

Complete the article. Use only ONE word in each gap. If there is a word in brackets after a gap, change its form.

How to celebrate St. John's Day like a true Estonian?

Would you dare to jump over a _____ (FIRE) or go to the woods late _____ night in search of _____ mysterious plant? If you are _____ (COURAGE) enough, you should definitely visit Estonia _____ 23 and 24 June when Midsummer Day, _____ celebrated.

The Estonian Midsummer Day is associated _____ a number of pagan _____ and rituals. _____ of the main symbols of the holiday is a bonfire. In the evening of Midsummer Eve, people all around the country light numerous bonfires, grill meat, sing and dance. In the old days, it was _____ (BELIEVE) that fire scared _____ evil spirits, _____ jumping over it brought good luck.

_____ fascinating tradition is hardly _____ (OBSERVE) nowadays but casts a magical shadow on the celebration. Fern flower is believed to bloom once _____ year on Midsummer Eve. _____ to the myth, if a young couple in love catches sight of a _____ (MIRACLE) blossom, it will bring them good fortune and prosperity. A young single lady _____ finds a fern flower should eat it, and she will soon meet a man of her dreams.

All _____ all, whether you believe in the _____ (SUPERSTITIOUS) surrounding St. John's Day or not, it is worth joining the _____ (FEST) and having fun, since Midsummer Day is one of the most _____ (ENJOY) public holidays in Estonia, which is celebrated in a big way by both younger _____ older _____ (GENERATE).