

[Ukraine Rada approves second official Christmas day work holiday](#) **Culture**

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The new law in effect gives Ukrainian two Christmas holidays, one for the Orthodox and another for Catholics and Protestants

KYIV, Nov 16, 2017 - In accordance with the law passed by the Ukrainian parliament, the days of January 7 and December 25 were announced non-working days in Ukraine. Ukrainian MPs have thus amended the Labor Code. December 25, when the world celebrates Christmas according to Gregorian calendar, is traditionally a common working day in counties that celebrate their Christmas on January 7. However, according to new regulations, Ukraine will now officially have two non-working Christmas days - both on December 25 and January 7. The explanatory note to the new Ukrainian law says that about a third of all Christian communities of Ukraine consider December 25 a holiday. The law will come into force the day after its official publication.

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