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National Independence Day

104 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

Poland's Independence Day commemorating the country's regained independence on 11th November 1918 after 123 years of partitions and rule by Russia, Prussia and Austria is one of the most important national holidays in Poland. Most Poles spend it in the company of friends and family, enjoying their day off.

Poland has been celebrating Independence Day since 1920. During and after the Second World War this was done clandestinely. Independence Day was restored as a national holiday late as in 1989 after Poland's political transformation.



MY SWISS HOLIDAYS

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Christmas

In Switzerland, it is customary to invite poor or lonely people to Christmas Eve dinner. After the meal together, Christmas carols are sung, Mass is attended and gifts are given.

There is only one meal, most often it is a long, meat, multi-course dinner. When? In Switzerland, the dates of the celebration are optional. Most often, the family gathers together for a meal on December 25 in the evening, but other dates also come into play. There is no Christmas Eve, nor is there a three-day celebration.

The Christmas spirit in Switzerland will arrive sooner during Advent than on December 25, when all the Christmas markets close and cities are dying.

That's because - in December, Swiss cities compete for the most beautiful decorations

and the most attractive, unusual fair. The most beautiful market is in Montreux with Santa Claus who flies over Lake Geneva every evening.

Another attraction in the area is the famous Chillon Castle, which hosts a medieval market on December weekends. Let's add the magical ice rink in Montreux. It's hard to beat the festive Montreux, although the markets in Zurich, Basel, Lucerne, Lausanne and Geneva are also beautiful!

In Swiss villages, instead of fairs, we have the custom of Advent "window" calendars. Each day, one decorated window in the village lights up, and the hosts serve mulled wine and snacks to all admirers.

Traditionally in Switzerland, the Christmas tree is not put up until Christmas Eve and decorated with candles. It is also typical to prepare homemade cookies.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

On New Year's Eve, parades are organized where people walk in disguise and make noise or play instruments. In this way, they drive out demons and evil spirits to keep the new year going well.

Most residents spend New Year's Eve in clubs or at house parties.

At midnight, the inhabitants of the land of flowing chocolate light up fireworks with Prosecco. One of the little-known New Year's Eve customs is dropping a ball of ice cream on the Earth, which is supposed to bring prosperity in the new year. Many families with children decide to spend New



ALL THE SAINTS

In Switzerland, a country of many religions, on November 1, cemeteries are not visited in such large numbers as in Poland. Thousands of candles are not lit. In Protestant cantons, for example in Zurich, this day is a working day. For Protestants who do not believe in indulgences and the existence of purgatory, and thus do not pray for the souls of the dead, the November holiday has no religious significance. For them, the fate of the deceased is decided upon his death. Those who remain have no influence on the deceased's afterlife.

Prayer for the deceased is therefore unnecessary. Remembering the deceased and remembering him - important.

In such a mountainous, small country, there is no place for huge cemeteries, large tombstones, large tombs. Apart from the few tombs of famous or wealthy people, the tombs are small, mostly earthen, with a tombstone or a wooden plaque. Sometimes among the flowers planted on the grave you can find a photo of the deceased, some element of his favorite occupation or profession.



CHRISTMAS SONGS

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New
Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good
cheer
We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some, so bring some out
here

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year.

Last Christmas

I gave you my heart
But the very next day you gave it away
This year
To save me from tears
I'll give it to someone special

Once bitten and twice shy
I keep my distance
But you still catch my eye
Tell me baby
Do you recognize me?
Well
It's been a year
It doesn't surprise me
I wrapped it up and sent it
With a note saying I love you
I meant it
Now I know what a fool I've been
But if you kissed me now
I know you'd fool me again

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Carol of the Bells

"Carol of the Bells" is a popular Christmas carol which is based on the Ukrainian song called "Shchedryk". The "Carol of the Bells" uses the original melody from "Shchedryk," written by the Ukrainian composer Mykola Leontovych in 1914.

Ukrainian "Shchedryk" was adapted as an English Christmas carol, "Carol of the Bells", by Peter J. Wilhousky of NBC Radio, following a performance of the original song by the Ukrainian National Chorus at Carnegie Hall on October 5, 1922. Peter J. Wilhousky, American composer, music educator, and choral conductor of Ukrainian descent, wrote the lyrics in English.

The music is based on a four-note ostinato and is in 3/4 time signature, with the B-flat bell pealing in 6/8 time. The carol is metrically bistable, and a listener can focus on either measure or switch between them. It has been adapted for many genres, including: classical, metal, jazz, country music, rock, trap, and pop.

The piece also features in films, television shows, and parodies.

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Mykola Leontovych pictured in 1916



Mykola Dmytrovych Leontovych 1877 - 1921

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WEIHNACHTEN

1. Welche Begriffe passen deiner Meinung nach zum Thema Weihnachten?

Sommer – Advent – Tannenbaum – Sonne – Plätzchen – Dekoration – schwimmen – Freunde – Süßigkeiten – Natur – Krippe – Schule – singen – Ei – Familienfest – Heiligabend – Geburtstag – Lichterketten – Christkind – Zimtstern – Kino – Adventskranz – Supermarkt – Kerze – Adventskalender – Geschenk – Wunschliste – feiern – arbeiten – essen – Lied – Lametta – schenken – Lebkuchen – Apotheke – Weihnachtsmarkt – Strand

2. Lies und kreuze die richtige Antwort an.

1. Bis ins 16. Jahrhundert gab es Geschenke

nur für Kinder. nur für Erwachsene. für Kinder und Erwachsene.

2. Nikolaus war ein Mann

aus Deutschland. aus der Türkei. aus Amerika.

3. Nikolaus

machte immer Geschenke. bekam immer Geschenke. wollte immer Geschenke.

4. Nikolaus ist am 6. Dezember

geboren. gestorben. Bischof geworden.

5. Nikolaus bringt den Kindern

etwas zu lesen. etwas zu spielen. etwas zu essen.



O Tannenbaum

Höre das Lied: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lhQ_hBT7IA

und fülle die Lücken aus.

O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum,
wie treu sind deine Blätter!

Du _____ nicht nur zur Sommerzeit,
nein auch im _____ wenn es schneit.

O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum,
wie treu sind deine Blätter.

O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum,
Du kannst mir sehr gefallen!

Wie oft hat nicht zur _____
ein _____ von dir mich hoch erfreut

O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum,
Du kannst mir sehr gefallen.

O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum,
dein _____ will mich was lehren.

Die Hoffnung und Beständigkeit gibt
Mut und Kraft zu jeder _____,

O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum,
dein Kleid will mich was lehren.

