

Holidays in Great Britain



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Christmas

Christmas! ? It is the yearly celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. This holiday means the beginning of the new year and the new life. English people celebrate this holiday with the evergreen tree — Christmas tree. Children put along sock, called a Christmas stocking at the end of their beds and Santa Claus comes down the chimney to bring them presents.

Christmas Day is the greatest holiday in England. It is interesting to visit the shops before this holiday. There are a lot of nice Christmas cards and presents there. English people like this holiday very much and prepare for it beforehand. They buy presents for each other, try to send Christmas cards for their relatives and friends.

It is interesting to visit London during this holiday. There is a Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square. We can see many lights, toys and sweets all over this tree. Everywhere you can see slogans "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

The traditional English dinner on Christmas is turkey and pudding.





Happy Halloween

Halloween evening before the Day of all saints, when the spirits and ghosts are exempt and prowl the streets in search of people. In the old days people in this day did not go out on the street and locked all the doors and Windows to keep the evil spirits to enter the house. Nowadays this holiday is celebrated cheerfully and noisily. Children dress up in costumes of the monsters and go to the neighbor's home, demanding sweets. Also in this day like a masked balls and put in a window of a hollow pumpkin carved eyes and a mouth and a candle inside, to scare away the spirits.



Valentine's Day

Saint Valentine - protector of all lovers. In this day of lovers give each other a special postcard. There were times when on February 14, the British gave presents to each other secretly, and picked up a couple of himself according to the lot. The British believe in fortune-telling on Valentine's Day is especially strong. English is considered the best gift one that is made with hands, so people give each other personally baked sweets in the shape of heart.



Mother's Day

In the Victorian age children sent to work away from home at an early age, and the money they earned, send in the family budget. One day in the year, on March 26, the children were allowed to spend at home with their parents. They brought the mothers and grandmothers of small gifts, such as bunches of flowers or fresh eggs. Now, in this day children give mothers and grandmothers bunches of flowers and perform for them all the housework. So appeared the Mother's Day.



Easter

This day for many English people is more important religious holiday than Christmas. The British eat Easter cake which is a cake similar to Christmas, but decorated with марципанами, symbolizing the 12 apostles of Jesus Christ. The Church is decorated with eggs, fir tree branches and daffodils. People decorate the house of candles, paint eggs for Easter. In the old days the Passover was fun and noisy.





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