



Weihnachten
& Boże
Narodzenie

CHRISTMAS IN POLAND & GERMANY

- Tradition
- History
- Food
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- Songs





TRADITION



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GERMANY

- decorating the Christmas tree together with the family,
- going to church in the afternoon,
- spending much time with the family,
- singing Christmas songs,
- having dinner as a family,
- receiving gifts,



POLAND

- decorating the Christmas tree together with the family,
- going to the church at midnight,
- share a special wafer while exchanging Christmas greetings,
- singing Christmas songs,
- putting a hay under the tablecloth before eating,
- receiving gifts after the dinner.



HISTORY

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GERMANY

- Story about the birth of Jesus
- The decoration resembles the story
- The story is told again and again every Christmas

POLAND

- The beginning of this holiday is reaching the Ancient Rome, when the Christianity was developed.





FOOD



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GERMANY

-The Christmas dinner is always very elaborate

- Roast meat (turkey, duck, etc.)
- Potato salad and sausages
- Cookies
- Gingerbread
- Christmas stollen
- Sweet deserts (Ice cream, alcohol)

POLAND

- Twelve dishes at the Christmas dinner:

- Barszcz z uszkami- Beetroot soup with little dumplings called "ears",
- Zupa Grzybowa- Mushroom soup,
- Filety z Karpia- Carp fillets,
- Pieczony Karp- Baked carp,
- Piernik- Gingerbread,
- Pierogi- Dumplings with cabbage and mushrooms,
- Ryba po grecku- Greek fish,
- Kompot z suszu- Dried fruits juice,
- Kluski z makiem- Poppy seed noodles,
- Kapusta z grzybami- Cabbage with mushrooms,
- Makowiec- Poppy seed cake,
- Śledź- Herring.





DECORATION



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GERMANY

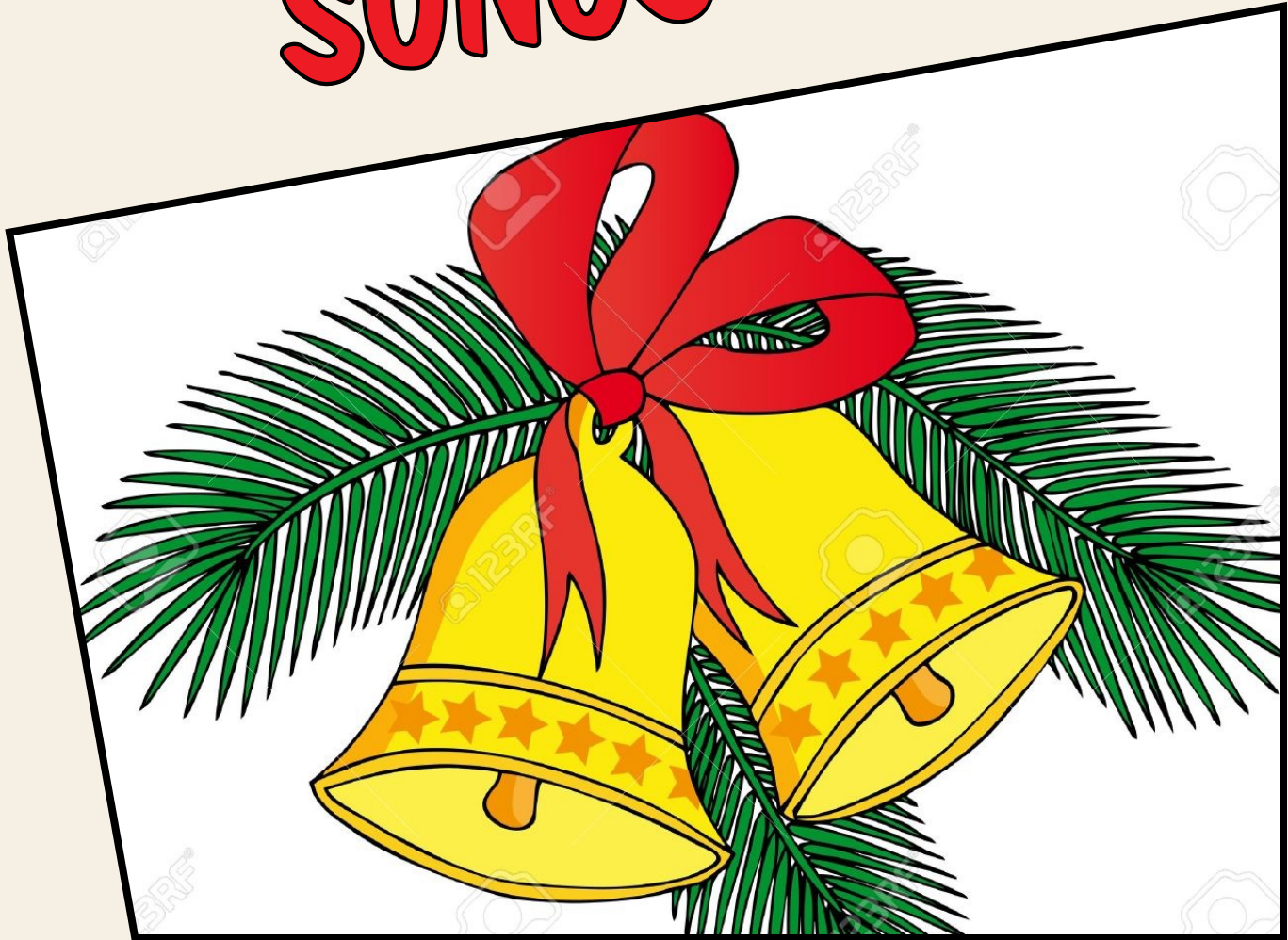
- Räuchermännchen "smoker",
- Snow globes,
- Christmas tree/baubles,
- Fairy lights,
- Candles,
- Nutcracker,
- Little Santa figures,
- Crib,
- Advent wreath.

POLAND

- Floral table decoration,
- Christmas chain,
- Gingerbread,
- Oranges with cloves,
- Candles,
- Cotton,
- Fake Snow,
- Candies.



SONGS



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GERMANY

- Traditional German Songs:
 - Stille Nacht
 - O du Fröhliche!
 - O Tannenbaum
 - Macht hoch die Tür
 - Kling, Glöckchen!
 - In der Weihnachtsbäckerei
 - Kommet ihr Hirten!

- More Modern English Songs:
 - Last Christmas
 - Jingle Bells
 - Coming home for Christmas
 - White Christmas

POLAND

- Traditional Polish Songs:
 - Coraz bliżej święta,
 - Cicha Noc,
 - Biały płot,
 - Świeć gwiazdeczko,
 - Kolęda dla nieobecnych,
 - Przybieżeli do Betlejem,
 - Gdy śliczna Panna.

