



RUSSIA

Christmas

In Russia they celebrate Christmas. Grandfather Frost or Ded Moroz brings presents. He travels in a troika (sleigh), and is always accompanied by his granddaughter, Snegurochka. A Matryoshka doll is a popular gift in Russia. It is a set of wooden dolls that get smaller in size. They are placed inside one another. Christmas Eve dinners are typically meatless and may include sochivo, a rice or wheat porridge with honey, poppy seeds, fruit, and chopped walnuts, as well as beetroot soup, vegetable pies, salads, and potatoes. The main meal on Christmas day is often more of a feast with dishes like roast pork & goose, Pirog and Pelmeni (meat dumplings). Dessert options include pryaniki, or honey bread cookies, kozulya, which are Russian Christmas cookies, and fruit pies. In some areas, children will go carol singing around the homes of friends and family to wish people a happy new year.

RUSSIAN STORIES

- The Magic Nesting Doll by: Jacqueline K. Ogburn
- My First Book of Russian Words by: Katy R. Kudela
- [The Littlest Matryoshka by Corrine Demas Bliss](#)
- Masha and Her Sisters by Suzy Altman
- Babushka's Doll by Patricia Pollaco

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RECIPE

[KRENDEL](#)

(Russian Christmas Bread)



MUSIC

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