

**Christmas day**

# HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS

- ◉ Christmas - a holiday, which in many countries has created a large number of symbols and traditions. These include even his date. Initially, the Eastern Christian church established the celebration of Christmas on January 6. However, the Roman Church is intentionally moved it on December 25 - the day of a pagan festival invincible sun. And the new date was to symbolize the victory of Christianity over paganism. Sixth same January to the Western tradition - a day, often called the British Twelfth Night.



# MISTLETOE

- ◉ It is believed that the custom originated in England, kissing under the mistletoe. Whenever a young couple kissing under a branch, a young man plucked a berry; when the berries ended, and ended with kisses. This fun tradition has survived in England until now: the decoration of the rooms have bunches of mistletoe even on lamps and chandeliers, and, as usual, you can kiss a man standing in the middle of the room under a bunch of mistletoe.



# CHRISTMAS STOCKING

- From Victorian England linked the custom to put gifts in the Christmas stocking. While telling a story that "Father Christmas" traveled through the air and penetrate into the house through the chimney. Going down in one of the houses, he dropped a few gold coins in a sock, which hung over the fire to dry. Since then, on Christmas Eve at the fireplace began to hang out "socks and stockings in the hope that there is a fall." And now, on Christmas Eve the children hung on the edge of the bed or fireplace christmas stockings to Santa Claus filled it with gifts. This tradition is gradually taking root in our country, in Russia.



# INTERESTING FACTS

- ◉ In the UK, home to decorate the branches of mistletoe. According to custom, once a year, on Christmas Eve, men have the right to kiss any girl, stop at the decoration of this plant. This happens not often, and not to waste time in vain, one man decided to decorate the branches of mistletoe mirror to be able to kiss all the girls stopped to admire herself.
- ◉ Dishes made with poultry (goose or turkey) are a traditional dish of the Christmas table in Germany and England. In England, certainly served at the table festive pudding, garnished with sprigs of spruce. In Western countries, the main decoration of the festive Christmas table was always festively decorated with a small herringbone.
- ◉ Despite the differences in all the Christian nations of the world, Christmas is a joyful and bright holiday, which consequently imposes a mark on Christmas holiday table.





Christmas is very interesting!