



# Easter around the World



# Poland



On Easter Monday, boys roam around the streets and sprinkle girls with water or perfume.

Baskets of food are taken to church to be blessed.

On Easter Sunday, eggs are eaten and also a cake in the shape of a lamb to symbolise Christ.

They also have painted Easter eggs called pisanki that are handcrafted and painted with traditional symbols of fertility and spring.





## Scotland

In Scotland, they have egg rolling competitions.

Eggs are boiled and then painted.

Children then roll eggs down grassy hills. Whoever's egg rolls the farthest wins.

The rolling of the egg symbolises the rolling away of the stone from Jesus' tomb.





# Bermuda

In Bermuda, people fly kites to symbolise the rising of Christ.







# Germany



In Germany, they have Easter egg trees called ostereierbaum.

Decorated eggs are hung from the branches of the tree.





# Spain

Children bring palm leaves to church on Palm Sunday. People decorate their branches with flowers.

On Ash Wednesday, a cross of ash is put onto people's foreheads to say sorry to God for the bad things they have done.

In some places, on Maundy Thursday, men dress as skeletons to perform a dance of death to symbolise Jesus' death.

In Spain, boys and girls bang drums during church processions.

Spain also has parades with pasos or thrones illustrating the Easter story and marching bands. The parades are followed by cloaked people seeking forgiveness from God.







# India



Easter celebrations start at Lent and end on Easter Sunday.

Easter gifts are exchanged, such as painted eggs, cakes, flowers and colourful lanterns.

In some areas, there are carnivals that involve street plays, songs and dances.

The major activities take place on Good Friday when large numbers of Christians gather at churches, passion plays are held and people exchange Easter wishes with one another.





# Brazil



In Brazil, Easter is known as 'Páscoa'.

People celebrating Páscoa may give each other chocolates as gifts.

On Good Friday, many people may choose to not eat meat and eat fish instead.

On Easter Sunday, many people spend the day with their families and go to church later in the afternoon.

Throughout Brazil, many colourful celebrations may take place, including in Ouro Preto, where the streets are decorated with flowers, sand and sawdust to create beautiful patterns.





# Sweden and Finland



In Sweden and Finland, children dress up as Easter witches and go around the neighbourhood granting wishes of happiness and good health. They carry decorated willow twigs as part of their costume. As a reward, they usually receive sweets and chocolate eggs.



Easter Monday is the largest day of celebration in Finland and Mämmi is usually served; a sweet rye porridge served with whipped cream, milk or vanilla ice cream. Other foods eaten include Pasha (a curd dessert), lamb, fish and baked cheeses.