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New Year and Christmas celebrated in line with bright folk traditions in Motol (Brest region, Ivanovo district)

Motol warmly welcomes guests in its own style

Motol, in the Brest region's Ivanovo district, is quite small, having only about 5,000 residents. However, it's unique in Belarus, boasting a mix of Belarusian, Polish, Italian, Latvian and Jewish cultures. Legend states that Queen Bona lived in Motol, while the first president of Israel, Chaim Weizmann, was born there. Residents have preserved their own traditions, language and links with their homelands — from as far afield as Argentina and Australia → 10

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