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In a place called Haux, in France, chefs create a huge omelette in the town square. The omelette can feed up to 1,000 people, and is made of more than 5,000 eggs! Some people say that when Napoleon was travelling through France with his army, he stopped off in a small town and ate an omelette. Apparently, he liked the omelette so much that he demanded that everyone gather all of their eggs and make an omelette big enough to feed his army.

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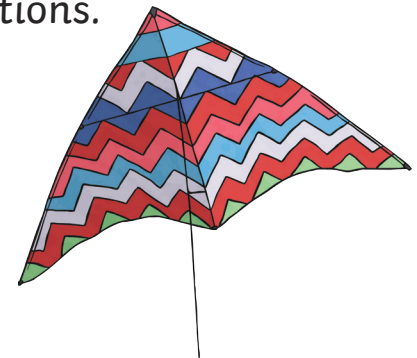
On the island of Corfu in Greece, on the day before Easter Sunday, residents throw pots from their balconies. The pots are made from clay, and filled with water. Some people believe that the pots are thrown to represent all of the new crops that will be grown in pots during springtime.



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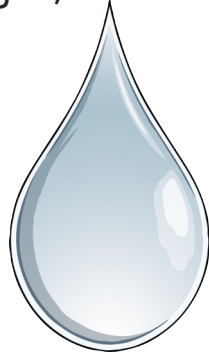
In the country of Guyana, Easter is celebrated by flying homemade kites. Most of the kites are flown on Easter Monday. For weeks, people make their own kites at home, and schools even hold kite-making competitions.



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In Poland, there was a tradition for boys to sprinkle water, or sometimes perfume, on girls as they walked through the streets. This has since turned into more of a water fight, which takes place on Easter Monday.



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Can you imagine being invited to the White House in Washington DC to take part in an Easter egg rolling event? Children under the age of 13 are invited to join in with the 'Egg Roll'. They use a long-handled spoon to push their egg towards the finish line. Exciting! Or should we say... 'egg-citing'!



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In Finland, children dress up as witches, wearing headscarves, carrying broomsticks and putting soot on their faces. They chap on people's doors to hand over twigs that have been decorated with feathers and paper. The children say a poem: 'I wave a twig for a fresh and healthy year ahead; a twig for you, a treat for me.' The 'treat' given is sometimes a chocolate egg, or some pennies.

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In Germany, it is traditional to decorate trees with Easter eggs. The most well-known decorated tree belongs to a man called Volker Kraft. His family has been decorating their tree since 1965. The first time they put Easter eggs on it there were only 18 eggs. In 2012, there were a few more – 10,000 to be exact!



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