



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.

