

One Holiday Different Countries Different Tradition

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What is this Easter?

- It's a traditional Christian holiday
- Celebrated in spring
- Dedicated to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ



The development of Easter traditions



Traditions in Western Countries

The UK: 

- Easter Egg hunting
- Decorating Easter eggs
- Wearing Easter Bonnets
- Main culinary attributes:
 - Hot cross buns



Hot cross buns



Traditions in Western Countries

The US: 

- Hunting for Easter eggs
- Wearing Easter Bonnets
- An Annual Easter Egg Roll
- Giving Peeps rabbit-shaped sugary snack
- Main culinary attributes:
 - Apricot glazed ham



Apricot glazed ham



Traditions in Eastern Christianity Countries

Russia

- Celebrating 2 weeks later than in Western countries
- Attending Easter Vigil
- Main culinary attributes:
 - Kulich
 - Paskha



Kulich



Paskha



Traditions in Eastern Christianity Countries

Greece

- Attending Easter Vigil
- Dyeing eggs red
- Red Easter egg tapping
- Main culinary attributes:
 - Magiritsa
 - Roasted Lamb



Magiritsa



Roasted Lamb



Traditions in Latin American Countries

Mexico 

- Celebrations have Catholic influences
- Burning the effigies of Judas
- Main culinary attributes:
 - Chile Relleno
 - Capirotada



Chile Relleno



Capirotada



Traditions in Latin American Countries

Argentina

- Easter is influenced by Catholic countries
- Combination of Catholic traditions with indigenous rituals
- Main culinary attributes:
 - Pascualina
 - Homemade biscuits



Pascualina



Traditions in Scandinavian countries

Sweden

- Dyeing Easter eggs
- Children dress up as “Easter witches” and ask for candy
- Main culinary attributes:
 - Smoked Salmon
 - Pickled Herring



Smoked salmon



Pickled herring



Traditions in Scandinavian countries

Norway

- Decorating Easter eggs
- Reading crime novels or “Päskkrim”
- Main culinary attributes:
 - Rakfisk (fermented trout)
 - Oranges (a lot of them)




Rakfisk



A lot of oranges



Comparing and contrasting different traditions

Countries	Similarities	Differences
Western Countries (United States, United Kingdom)	Easter egg hunts, decorating eggs, and gift-giving of chocolate eggs or bunnies.	The UK: "Easter bonnets" are quite popular The US: the White House hosts an annual Easter Egg Roll.
Eastern Christianity Countries (Russia, Greece)	Eastern Orthodox countries emphasize the religious aspect of Easter with services, processions, and unique foods.	Russia: "Paskha" - a special Easter dish. Greece: unique traditions like the cracking of red eggs to symbolize Christ's resurrection.
Latin American Countries (Mexico, Argentina)	Many Latin American countries have a strong Catholic influence that shapes their Easter celebrations.	Mexico: "Burning of Judas" where effigies of Judas are burnt. Argentina: Catholic traditions combined with indigenous rituals.
Scandinavian Countries (Sweden, Norway) 	Many Scandinavian countries have similar Easter traditions like decorating eggs and eating special Easter foods.	Sweden: children dress up as "Easter witches" and go door-to-door for candy. Norway: "Påskekrum" a tradition of reading crime novels during Easter.