



Origins of Easter

Easter is an important Christian festival and holiday. It is made to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is not a fixed holiday. Its date varies between 22nd March and 25th April.

People celebrate Easter around the world.

In the UK, Easter is a public holiday. People give Easter chocolate eggs to their friends and family. There are also egg hunts for kids. In the US, Easter is a national holiday. People can go to church and have a special family meal. They also do egg-hunts and give gifts of colored eggs. In Russia, Easter is one of the most important holidays. People celebrate it with an Easter breakfast or meal. They also create very beautiful Easter eggs.

Easter Bunny & Easter Eggs

The Bible makes no mention of a long-eared, short-tailed creature who delivers decorated eggs to well-behaved children on Easter Sunday; nevertheless, the Easter bunny has become a prominent symbol of Christianity's most important holiday. The exact origins of this mythical mammal are unclear, but rabbits, known to be prolific procreators, are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life.

According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. Additionally, children often left out carrots for the bunny in case he got hungry from all his hopping.

From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources.

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