

Holidays England

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Holidays are the part of the culture in every country. If you want to know the other nation, it's very important to learn about its history and culture. Let's know more about the holidays in England.

Christmas Day

Christmas Day, December 25, is probably the most popular holiday in Great Britain. It is a family holiday. In the centre of London, in Trafalgar Square British people gather around the huge Christmas tree.



Up-Helly-Aa

Traditional Scottish festival – Up-Helly-Aa. On this day there is a parade with torches. At the end of the holiday people burn the doll. It happens on the last Friday of February or the second Friday of March.



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a celebration of all lovers. On this day, lovers give each other gifts. The holiday is celebrated on February 14th. On this day, all give «valentines» – cards in the shape of a heart.



Carnival

Catholic Carnival is different from the Orthodox. In England, the holiday is celebrated only on Tuesday. The most important thing on this day is the race of women with pans and pancakes. Pancakes are baked traditionally on this holiday.



St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is the celebration of the baptism of Ireland. People celebrate it on March the 17th. According to historical data, St. Patrick created more than 600 Catholic churches and schools. The traditional Patrick's colors do not belong to him. It happened because of the flag of Ireland – red and green.



Queen's Birthday

On this day people celebrate the Birthday of the Queen. It does not always agree with her real birthday. In each country of the United Kingdom people celebrate in different day. In the UK it is celebrated in June on the first, second or third Saturday depending on the weather.



Bonfire Night

Bonfire night is a celebration of stopping the Parliament's explosion by Guy Fawkes. On this day there are large fireworks and people burn a Guy Fawkes' doll.

