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British and Russian traditions and holidays

In the modern world, most people follow the traditions of their nation. In this article, it is considered and compared the traditions of the Russian and British peoples. Firstly, there is a definition of the word “tradition”. A tradition is a belief or behavior (folk custom) passed down within a group or society with symbolic meaning or special significance with origins in the past.

To begin with, there are the differences between the celebration of the New Year in Russia and Britain. In Russia, the New Year is usually celebrated on the night of December 31 to January 1st, when people usually watch the speech of the President of the Russian Federation and then go to the city square to watch the fireworks. The main symbol of the New Year in Russia is a Christmas Tree, tangerines and Grandfather Frost with his granddaughter Snow Maiden. Christmas in Russia is not celebrated as brightly as the New Year. Typically, people just attend churches. On the contrary, in England Christmas is the main holiday and is celebrated on December 25. Besides, the New Year, as in Russia, on the night of December 31 to January 1st. The main symbols of Christmas in Britain are reindeer, Santa Claus and sparklers. Also, they have a tradition of feeding Santa Claus, who comes to their house through the fireplace.

Moreover, Easter is celebrated in Russia and Britain. But everywhere is different, talking about Russia, people usually serve cakes on the table, paint and cook eggs and go to churches and to the cemetery to their deceased. By the way, the main symbol of Easter in Russia is an Easter cake. While in Britain people frequently eat eggs and hot cross buns and the main symbol of the holiday is the Easter bunny.

Talking about differences in holidays, there are holidays in Russia and Britain that are not celebrated in both countries at the same time. For example, in Britain, Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 and it is customary on this day to give each other postcards and confess their love. On the contrary, this holiday is not official in Russia, but there is another holiday that is celebrated on July 8th and this is the Day of Family, Love and Faithfulness. Independence Day is also celebrated in Britain on July 4th. Moreover, in Britain, even the day of all the dead is celebrated, that is Halloween. In Russia, such holidays like Victory Day, Children's Day and Knowledge Day are celebrated.

In conclusion, in Russia and England, traditions and holidays are different, but very interesting. They help to understand the culture of the country, to learn something new about it. Of course, every country should have its own traditions that differ from other countries, because this is what helps people feel their country better.

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