



Christmas in Canada

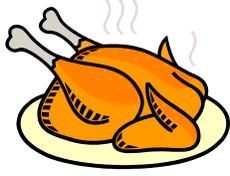
Christmas is a Christian holiday. But many **non-Christians celebrate** Christmas too. On Christmas we remember the day Jesus was born. They celebrate because Christians **believe** Jesus was a **gift** to the world. Most people in Canada celebrate on December 25th but some families celebrate on December 24th. They give gifts, sing songs, and eat lots of food. It is day to be with family and friends. It is **special** day for most Canadians.



Christmas Traditions

Christmas is a time to **give gifts** to family and friends. Parents give many gifts to their children. The gift are **wrapped** and **put** under a Christmas tree. Everyone has to wait until Christmas Day to **open** the gifts. Most Canadian children **believe** that **Santa Claus** comes Christmas Eve and leaves presents under the tree. Parents tell their children they must be good if they want Santa to **bring** them presents. Children also **hang stockings** and Santa Claus **fills** the stockings with candy and small presents.





Food at Christmas Time

Canadians like to eat a lot of food at Christmas. Usually families **bake traditional sweets** like **shortbread cookies**, **gingersnaps**, and **butter tarts**. The stores **sell** lots of different chocolates. On Christmas Day the traditional dinner is **turkey with cranberry sauce**, **mashed potatoes**, **stuffing** and **gravy**. A **popular** drink at Christmas time is **eggnog**, which is like a sweet milk drink. Everyone likes to eat too much!



Decorations

Canadians **decorate** their houses at Christmas time. They **put up a Christmas tree**. They decorate the tree with Christmas **decorations** like **bulbs and bows**. Sometimes they **hang a wreath** on their door. Some people hang **lights** on their house or windows. All the decorations are **put up** to celebrate the **Christmas holiday**.

