



HOW DO PEOPLE CELEBRATE EASTER IN GERMANY?

Celebrating Easter in Germany is much more than a trip to church, an Easter Egg hunt, brunch and a nice hat. Easter is a major holiday in Germany... and the events go beyond home and church. Preparations start well before Easter Sunday! and don't end there.

Take a look at this list of fun and interesting German Easter Traditions to see how Easter is celebrated in Germany.

EASTER TREE

In Germany, people decorate live trees in their yard with colored eggs tied on with ribbon. .



The colored eggs add a festive atmosphere to neighborhoods and towns. The eggs can be plastic, wooden or real painted eggs.

EASTER BONFIRE

The Easter bonfire, or Osterfeuer, is a symbol of light in the darkness. It can be as simple as lighting a candle, or as big as the bonfires which are ignited all over in Germany at Easter. The fire signifies the end of Winter, and the coming of spring.



EASTER FOUNTAINS

In parts of Germany, there was a tradition of drawing Easter Water (Osterwasser) for health and purification. Sprinkling it on the eyes was good for eyesight.

Today, the custom of decorating the town's water fountain or well has spread across Germany.



LEGEND OF EASTER WATER



In some parts of Pomerania, Germany it was customary for a young un-married girl to go to the local stream and gather water on Easter morning.

If a girl could sprinkle her lover with it, there would be a wedding soon.

GREEN THURSDAY

It is also traditional in Germany to eat something green on Maundy Thursday, which is called Gründonnerstag - or "green Thursday".

