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Kazakhstan celebrates the New Year twice. For the first time, the traditional European New Year is celebrated, which comes on the night of December 31 to January 1. The inhabitants of Kazakhstan began to celebrate it only from the middle of the XIX century with the arrival of settlers-Slavs on the Kazakh lands. During the unification of the republics into the Soviet Union, many Slavic traditions were firmly established in Kazakhstan, including the celebration of the New Year.



For the second time, the Kazakh New Year is celebrated according to the Eastern tradition, and this happens from March 21 to March 23. This holiday is called Nauryz meiramy in Kazakh. Kazakhs have been celebrating this holiday for many centuries, and now this tradition has not lost its national significance for them.

In cities and villages on New Year's holidays, people arrange mass celebrations, where you can see a fairy-tale character named Ayaz Ata.



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These days it was customary for them to hold various competitions, one of which was an archery competition. The men prepared for the competition in about a week, honing their skills to perfection. Everyone could participate in the competitions – from toddlers to the elderly.

it is customary to cover a huge dastarkhan for the whole family on Nauryz, and concerts are held in cities and villages where national songs with dances are sung and danced. they install huge Altybakan and hold competitions in kazaksha kures.

















but the most interesting thing is the game of kok boru when a bunch of riders on horseback chase a sheep and whoever catches it will get it





**Спасибо, насяльникама!**