

# ***Christmas in Australia***

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# *Christmas in Australia*

- *Christmas in Australia is celebrated in the summer. When it snows in Poland and the temperatures fall below zero degrees Celsius, in Australia it is sunny and hot. People often spend Christmas with family members or close friends.*
- *This special time falls in the middle of the summer school holidays and both December 25th and 26th are days off. Children have vacations and workplaces are closed. Many people celebrate this event away from home, in parks, on camp sites, beaches or at their relatives' homes.*



# *Santa Claus in Australia*

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- *On Christmas Day children hope to find gifts from Santa Claus in a stocking or under the Christmas tree. Some weeks before Christmas they write letters to him so that he knows what they wish to get.*
- *In some stories Santa Claus wears a thick red suit and travels in a sleigh pulled by reindeers. In others, he wears shorts and a loose, brightly coloured shirt and his sleigh is pulled by six white kangaroos.*





## ***When does Santa Claus come?***

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- ***December 25th is Christmas Day and on that day, in the morning, kids find presents underneath the Christmas tree.***
- ***The previous night they leave some cookies and milk for Saint Nicholas. Santa comes at night when the children are asleep.***

# *Saint Nicholas' Day in Australia*

- *Some schools, workplaces and friends organize presents exchange also known as Secret Santa. It doesn't have to be celebrated on Saint Nicholas' Day – December 6th. It can be any other day around Christmas.*
- *Christmas crackers are also popular. These are candy-like paper rolls with small gifts inside. Two people catch the roll, each from a different side and pull. The person who has a larger piece after breaking the roll, gets a surprise.*
- *In many places there are Christmas lotteries as well.*



# *Decorations*

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- *At the beginning of December many people adorn their homes with Christmas decorations. It is an Australian tradition to do it that early.*
- *This often includes a Christmas tree, candles or small electric lights, snowmen and figures of Santa Claus, kangaroos or other animals.*



# *Christmas attractions*

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- *Candlelight caroling is organized in many cities – it is called Carols by Candlelight. Crowds of people meet to sing carols and Christmas songs together, usually outdoors.*
- *Christmas markets and fairs are also popular. Apart from the gifts, you can buy delicious food there.*
- *An event especially liked by children is the Christmas Parade - a street march of people dressed as Christmas characters.*



## ***Australian Christmas Food***

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- ***Some people still have family lunch on Christmas Day similar to the Christmas meal served in Great Britain. It consists of roast meats, vegetables and Christmas pudding as a dessert.***
- ***However, nowadays many Australians choose to hold a barbecue at the beach or a picnic in a park. Their tables are full of seafood (primarily shrimps), ham, turkey and salads.***



# ***Boxing Day in Australia***

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- ***26th of December is Boxing Day. It is a public holiday. Many important sports events are held then, between others, the Boxing Day cricket test match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The game is between the Australian National cricket team and other national teams touring Australia. The match starts on Boxing Day and may last up to five days.***
- ***Another important sporting event that starts on Boxing Day is the Sydney to Hobart yacht race.***
- ***On that day post-Christmas sales also start in many stores.***



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