

Christmas In Texas, USA

‘Twas the night before Christmas, In Texas, you know. Way out on the prairie, without any snow.’

Christmas customs in Texas, USA begin on a warm breezy Christmas Eve. First, we welcome visitors to our homes with “**luminaries**”. Designs cut out of paper bags with sand in the bottom to hold a candle. Guests follow the lighted lined walkways up to the door of family and friends. No Christmas Eve is complete without lots of baked breads and cookies hot from the oven. We spend the evening eating, **exchanging gifts** and drinking **eggnog**. A drink made of cream, milk, sugar, beaten eggs and brandy. On Christmas Day the table looks much like a Thanksgiving Day feast of turkey, ham, potatoes, **cornbread dressing**, **cranberry sauce** and **pumpkin pie**. There are religious ceremonies at community churches which families attend before they make their rounds to visit friends and relatives. Finally, no Christmas is complete without a trip to the cinema. Tickets must be bought in advance because they **sell out** quite quickly. Several Hollywood films open on Christmas Day and no one wants to miss their favorite stars.

Vocabulary

Luminary – luminarz

Exchanging gifts – wymiana prezentów

Eggong – tradycyjny napój Bożonarodzeniowy

Cornbread dressing - chleb pieczony z mąki kukurydzianej

Cranberry sauce – sos żurawinowy

Pumpkin pie – placek dyniowy

Sell out - wyprzedane