b>       | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        | <b>+</b>                        |



# **CONCLUSION**

Having studied this theme I came to the conclusion that there are a number of differences in these holidays in three countries, though British and American customs are almost the same. I showed all these differences in my tables and I came to the conclusion that the differences are not huge, especially differences in celebration of New Year.



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