

Why not travel the world this Easter from the comfort of your own home?

Spend your 'staycation' exploring and experiencing these fun Easter customs from around the world.

Did you know the tradition of the Easter bunny delivering Easter eggs originates from Germany? Why don't you surprise your family with an Easter egg hunt? You could draw pictures of eggs if you don't have any chocolate ones and could even write clues for them to solve!

There is a lovely Easter tradition in Denmark to send friends and relatives poems written on artistic paper cuttings (a bit like paper snowflakes). Perhaps you could bring Easter cheer to your friends and family by making and posting some.

In Australia lots of people eat chocolate bilbies instead of chocolate bunnies. Why don't you find out what a bilby is and impress your family with some facts about them?

In Spain people remember Jesus' death on Good Friday by dressing up as skeletons and dancing! Why not try choreographing your own skeleton dance?

In Florence, Italy, locals celebrate Easter with a 350 year old tradition 'Scoppio del Carro' ('Explosion of the Cart') which involves a lively firework display. You could honour the tradition at home by creating a piece of art inspired by fireworks.

In Greece, people traditionally bake bread on Maundy Thursday. Why don't you have a go at baking some bread at home?

The USA is famous for its Easter parade where people wear their Easter bonnet creations with great pride. You could create your own Easter bonnets at home and have a parade with your family.

An old Irish tradition is an Easter cake dance - a dance contest where the best dancer wins a cake. Why not have a dance off with your family?

In Norway it is the custom for people to spend their Easter holidays reading a book with a mystery to solve such as a crime or detective novel. Why don't you enjoy a book over the Easter holidays too?

In Croatia, people delicately decorate hollow egg shells. Why don't you have a go at home? You could use the contents of the egg to make something yummy too!

In Bermuda, people make and fly kites at Easter to symbolise Jesus rising from the dead. You could have a go at designing and making a kite at home and then try flying it.

Historically, in Poland, there was a tradition for boys to sprinkle water, or sometimes perfume, on girls as they walked through the streets. This has since turned into more of a water fight, which takes place on Easter Monday. Perhaps you and your family could enjoy a water fight on a warm sunny day this Easter?

In England, lots of children create mini Easter gardens to represent the Garden of Gethsemane and the Easter story. Have a go at creating your own Easter garden. There are lots of lovely examples online.

In Italy people participate in a candle-lit procession to remember Jesus is the light of the world. Perhaps you and your family could light a candle together to symbolise hope and share a quiet moment of reflection.

In Finland, children dress up as witches, wearing headscarves, carrying broomsticks and putting soot on their faces. They knock on people's doors to hand over twigs that have been decorated with feathers and paper. The children say a poem: 'I wave a twig for a fresh and healthy year ahead; a twig for you, a treat for me.' The 'treat' given is sometimes a chocolate egg, or some pennies. Why don't you try recreating this tradition in your house?

Another Easter tradition in the USA is 'egg rolling'. Thirteen children are invited to the White House to roll a hardboiled egg along the ground with a wooden cooking spoon towards the finishing line. You could have a go at recreating this at home with your family.

In Slovenia people prepare a basket of food to be blessed at church. Why don't you prepare a basket of food to share with your family as a picnic in the garden. Perhaps you could think of a blessing to give thanks for the food you are able to share together.

Historically in Wales, people used to walk barefoot to church at Easter. Why don't you create a barefoot trail for your family in the garden?

In Bulgaria, Easter is egg-fight day. Hard boiled eggs are painted, then contestants tap their egg against an opponent's. The last egg to survive without cracking wins.

Join people all over the world as they share a special meal with their families on Easter Sunday.



Each Easter, people in Bessières, France make a giant omelette, using 15,000 fresh eggs. Why don't you ask your parents to teach you to make an omelette?