

Holidays in the UK. St. Patrick's Day and Easter



Saint Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day, or the **Feast of Saint Patrick** is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of [Saint Patrick](#).

St. Patrick, according to legend, brought Christianity to a pagan island and expelled all snakes. Patrick arranges a parade with songs, beer pours the river.



This holiday is celebrated not only in Ireland, where it comes from, but also in the UK

The main attribute of the holiday is clothes of saturated emerald color. A sweater with a huge trefoil on the chest is especially popular.

On St. Patrick's Day, traditional Irish dishes are prepared - fried chicken, stewed lamb with cabbage, and black pudding. It is traditionally washed down with ale, beer or stronger drinks.



Since 2002, an annual parade in honor of St. Patrick's Day has been held in London since 2002, which takes place on the weekend next to March 17, usually on Trafalgar Square. In 2008, on St. Patrick's Day, the water in the fountains of Trafalgar Square was painted green. Leprechauns, characters of Irish folklore, able to fulfill the wishes of those who could catch them, also belong to the symbols of the holiday.



Easter



Easter is a great spring holiday between March 22 and April 25 that they love to celebrate in the UK. At this time, the school begins a 2-week vacation. The last Palm Sunday before Easter in England is called Palm Sunday. The last Friday before Easter is called Good Friday. Everyone treats each other with delicious buns with raisins. On Palm Sunday, people give each other Easter eggs. Unlike us, they give chocolate eggs filled with caramel.



Traditions

In some counties, there is a tradition of playing soccer for Easter. Instead of a ball, use a barrel filled with light beer. After the game, beer is drunk.

During Easter, I dance the famous dance (Morris Dancing). Dancers are dressed in Robin Hood costumes. They dance in churches, on the street and in other places. There is a tradition on Easter Monday to give sweets and toys to children on the street.



Easter lunch

At Easter, it is customary for the whole family to gather. A lamb with vegetables is prepared, an Easter cake is baked, eggs are painted. It is believed that it is the rabbit that hides the Easter eggs, so that later the kids look for them. Also, the Easter Bunny symbolizes fertility.

