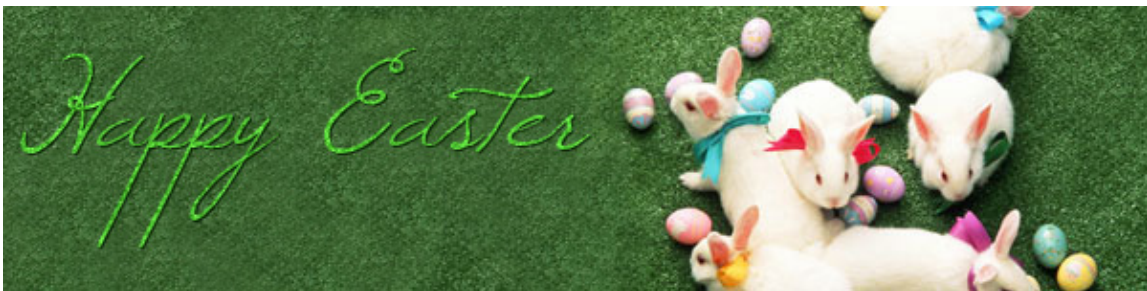




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### The Origins of Easter

Easter has its origins in the Christian religion, and it commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, as described in the Bible. The origins of Easter can be traced back to the Jewish holiday of Passover, which celebrates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. According to the Christian tradition, Jesus was crucified and buried on the Friday before Passover, and he rose from the dead on the third day, which became known as Easter Sunday. Easter is typically celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Vernal Equinox, which is usually between March 22 and April 25.

To read more, you can access the History.com article, [\*\*Easter 2023\*\*](#).

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### Oster Eier

The history of Easter eggs can be traced back to ancient pagan traditions. Eggs were seen as a symbol of fertility and rebirth in many cultures. In pre-Christian

times, eggs were often decorated and given as gifts during the spring equinox celebrations. When Christianity spread throughout Europe, many pagan traditions were incorporated into the new faith. Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, was originally a pagan festival celebrating the arrival of spring.

During the Middle Ages, eggs were forbidden during the Lenten season, which precedes Easter. As a result, people would boil eggs and decorate them in bright colors to celebrate the end of the fasting period. These decorated eggs were then given as gifts to friends and family on Easter Sunday.

Over time, the tradition of decorating eggs evolved to include intricate designs, such as religious scenes or portraits of famous figures. In Eastern Europe, the art of decorating eggs became an elaborate and highly respected form of folk art. Today, Easter eggs continue to be a popular tradition around the world. Whether made from chocolate, plastic, or real eggs decorated in bright colors, they remain a symbol of spring, new beginnings, and the joy of Easter.



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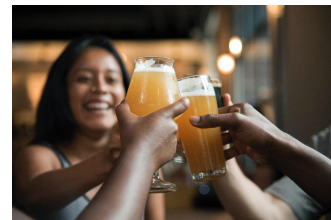
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