Easter Traditions Around the World

The day after Easter young boys try to get girls wet with water guns or buckets of water. The tradition says girls who get soaked will marry within the year.	In the morning of Holy Saturday people have a tradition to throw clay pots with water out of their windows. This symbolizes the coming of spring and new harvest season.	On Easter Monday people make a giant omelet and serve it in the town's main square. It can feed up to 1000 people.	People have "egg battles" – they knock two hard-boiled eggs. The egg which shell doesn't break – wins and the loser has to eat all the boiled eggs the winner breaks.

On Easter people make their own kites with wooden sticks, colorful paper and a special "hammer" on the top. They then gather and fly them in the sky.	Guys give the girls they like a pretzel on Good Friday. If the girl accepts the treat, the guy is allowed to visit the girl on Easter Sunday and will get an egg in return.	People organize a parade through the town during which they explode a big cart. They believe it's for a good harvest.	On Easter kids dress up in witch costumes and walk in the streets asking for treats.

















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On Good Friday a huge cross with burning torches illuminates the sky in the central square of the city. People await the Pope's blessing from the church's balcony, known as "Urbi et Orbi".	On Easter Monday men playfully spank women with handmade whips made of willow and decorated with ribbons. The willow branches are supposed to transfer vitality and fertility to the women.	On Holy Thursday a traditional "death dance" is performed in the streets of the town. Everyone dresses in skeleton costumes and parades through the streets. The procession ends with frightening skeletons carrying boxes of ashes.	On Easter Monday boys playfully sprinkle perfume on girls and ask for a kiss. It is believed that perfumed water has a cleaning, healing and fertility-inducing effect.

On Good Friday people walk the same path Jesus did, on the day he was nailed to the cross. Some of them carry a cross in remembrance.	It is Easter tradition to sit down with the whole family and read or watch crime stories and detective thrillers together, so that to figure out the killer. Radio and TV stations produce murder mysteries, and even the milk companies contribute by printing murder stories on milk cartons.	During the Easter holidays instead of ordinary chocolate Easter bunny, children eat chocolate Easter bilby, which is a small marsupial with large ears and a long, pointed nose. Children firmly know that every bite they take is helping to save an endangered species.	On Easter Monday children roll a colored hard-boiled egg with a large serving spoon on the lawn in front of the white house.

















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