



# Czech Easter - *Velikonoce*

We celebrate Easter (*Velikonoce* – from Great Nights) \_\_\_\_\_ spring. Easter \_\_\_\_\_ Czech Republic is a fun time. There is/are many traditions practised, especially \_\_\_\_\_ villages. People send \_\_\_\_\_ postcards to their families and friends and visit their relatives.



## • Easter Eggs and *kraslice*

\_\_\_\_\_ most important symbol of Easter is *kraslice*. It is \_\_\_\_\_ hand-painted or decorated egg. There is/are many Easter egg decorating techniques and different materials can be used, such as/us bee's wax, straw, watercolors, onion peels, picture stickers.



## • Pussywillow and *pomlázka*

Young pussywillow twigs bring health and youth to everybody who is whipped with them. \_\_\_\_\_ young men make an Easter *pomlázka* (from "make younger"), they braid \_\_\_\_\_ whip from willow twigs. Today \_\_\_\_\_ most young men and boys don't braid *pomlázka*, they buy it in shops or stalls instead.



\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Monday, boys go caroling from house \_\_\_\_\_ house, sometimes they say Easter rhymes, and symbolically whip girls with *pomlázka*. The girls, in turn, give them \_\_\_\_\_ decorated eggs, chocolate eggs, ribbons or sweets. Thanks \_\_\_\_\_ this act, the girls and women should enjoy good health for the rest \_\_\_\_\_ the year.



## • Baby Animals - Lamb, Bunny Rabbit, Chicken

\_\_\_\_\_ Czech Republic, people don't usually barbecue real lamb, but they bake a lamb cake or make little gingerbread cookies in the shape of lambs, chicken, bunnies and another/other animal babies.

*Mazanec* is \_\_\_\_\_ kind of sweet bread with raisins and almonds often baked \_\_\_\_\_ Easter, too.

