

Easter Traditions Across the Globe

With Easter almost here, children around the world are getting excited about Easter egg hunts, taking part in their school's Easter bonnet parade, or enjoying a few extra days of holiday with their families. However, different traditions are taking place across the globe. Read this article to discover how different cultures celebrate Easter.

Hungary

If you're travelling to Hungary on Easter Monday, you will get wet! "Sprinkling" is a popular tradition, in which boys sprinkle perfume or water over a young women's head, and ask for a kiss. Many people used to believe this had a cleaning effect, and the tradition has carried on until today.

Sweden

In Sweden, Easter is like Halloween – the children dress up as witches wearing long skirts, colourful headscarves and painted red cheeks. They also go from home to home swapping paintings and drawings for sweets. Remind you of trick-or-treating?

Corfu

Watch out if you're spending Holy Saturday in Corfu, because the tradition of "Pot Throwing" takes place in the morning. People throw pots, pans and other earthenware out of their windows, smashing them on the street. Some say this welcomes spring, while others say it comes from the Venetians, who on New Year's Day used to throw out all of their old items. Whatever you believe, remember your crash helmet!

Bulgaria

In Bulgaria, people don't hide their eggs – they throw them. Whoever comes out of the game with an unbroken egg is the winner. Also, the oldest woman in the family rubs the faces of the children with the first red egg she has coloured, symbolizing her wish that they have rosy cheeks, health and strength.



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2. Read the paragraph about Hungary. Describe the special tradition that takes place there?

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About Easter traditions across the globe.

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Sprinkling is when a boy sprinkles water, cologne or perfume over a girl, and asks for a kiss.

3. Write down two ways that a Swedish Easter is similar to Halloween.

1. Children dress up as witches

2. Children go from door to door hoping for sweets

4. What happens on Holy Saturday in Corfu?

Pot-throwing

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Accept either: It welcomes spring, symbolising the new crops that will be gathered in new pots.

Or: It derives from the Venetians, who on New Year's Day used to throw out all of their old items

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In Britain, we hide eggs, and in Bulgaria, they throw them.

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