

Traditions of the USA



▶ The USA has its own federal holidays. Together with international holidays, like New Year and Christmas, the Americans celebrate a number of their own ones. They have got two military holidays. One of them – Memorial Day – is celebrated on the last Monday of May. This day the Americans honor the memory of those who were killed in military conflicts. Veteran's Day is dedicated to all living participants of the American wars. Inauguration Day and President's Day praise the ruler of the country. At the same time, George Washington – the first American president and other outstanding ones are remembered these holidays.





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► Independence Day is one of the favorite holidays of the Americans. On the fourth of July in 1776 the declaration of independence from the Great Britain was signed. The evening sky is lighted up with fireworks; the streets are full of carnival parades. The concerts are held under open sky and families go to barbeques and picnics.



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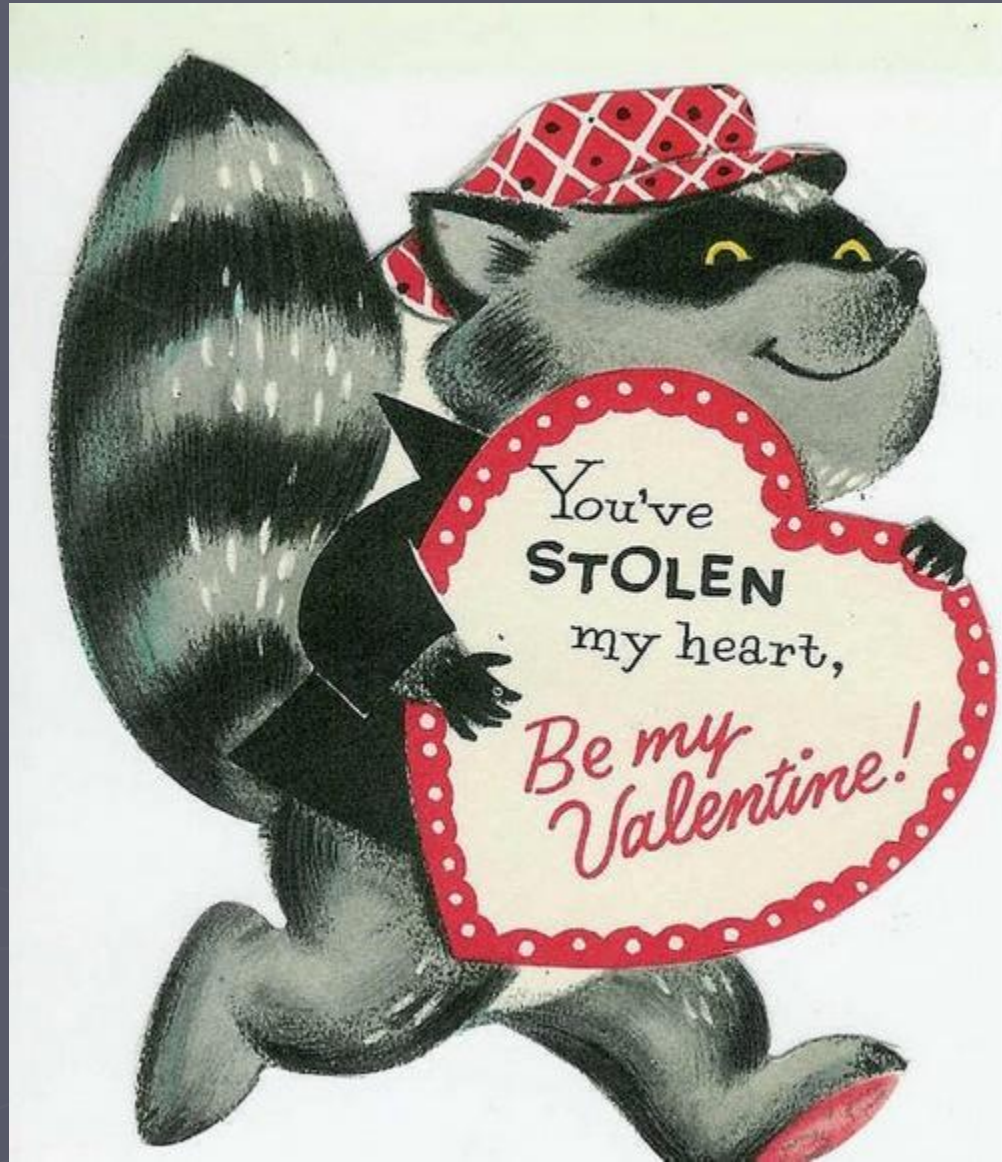
Summer in the USA finishes with Labor Day which symbolizes the end of the vacations.



➤ Also in America people celebrate such holidays as St. Valentine's Day, Halloween and St. Patrick's Day. These holidays are very colorful, cheerful and each of them brings unique atmosphere. So, no wonder, that a tradition to celebrate them have spread over the Atlantic Ocean. It is important to mention that the Americans are family people and they try to spend all the holidays together with their relatives exchanging presents and having fun.

