Easter in Poland

Easter is a major holiday in Poland, and Easter celebrations are not limited to Easter Sunday. Easter-related traditions take place for more than a week in Poland. From Palm Sunday to Wet Monday, this period is marked with religious rites and practices with their origins in pagan times. It is important to note that Easter in Poland is celebrated in accordance with Western Roman Catholic calendar.

On Maundy Thursday we go to church to commemorate the Last Supper. Good Friday is celebrated in remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus. On Holy Saturday we go to church with Easter baskets to consecrate food. In the basket there are usually: a sausage, eggs, bread, salt and pepper. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and have breakfast with the whole family. On Easter Monday all people can throw water at each other.

Easter eggs

Dyed and decorated Easter eggs are called pisanki in Poland. The tradition of egg decorating for Easter goes back centuries. Pisanki can vary by region, just as traditional Polish dress can, and designs and coloring techniques have been typically passed down from mother to daughter. Easter eggs were once a part of Polish pagan tradition and still symbolize spring, renewal, fertility and eternity.

Easter in Poland is an important holiday marked with fairs, markets, special foods, and traditions. During this time, Polish Easter eggs can be purchased from fairs and markets. Some souvenir shops that specialized in traditional Polish crafts carry pisanki year-round.