

**WHY ARE
FAMILY
HOLIDAYS
IMPORTANT?**

CHRISTMAS

Christmas holiday held in honour of the birth of Christ. It is held on December 25th. In Russia this holiday is celebrated on January, 7.



ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

February, 14th. People send special cards to someone they love. Usually they don't sign their names. It is a day of love and friendship.



AUSTRALIA DAY

An Australian public national holiday. It is held on January, 26th.

It commemorates the arrival of the First English Fleet in 1788. Australia Day is the biggest annual event in Australia.



CANADA DAY

A Canadian national public holiday. It is held on July, 1st.

It is celebrated with outdoor public events, such as parades, carnivals, festivals, barbecues, fireworks, and free musical concerts.



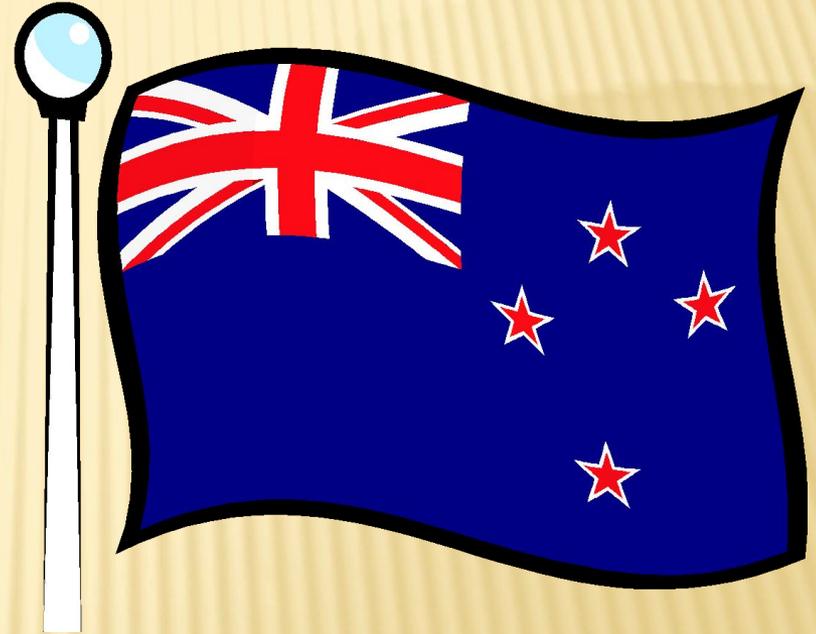
INDEPENDENCE DAY



July, 4th is the National Independence Day of the USA. The Day is celebrated all over the country with parades, picnics and fireworks at night.

WAITANGI DAY

A national public holiday in New Zealand. It is held on February, 6th. On this day in 1840 on the bank of the river Vaytangi the British and Maori signed “The Treaty of Waitangi”.



