

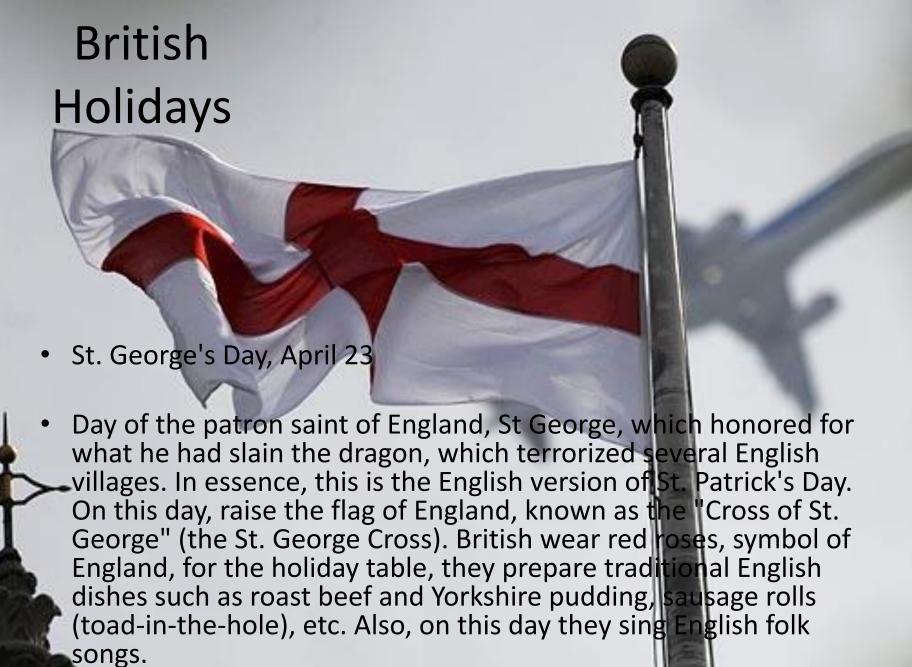




British Holidays

- April Fool's Day, April 1
- This holiday has appeared in the Middle Ages, though then he had some other kindathe day the servants become the masters and the masters servants. For centuries the tradition has changed, and now April 1 the day of jokes and pranks.







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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

The evening before All Saints' Day, when the spirits and ghosts are released and roam the streets in search of people. In the old people in this day did not go outside and locked all the windows and doors to keep evil spirits to enter the house. Today is celebrated fun and noisy. Children dress up in costumes and monsters walk the neighbor's home, demanding sweets. Also on this day masquerades suit and put the window hollow gourd with carved eyes and mouth and a candle inside to scare away the spirits.





Boxing Day, December 26

The name of the holiday is not from boxing, but from the word 'box' (Boxes). Traditionally on this day in churches open boxes of donations and their contents given to the poor. Earlier in the day the servants to go home for a celebratory dinner with the family. At its core, the holiday is an additional weekend after Christmas.



- In the UK, free exercise of religion. Officially recognized in England the English Church, numbering more than 25 million believers, but the Scottish church has about one million members. There are a number of churches, of which the largest is Methodist, which has about half a million members.
- Officials in the UK are considered recognized only two churches is the English and Scottish.
- In English schools as well as schools in Scotland and Wales is a compulsory subject, which studies the major world religions. Huge emphasis in the study of this course is given to Christianity and respect for different religions.
  - In English schools is mandatory to be performed daily prayers, though, when parents are against this measure, they can give them.



- England this is a country with a rich history and traditions.
  England is famous for various festivals and exhibitions, such as the Rochester sweeps festival, the festival of colors, festival of "The Beatles" in Liverpool, Robin Hood festival, music festivals, the Druids ceremony, the royal regatta. In England quite common gardening. In no other country is not so well-kept lawns, parks, lawns and gardens.
- Traditional pursuits include sports, hunting and fishing. In the UK, a huge number of followers of field hockey, tennis, basketball and football. Today have become very popular horse riding, golf, fox hunting and polo. It is tradition and restraint in judgments, it is seen as respect for the other person.

## A little bit about the tea ceremony

 According to the English tea etiquette to have several varieties of tea. In the living room near the fireplace put the tea table, covered with a monochromatic cloth: blue or white. But this is not a simple tea party, and the whole ceremony, important elements of which are: a kettle with tea, tea pair, jug of hot water, milk or cream, dessert plates, fork and knife for each of the guests, a tea strainer with stand, teaspoons, sugar slices, sugar tongs and a woolen cover that fits over the kettle.

