

## CUSTOMS AND HOLIDAYS OF THE USA

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**Annotation:** This article provides information on several well-known and unusual holidays celebrated in the United States of America throughout the year, as well as some examples of customs and traditions unique to the American people.

**Key words:** territorial size, British sovereignty, Christianity, White House, European colonist.

**Annotatsiya:** Ushbu maqolada barchaga taniqli bo'lgan Amerika Qo'shma Shtatlarida yil mobaynida nishonlanadigan bir nechta odatiy va noodatiy bayramlar hamda Amerika xalqining o'ziga xos bo'lgan ayrim urf-odatlar va an'alaridan na'munalar va ular haqida ma'lumotlar bayon qilingan.

**Kalit so'zlar:** hududiy kenglik, Britaniya suvereniteti, Xristianlik, Oq uy, Yevropa mustamlakachisi.

Nowadays, it is impossible not to admit that the United States of America is known and popular all over the world with its territorial size, language, customs and traditions, beautiful cities, various holidays and films played by famous artists. If we look at the history of the USA, the Indians, who were considered to be the native inhabitants of this land in ancient times, were forced out by the European colonists when they conquered the United States and Canada. They fought valiantly against the European colonialists. The European colonizers, the Spanish, the French, USA (1565). The Spanish colonists also showed their influence on the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

Although the USA is made up of foreign nationalities and peoples, representatives of different races, there are many national holidays related to family, household, various folk traditions, and the history of the country. On the occasion of these holidays, American holidays will be extended, that is, holiday days will be mostly scheduled for Monday, and conditions will be created for people to fully celebrate the holiday. Holidays are days off for all organizations and banks.

Three main holidays are held in summer. Among them, "Remembrance Day", "Labor Day" and "Independence Day" are widely celebrated. On this day, barbecue (kabab) is cooked mostly in the open air. In addition to barbecue, fireworks and firecrackers are also customary on Independence Day. Below we will introduce you to several holidays and traditions of the American people.

### **Independence Day**

Independence Day is a holiday that is equally valuable and loved by everyone in the United States of America, the days of their independence. On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies of Great Britain separated themselves from British sovereignty. But the British still had to fight a lot to achieve full-blooded independence. After long years of struggle, finally in 1780, the USA was declared an absolutely Independent Republic. July 4, 1776 was decreed to be celebrated as Independence Day throughout the country. For several hundred years, this date has been celebrated with great enthusiasm throughout the country. Every year on this holiday date, great and exciting parades, baseball games, fireworks displays and many other commemorative events take place all over America on the main thoroughfares of the country, on all major streets.

### **Merry Christmas**

Another great holiday in America is Merry Christmas. This holiday lasts from December 25 to January 5. Basically, the holiday is celebrated by those who believe in the Christian religion. But the upbeat mood of the holiday can attract other people as well. It is on this day that Americans spare no time and effort to decorate their homes beautifully. On this holiday, their traditions are completely different from ours: on Christmas, people hang festive stockings on their fireplaces. They imagine that on the morning of the holiday, a kind old man named Santa Claus with a red face and a long beard will fill these stockings with various gifts. On the morning of the holiday, the whole family opens the long-awaited gifts under the big tree. This will give them new hopes and confidence in the coming New Year.

### **Easter**

Since the majority of the USA population believes in Christianity, we can add Easter to one of the religious holidays. This holiday falls on the first (and in some cases the second) Monday of spring every year. But due to the lunar and solar calendar, the date changes every year. On this holiday, many families in the United States go to their local churches to pray, share sweets with each other, and one of their favourite pastimes is to paint eggs and decorate them. Traditionally, on Easter Monday, the President of the United States organizes a fun "hunt" for Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies on the lawn in front of the White House.

### **Memorial Day**

Memorial Day is a national holiday of the United States, celebrated annually on the last Monday of May. This day is dedicated to the memory of American soldiers who died in all wars. Since 1971, this holiday has been recognized as the "National Holiday" of the USA. On this day, Americans visit graves, military memorials, and the US flag is lowered until noon.

## "Labor Day"

Labor Day is the national holiday of the USA, celebrated on the first Monday of September. It was celebrated for the first time in 1882 in New York. It has been recognized as a legal state holiday in all US states since 1894. This holiday symbolizes the last day of summer for Americans. On the day of the holiday, festivals are organized for workers and their families.

## Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is the fourth Thursday in November.

Thanksgiving Day is a public holiday in the United States and is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Many Americans take Friday off for 4 days off to visit distant relatives. It is from this day that the festive season begins, which lasts until the New Year. The main feature is charity. Thus, various organizations engaged in this type of activity give gifts to those in need, set the table. It is customary to serve turkey, potatoes and pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving.

Also in New York is a holiday parade organized by one of the local stores. Its main attraction is huge inflatable toys. Great show!

As general, the United States of America is one of the largest countries in the world with a long history and strong culture. One can talk for hours about the people, culture, wealth, weather, territory and others of this country.

## Appendix:

TERRITORIAL SIZE - is usually explained by balancing the benefits of increased size against the costs defense.

SOVEREIGNTY - is a political concept that refers to dominant power or supreme authority.

CHRISTIANITY - is an Abrahamic monotheistic religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.

WHITE HOUSE - is the official residence and workplace of the President of the United States.

EUROPEAN COLONIZER - European colonialism and colonization was the policy or practice of acquiring full or partial political control over other societies and territories, founding a colony, occupying it with settlers, and exploiting it economically.

EUROPEAN COLONIST - Britain, France, Spain, and the Netherlands established colonies in North America.

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