



Easter in the USA

- One day
 - Only one day is celebrated: Easter Sunday.
 - Only one day off school, Good Friday.
- Religious Easter & Secular Easter
 - Christian Americans celebrate Easter as the resurrection of Christ.
 - Secular Americans celebrate Easter as the beginning of spring and a day of Easter eggs and chocolate.
- Easter Colors: Pastels
- True Origins: Easter originated from the Pagan belief of the goddess "Eostre" who was a symbol of spring and fertility.
- Three Main Components:
 - **Easter brunch:** "spring/summer foods." A typical meal may include baked ham with pineapple, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables, and pie.
 - **Egg Dyeing:** Children dye real eggs (either hard-boiled or hollow) for fun and decoration.
 - **Egg Hunt:** Parents hide plastic eggs filled with chocolate and candy outside for the kids to find and collect in their Easter baskets.



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EASTER IN THE UK

Easter bonnets → is a type of hat that women and girls wear to Easter services, and in the Easter parade following it. Ladies purchased new and elaborate designs for particular church services, and in the case of Easter, taking the opportunity of the end of Lent to buy luxury items.

Modern Easter bonnets for children are usually white hats with a pastel colored satin ribbon around it and tied in a bow. It may also have flowers or other springtime elements on top.



Hot cross buns → Hot Cross Buns are made with raisins or currants (*uva pasa*) and sometimes chopped candied fruit. Today they are sold in bake shops and supermarket bakeries throughout the Easter season. Each bun has an icing (*glaseado*) cross on top to signify the crucifixion while some pagan traditions say the cross represents the four quarters of the moon. In England, they were once sold by street vendors who advertised their wares with cries of "Hot Cross Buns! Hot Cross Buns!" Their street cries became a nursery rhyme....

Hot cross buns!
Hot cross buns!
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!
If ye have no daughters,
Give them to your sons.
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns