

CHRISTMAS IN UKRAINE



In Ukraine, Christmas is celebrated on December the 25th and is filled with warm and meaningful traditions. The festivities begin on Christmas Eve with a special dinner called Sviatoy Vechir. Families gather to enjoy 12 apostles, with the sweet Kutia – a mix of wheat, honey, and poppy seeds – serving as the main dish and a symbol of unity and abundance.



Caroling , known as koliadky, is a beloved tradition where groups sing joyful songs and carry a Bethlehem star as they visit homes, spreading good cheer. Another unique custom is the Didukh, a sheaf of wheat placed in homes to honor ancestors and symbolize prosperity for the coming year.

Many families attend church services, spending time in prayer. These traditions, blending faith, family and community make Christmas in Ukraine a heartfelt and spiritually uplifting celebration.

People attend the Christmas service not to celebrate but to pray for all the people who have died during the war that is still raging so fiercely.

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