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# The Estonian Christmas Cookbook

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### Introduction

Christmas is a popular time in Estonia. The Estonian Christmas has many familiar traditions from western and northern European festive celebrations. Estonia's Nordic, wintry climate also helps to create a Christmas atmosphere. Estonian cultural, rural and pagan traditions have also influenced the Estonian Christmas and create some unique Christmas customs.

Food is naturally a big part of Christmas. Estonia's traditional foods include rye bread, pork, cabbage, potatoes and dairy products and these play a big part in Estonia's Christmas meals. Estonians enjoy fresh seasonal ingredients and these help create a variety of Christmas dishes. Of course, a wide range of indulgent festive foods such as cookies, cakes and chocolate dishes are also enjoyed.

Try some Estonian Christmas food with this book - The Estonian Christmas Cookbook.

### **Author's Note**

This book features a number of recipes typically eaten in Estonia over the Christmas period. The ingredients for the recipes should be easily available to buy. No special utensils are needed to cook any of the dishes – regular kitchen equipment can be used.