

December traditions in the Netherlands.

1. We start with Sinterklaas. He celebrates his birthday on the 5th of december. The celebration is especially for children in the age of 0 till 10 years old.
2. Sinterklaas comes from Spain with a boat and is accomponied by more than hundred pieten.
3. The arrival of Sinterklaas is in different city every year. This year it's in Apeldoorn
4. When Sinterklaas arrives by boat he travels further by his white horse Amerigo
5. We have a special Sinterklaas journal on the television during 6 days of the week. It starts 4 weeks before his birthday and it's always an exciting story about Sinterklaas and his Pieten
6. The reporter from the Sinterklaasjournal is in the city of arrival.
The Pieten are the assistance of Sinterklaas and help him wit hall the presents.
Diewertje Blok is the host of the Sinterklaas journal.
You also can play games, sing and mail Sinterklaas on the internet.
7. We're going to watch a part of a movie about the arrival of Sinterklaas in Bakel
(01.00 – 1.50 sec)
8. When he arrives in Bakel we go to the gym and there are a lot of children. Some of them do performances for Sinterklaas and his Pieten.
9. Traditions of Sinterklaas:
10. We put our shoes in front of the chimnee and put some carrots for the horse. The next day the children become little presents or sweets.
11. The most popular sweet is pepernoten, schuimpjes, spiced bisquit, almond bar and chocolat letter. Piet is throwing the sweets towards the children
12. On the 5th of december it's present night. The pieten brings the sack full of presents to the little ones and they can open all their gifts.
The older children and adults make nice surprises for each other.
13. The 6th of december Sinterklaas is leaving with his Pieten back to Spain. Primary school has the day off to play with their new toys.

The next tradition is Christmas

14. Everybody has a Christmas tree in their house
15. Everybody has a natavity scene under or nearby their Christmas tree
16. At school and in the church we listen to the Christmas story
17. Families eat together on 1st and 2nd Christmas day
18. Children have 2 weeks of vacation at Christmas time
Christmas in Bakel
19. In our village Bakel we also have a Christmas market. Let's watch for an impression
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Christmas in our school
20. Once every 3 years we have at school a charity action
21. The other years we play the Christmas story in our classrooms.
22. There is a Christmas dinner in the evening. All children bring a dish
23. At the end of the evening we sing Christmas songs together outside at the schoolyard.
24. After the Christmas party at school our 2 weeks vacation starts