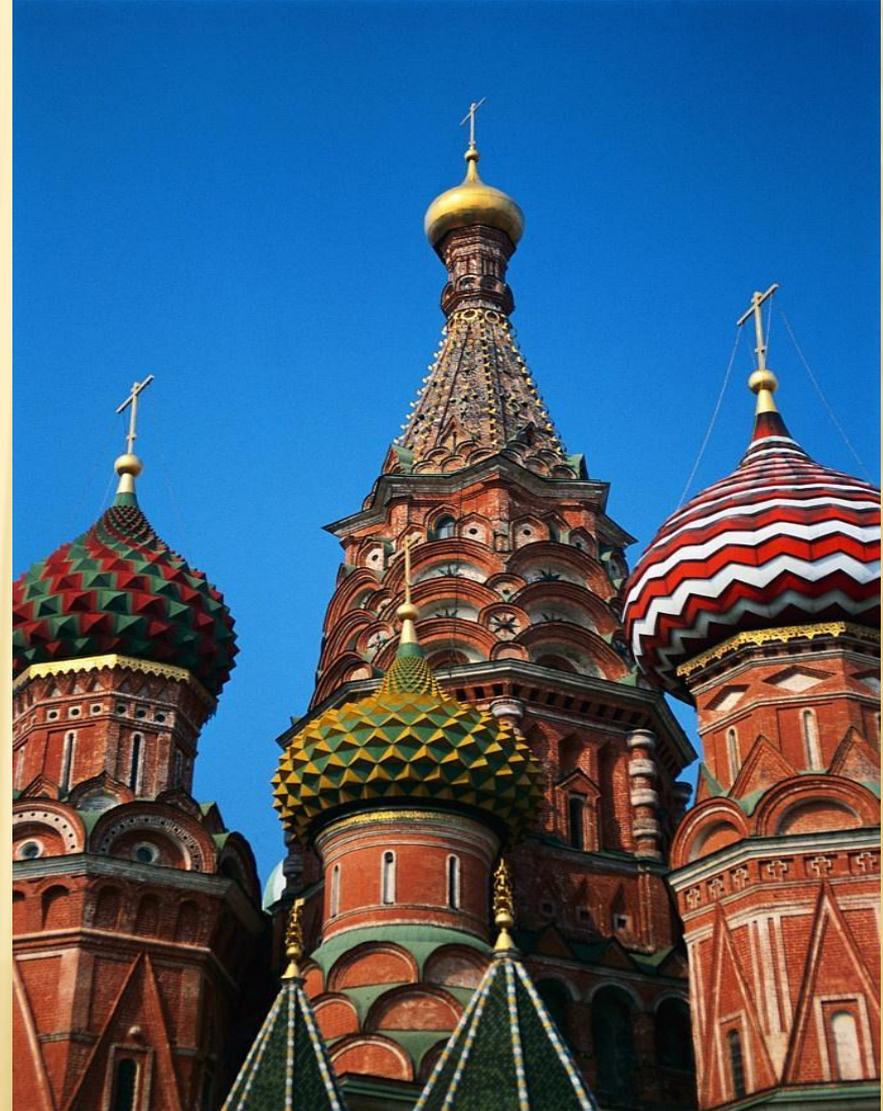
VICTORY DAY



National public holiday in some countries. In Russia is held on May, 9th.

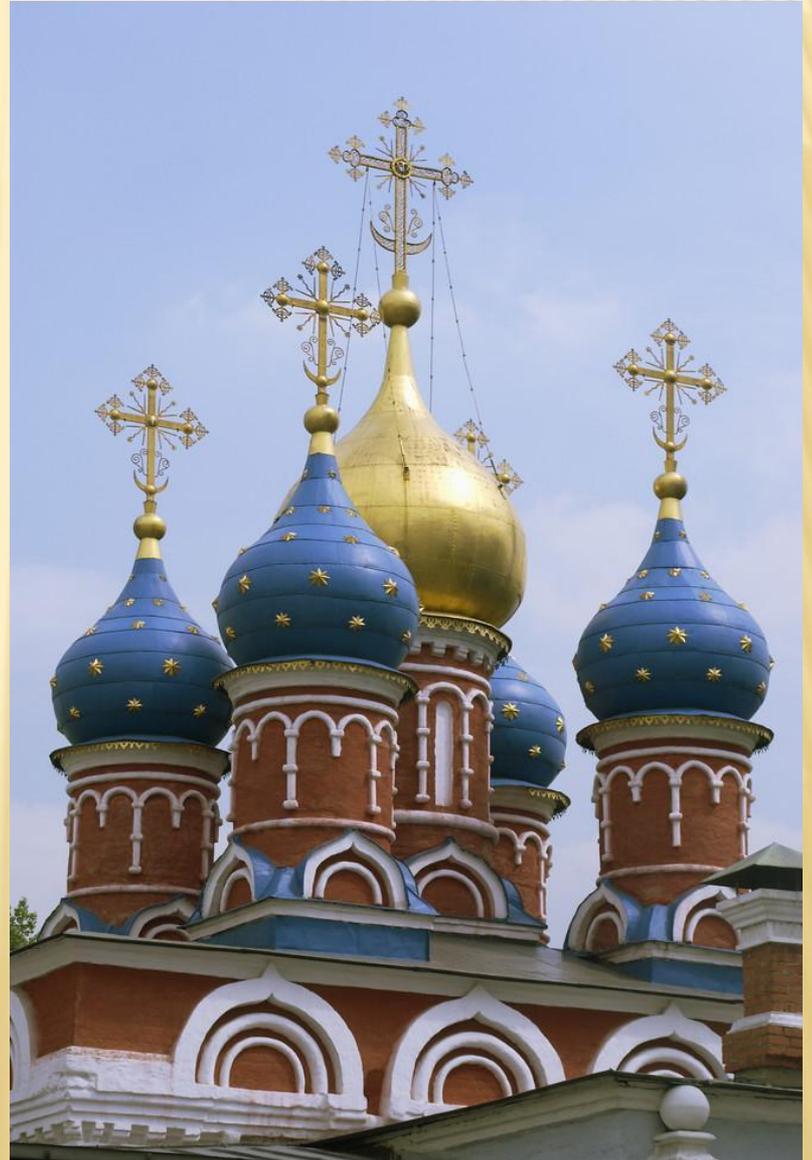
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June, 12th is the
National
Independence
Day of Russia.



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- **Mathew, what are the biggest holidays in the USA?**

- I think, there are, probably, two holidays, that are often considered the two most special family holidays - Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

- **How does your family celebrate Thanksgiving?**

- Well, Thanksgiving for us... There is a church service normally in the morning. My mother will, actually, prepare the turkey. And so people begin to arrive at about ... eleven o'clock or twelve o'clock noon to my parents' home. And everyone gathers together and normally, for us in Detroit, there's a big football game that day.

- **What is the usual way to celebrate Christmas in your family?**

- We all gather there in the afternoon then, and we have a meal, normally, about one o'clock or two o'clock in the afternoon, and we will then talk and discuss, and become very full. But you also might have an apple pie. And by the evening time most people are tired, and some go home, another stay to talk or, perhaps, watch a movie. So, that's what we do.