

Christmas Down Under

As Christmas is fast approaching, back home in my hometown of Sydney everyone is getting ready for Christmas. As like here in Poland people are putting up their Christmas trees and Christmas decorations. All while Santa Clause sits in shopping centers and department stores getting his photo taken and promising children and some adults what they wish for.

Christmas in Australia is often very hot. Australians are baking in the summer heat. It is not unusual to have Christmas Day well into the mid 30 degrees Celsius.

Carols by Candlelight is a special event that takes place in the weeks leading up to Christmas it is held every year at The Domain which is a beautiful open space. At the Carols by Candlelight many families and friends come to listen to carols being sung by candlelight all while sitting under the evening sky which is **lit up** by many candles, held by everyone there!! it really is a **spectacular** sight and an enjoyable evening for all.



The night before Christmas it is a tradition to leave Santa Clause a beer and some cookies and the reindeers some carrots :)

On Christmas day you awake to the sun shining and usually, I know in my family the first person to wake up, will normally wake everyone else up in the house all in excitement and **anticipation** of receiving presents.



Christmas Lunch is a big affair where my mum usually cooks a traditional meal which includes a turkey with baked potatoes, pumpkin various other vegetables and salads in addition on the table we have a Leg ham. For after dessert being one of the best parts a **flaming** Christmas plum pudding. In the Australian gold rushes, Christmas puddings often contained a gold nugget. Today a small favor is baked inside. Whoever finds this knows s/he will enjoy good luck. Other desserts may include **Mince Pies** and other various sweets.

Some Australians and particularly tourists often have their Christmas Lunch at a local beach, Bondi Beach, in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs attracts thousands of people on Christmas Day. Other families enjoy their day by having a picnic or a **BBQ**. If they are at home, the day is punctuated by swimming in a pool, playing cricket out in the backyard, and other outdoor activities.

All in All Christmas in Australia is like most parts of the world, it is more a time to be with loved ones.

In saying that I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Vocabulary

carols - kolędy

candlelight – światło świec

lit up - tu: rozświetlony

spectacular – widowiskowy, popisowy

anticipation - oczekiwanie

flaming – płonący, prażący

Mince Pie – ciasto z nadzieniem bakaliowym

BBQ = barbecue - grill