

Wonderland culture



based on Polish traditions



TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL

29/30 November in Poland is the day of mysterious parties with the candles and future telling games, called Andrzejki (St Andrew Day).

There are hundreds of ideas of how to find out about the future, namely the marriage, lucky or unlucky love and prosperous or poor perspectives. The most popular practices are wax pouring and shoes competition.



TRADITIONAL SONG

Red beads, red as wine

Beads from the rowan

And girl's tears, big tears

My coat and beads brought from the town

He praised and said

That he wants to dance with me

His jeans and my white blouse

Caught in a tango soon

The gel was rubbed into his hair

Red beads, red as wine

Beads from the rowan

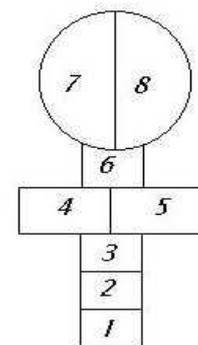
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POLISH NATIONAL GAME- CHŁOPEK

*The shape of the figure resembles a boy, so the name is **chłopek** - in literal translation it means **farmer boy**.*

In the game the participant jumps on one leg through the blocks "1", "2", "3", then she/he may rest by putting her/his both legs on the pavement - the left on number "4" and the right on "5", then jumps on "6" and "7" + "8" with both legs, then she/he flips the legs turning 180 degrees and repeats it again.



chłopek

The national attire of Poland is very colorful, festive, and diverse. Different regions of the country have their own unique features. In general, Polish traditional outfits have a lot of typically Slavic features: embroidery, colorful ribbons, wreaths made from fresh and artificial flowers, coral necklaces, male hats decorated with feathers, traditional Slavic leather footwear, wide leather belts, and many others.



NATIONAL CELEBRATION – EASTER MONDAY

Śmigus-dyngus also known as lany poniedziałek, meaning "Wet Monday" is a celebration held on Easter Monday in Poland. Traditionally, boys throw water over girls and spank them with willow branches on Easter Monday, and girls do the same to boys. This is accompanied by a number of other rituals, such as making verse declarations and holding door-to-door processions.

TRADITIONAL POLISH SOUP - SOUR RYE SOUP (ŻUREK)

Ingredients: 2 lb. smoked sausage, 2 tbsp. unsalted butter, 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped, 2 leeks, trimmed, sliced, 1 small yellow onion, sliced, 2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1" cubes, 2 sprigs marjoram, 1 bay leaf, 1 1/2 cups sour cream, 1/4 cup flour, 1/4 cup freshly grated horseradish, 2 tbsp. chopped parsley, 4 boiled eggs, cut into wedges

Instructions: Boil sausages and 8 cups water in a 6-qt. saucepan. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook to flavor broth, about 25 minutes. Pour liquid and sausage into a bowl; reserve. Return saucepan to medium heat. Add butter, garlic, leeks, and onion; cook until soft, about 10 minutes. Add reserved liquid, potatoes, marjoram, and bay leaf; boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook until potatoes are tender, about 30 minutes. Discard marjoram and bay leaf; purée soup in a blender. Return soup to pot; bring to a simmer. Meanwhile, whisk sour cream and flour in a bowl, add 1/2 cup soup, and whisk until smooth. Pour mixture into soup; cook, stirring, until thickened, about 5 minutes. Cut sausages into 1/2"-thick slices; add to soup along with horseradish, salt, and pepper. Garnish with parsley, and eggs.

POLISH SAYINGS

-DON'T PRAISE THE DAY BEFORE SUNSET - it means that till the day is not over don't say everything is perfect

-HOW YOU MAKE YOUR BED, THUS WILL YOU REST - It means that the way you prepare for adult life (your education, experience) will have an incredible impact on your entire life



Polish National Handicraft (cut-outs and embroidery)

In Poland wycinanki (Polish for 'cut-outs') were incorporated into national tradition from Jewish culture in 19th century.

They are made with large scissors without using pencil.

