



Maslenitsa

WHAT IS MASLENITSA?

Maslenitsa is the brightest,
funniest and most entertaining
of Belarusians holidays.



Its history goes back to pre-Christian
Belarus: the main ritual of Maslenitsa
is the burning of the straw figure of
the Winter - an echo of pagan
rituals.

Today, Maslenitsa is
a symbol of
Belarusian folk
festivals with a
millennial history.
No country in the
world does
celebrate something
like this!



For foreign visitors, who arrive in Belarus it is a lucky chance to participate the celebration of Maslenitsa, the Pancake Day. After all, it means to touch the real Belarusian exotica, to get on the live pages of Belarusian history, to witness the original traditions of Belarus. Today Belarus celebrates Maslenitsa the old way – huge folk festivals full of fun and games.



The symbol of Maslenitsa is a round, blini with the traditional fillings - caviar, sauerkraut, mushrooms, jam ... Enjoying the delicious sizzling blini (thin pancakes) is incomparable pleasure followed by the vortex of real fun: sleigh rides, snow house making and round dances. In short, enjoy yourself while you can, since the next day brings the Lent, which, in accordance with Christian traditions prohibits fun and gluttony.



Maslenitsa ends with the solemn burning of the figure of the Winter; symbolically it means the end of winter cold and the onset of spring with hopes for good harvest.





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