
AUSSIE EASTER - 1

The range of different cultures in Australia means there is not one but many ways Easter is celebrated here. However, there are some activities and traditions that are common around Australia at Easter time.

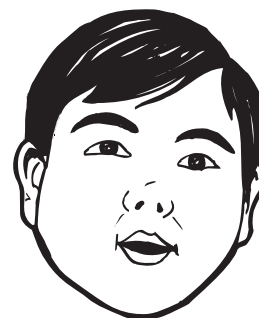
Easter occurs at the beginning of autumn in Australia, unlike in Europe and other places in the Northern Hemisphere (where Easter occurs at the end of winter). Easter is celebrated from Good Friday through to Easter Monday, with Good Friday and Easter Monday being public holidays. This means there is a four-day break, during which time many people go away for a holiday. Most children give to and receive chocolate eggs, bilbies and rabbits from their friends and family. Many Australians also eat hot cross buns at Easter. Easter Sunday is the main day of celebration.

Read how some Aussie kids celebrate Easter.



At Easter we go camping out in the bush. The weather is usually nice but the mornings get pretty cold. We take some chocolates with us to eat on Easter Sunday, and have hot chocolate to warm us up in the mornings. We usually go with some of our friends and their families. It's good fun.

On Easter Sunday my little sister and I get up really early and go on an Easter egg hunt. My sister still thinks the Easter Bunny put them in our garden. I usually find more than her but we divide them up and share them so it's fair. Later all our family comes over—Nanna, Pop, my aunties, uncles and cousins—and we have a huge roast lunch. For us, Easter is about being with family.



There's usually a footy game on at Easter. I go with Dad to watch the game. We give each other all different sorts of chocolates. I like getting the gigantic eggs. My Dad comes from Poland so we eat Polish soup and cakes for lunch, and theres usually a lamb made of sugar on our table. We also share boiled eggs with our family like they do in Poland.

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Throughout Australia, and around the world, Easter is celebrated in a variety of different ways. How do you celebrate Easter?



1. On the lines below, write how you celebrate Easter. Include details of what foods you eat, activities you do, and the people you spend it with.
