# Christmas

Traditions in the countries chosen by MYP Cultural Weeks Elective

#### Slovak republic by Radko who is from Slovakia

- People in Slovakia go to the christmas market.
- People go there to buy stuff for Christmas, and for fun.
- Christmas in Slovakia is usually celebrated on the 24 of December, when "baby Jesus" (Ježiško) brings presents under the tree.
- Speaking of trees, Slovak christmas trees are very colorful and bright.





#### Czech republic by Vojta

In Czechia is Ježíšek or in English Little Jesus who brings presents on Christmas Eve under the Christmas tree. When the bell rings that means that Ježíšek has been here and left some presents. Before opening the presents we are singing some christmas songs. We are celebrating at 24th December.





#### Food and culture

Food that we are eating on Christmas are: carp, potato salad and fish soup. We also have Adventní Svíčky which means Advent Candles which we light every Sunday until Christmas Eve when we light all of them.



#### Christmas in Belarus, by Matyáš

In Belarus, Christmas in recent years is a national holiday, celebrated, as in all Orthodox countries -January 7. But there are many Catholics in this country, especially in the West. That is why the Catholic Christmas - December 25 - is also celebrated in Belarus. This holiday coincided with ancient traditions celebrating the days of the winter solstice. People still have many customs and rites of paganism. Christmas traditions in Belarus ensure merry festivities that last from December 25 to the old new year.

These days, people are calling for Christmas carols. Although Belarus is now a Christian country, it does not prevent this, along with the traditional Christmas celebrations according to canonical canons and performs ancient ceremonies.



### Christmas in Russia

By Vlad (who is from Russia)





In Russia, people don't celebrate Christmas the same as in Slovakia. In Russia they get all the gifts on the New Year. Our Christmas in on the 6-7 January, that's when small kids go around the neighborhood, singing, and the neighbors give them sweets.

#### Christmas in Australia by Honza (Part 1)

Surfing Santas is an annual Cocoa Beach tradition that brings hundreds of surfers dressed up as Santa. Watch them ride in on the waves.



Australians often have freshly caught seafood outdoors at a Barbecue. Either, they have a traditional roast turkey and Christmas pudding with plenty of beer and good cheer. Many families eat outdoors if it's not too hot.



#### Christmas in Australia by Honza (Part 2)

Children have their summer holidays from mid December to early February, so some people might even be camping at Christmas.



And building a sandman :)

## The end

