YURAUSKI KARAHOD



I. Put the verbs in the correct form, active or passive

The spring rite of Yurauski Karahod _____ (be) on the UNESCO Heritage List since 2019. It _____ (hold) on 6 May. Our ancestors _____ (take) out their farm animals into the field for the first time after the winter. They _____ (believe) the first man to do that _____ (have) enough milk for the whole year. Nowadays the ceremonial bread Karahod _____ (bake) on the eve of the holiday. A procession of people in traditional costumes _____ (carry) it through the village.

I _____ (be) happy to take part in the celebration last year. My friend and I _____ (give) an embroidered rushnik. While we _____ (hold) it above our heads, the procession _____ (walk) through that symbolic gate. To tell you the truth, our arms _____ (hurt) after that as the ceremony _____ (take) more than twenty minutes. But we _____ (not regret) being part of the ancient rite.

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Nowadays many young people (move) to towns and cities. Some people (be) afraid that the village (become) empty and the rite of Yurauski Karahod (not hold) in the future.

II. Read about another Belarusian tradition which is on the UNESCO Heritage List and fill in the prepositions and particles.

The Budslau Fest takes place Budslau village, in the Minsk region. Pilgrims all over Belarus and other countries have participated in it the seventeenth century. Every year on the first weekend of July thousands pilgrims come Budslau to join the celebrations in honour of the Budslau Icon of Our Lady. The Icon, the patroness of Belarusian people, is known many miracles and Budslau is recognized as the place where, according to legend, Our Lady appeared to believers July 1588. The celebration includes priests (священники /святары) welcoming the pilgrims, masses, a night procession the Icon and candles and hours of prayer (молитва / мальва) to the Mother of God. The tradition is handed from generation generation and attracts families and believers all ages. The local inhabitants are very proud the relic; they show pilgrims a warm welcome and invite them local homes to share meals them.

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Pilgrims visiting Budslau learn all the local traditional customs, crafts and cuisine.

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