Valentine's Day

One of the earliest popular symbols of the day is Cupid, the Roman god of Love, who is represented by the image of a young boy with a bow and arrow. Americans of all ages love to send and receive valentines. Handmade valentines are created by cutting hearts out of coloured paper. Valentines can be heart-shaped, or have hearts, the symbol of love, on them. In elementary schools, children make valentines for their classmates and put them in a large decorated box, similar to a mailbox. On February 14, the teachers open the box and distribute the valentines to each student. After the students read their valentines, they have a small party with refreshments.





Halloween

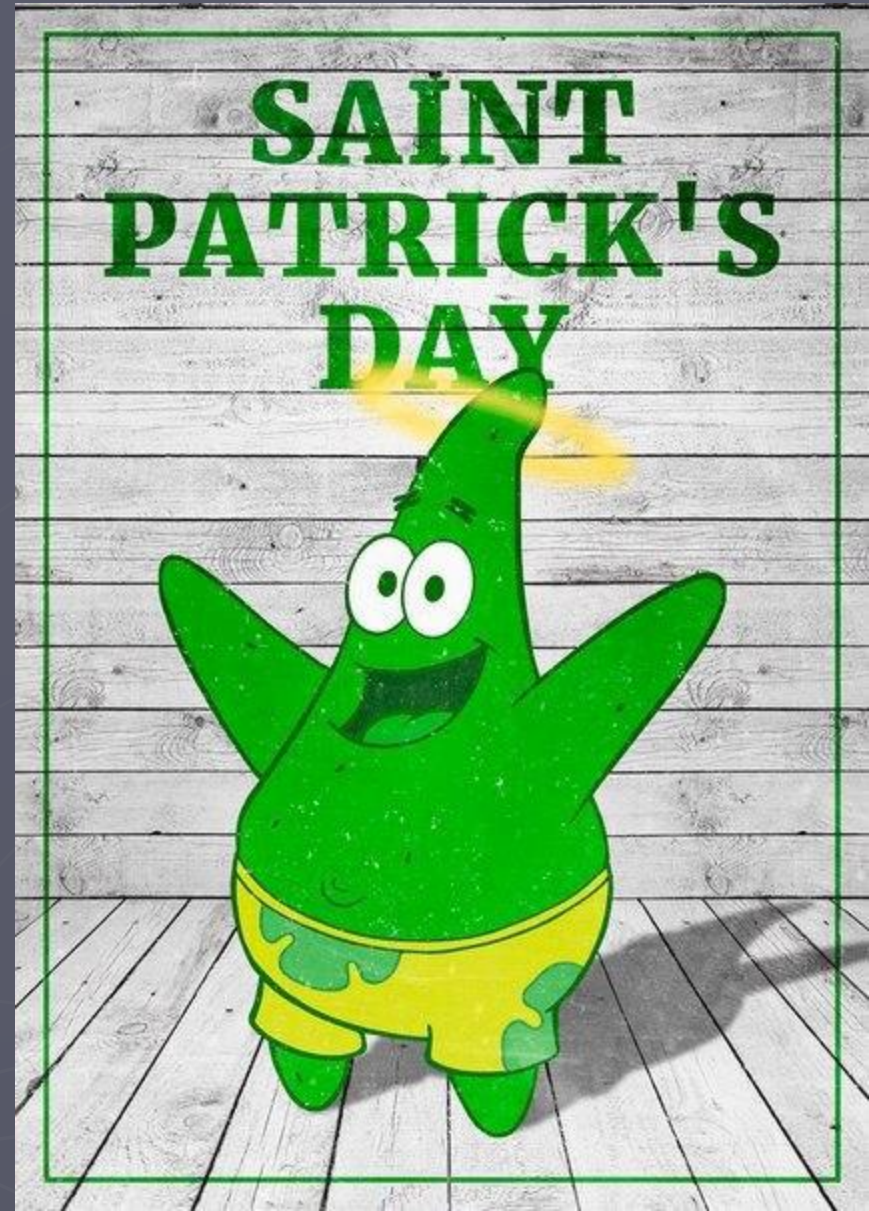
▶ Halloween is a festival that takes place on October 31. In the United States children wear costumes and masks and go trick-or-treating. Many of them carve jack-o'-lanterns out of pumpkins. Fortunetelling and storytelling about ghosts and witches are popular activities





St. Patrick's Day

- ▶ St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish and Irish at Heart in big cities and small towns alike with parades, "wearing of the green," music and songs, Irish food and drink, and activities for kids such as crafts, coloring and games on the 17-th of March. Its a time for fun. Some communities even go so far as to dye rivers or streams green! Currently, St. Patrick's Day is not an official holiday in much of the United States, but is widely celebrated throughout the country.







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