

# New Year and Christmas in Scotland

The celebration of Christmas in Scotland today takes place on a par with the New Year and Christmas holidays, as in the rest of the United Kingdom and in Europe. Every year, traditional German Christmas markets are held in the capital of Scotland, lights are lit on the streets of all major cities, and people sing Christmas songs.





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# Festive table for the new year in Scotland

In Scotland, it is customary to celebrate the New Year with a dish called Haggis. The dish is made from mutton giblets, bacon and onions. There must be traditional dishes on the table: for breakfast - pudding, oat cakes, kebben (a special type of cheese), for lunch - boiled goose or steak, pie or apples baked in dough. A round shortbread cake is also prepared for the New Year's table, which is decorated with nuts, almonds, sweets, marzipan figurines. Of course, no holiday is complete without booze. Therefore, there must be a bottle of Scotch whiskey on the table. But women prefer to drink punch. The same, only a non-alcoholic drink is poured for children.



# The First Foot

The first-foot is the first person to enter the home on New Year's Day and is seen as a bringer of good fortune for the coming year. Generally, a tall, dark-haired male is preferred over a man with light hair or even a woman.

Everyone who enters the Scotsman's house on New Year's Eve was obliged to bring a coal. He threw it into the fireplace and wished the owners that the fire in their house would not go out. But since the fireplaces in most apartments are electric, people simply have nowhere to put the gift they brought.



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On the eve of the holiday, festive fairs open on the streets of cities. Shops with souvenirs, pastries, crafts, sweets, songs and dances, theatrical performances - all this creates a special atmosphere, lifts the spirits of Scots and tourists who have come to the country for the Christmas holidays.

By the way, the Edinburgh Christmas Fair is considered one of the most beautiful in Europe

# Christmas table

In addition to the traditional pudding, the Scots prepare other sweets that become a real decoration of the Christmas table: apples baked in dough, cakes, cakes with marzipan and, of course, the national Cranachan - a dessert of cereals filled with honey, raspberry jam, cream and whiskey.

Since the Scots are big fans of fishing and hunting, you can see pheasants, partridges, wild ducks and venison on the table. And definitely alcohol. Women drink dry wines and sweet berry tinctures. Men - whiskey, brandy, gin. The finale of the celebration is watching the Queen's speech on TV at three o'clock in the morning, who congratulates the Scots on Christmas.

