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## EASTER CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE WORLD

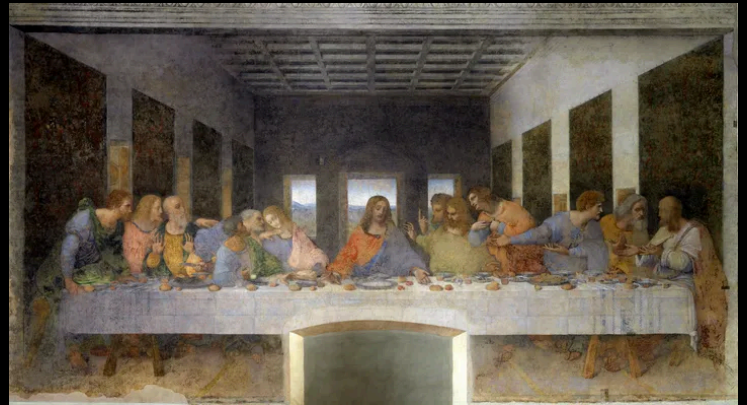
The Christian celebration Easter is honoured around 95 countries across the world. This year Easter took place on Sunday, April 9. However, Easter falls on a different date each year as it is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon, on or after 21 March. The week leading up to Easter is known as the Holy Week.

Palm Sunday – This is the Sunday before Easter Sunday, it is the first day of the Holy Week and celebrates Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem.



Anglican and Roman Catholic churches give out small crosses made from palm leaves, as a reminder of Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem and his death on the cross. Some Christians keep these in their homes all year as a symbol of their faith.

Maundy Thursday – is the Thursday before Easter Day. On Maundy Thursday Christians remember when Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples, breaking bread and drinking wine. Christians refer to this meal as the Last Supper.



The Last Supper pictured above is Leonardo's visual interpretation of the evening before Christ was betrayed by one of his disciples, he gathered them together to eat, tell them he knew what was coming and wash their feet. Many Christians remember the Last Supper by sharing bread and wine together in a church service called Holy Communion, Eucharist or Mass. It is a reminder that Jesus sacrificed his life for mankind.



Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It commemorates the execution of Jesus by crucifixion. During the special Good Friday services Christians remember Jesus's suffering and death on the cross, and what this means for their faith.



Easter Sunday is the day when Jesus's resurrection. After Jesus was crucified on the Friday his body was taken down from the cross and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance.

For most western Christians Easter was on Sunday, April 9th, according to the Gregorian calendar. However the Orthodox Easter was on Sunday, 16th April, according to the Julian calendar used by much of Eastern Orthodoxy. According to a source the reason for the two different calendars actually came from a miscalculation of astronomy. The primary goal of creating the Gregorian calendar was to change the time of Easter.

Easter foods are usually the ones eaten on Easter Sunday, the day on which Jesus rose from the dead, a day of special rejoicing for Christians, who rejoice too at reaching the end of the long Lenten fast. As Christianity spread, the egg was adopted as a symbol of Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.



The concept of renewal/rebirth is responsible for the important role played by the egg in Easter celebrations. Easter eggs are sometimes decorated with bright colours to honour this celebration. Red-dyed eggs are cracked against each other and the person with the last remaining un-cracked egg will have good luck.

# EID CELEBRATIONS IN LONDON

London has a Muslim population of more than 1.3 million people and millions of international travellers visiting each year, London is one of the best places to celebrate Eid in the whole of Europe. There are many dedicated events throughout the city, from large ones drawing tens of thousands of people

For the 18th year, the Mayor of London's free, annual festival will welcome Londoners and visitors to the capital's iconic Trafalgar Square to celebrate the end of Ramadan, for Eid in the Square 2023. The event will include music and dance performances, drama and fashion shows, poetry recitals, many speeches and other exhibitions and a feast.



## Details:

Date: Saturday 29th April

Time: 12pm – 6pm

Address: Trafalgar Square

Celebrating Eid with friends and family at home was and is still the norm, in the last few years there has been a rise in Eid festivals across London for the thousands of Muslims who celebrate. From festivals in the square to the lavish restaurants, London is truly a great capital to spend time in while celebrating Eid.



Another event taking place for Eid is the Eid Exhibition – London 2023.

The Eid Exhibition is a large celebration of makers and designers in London's Muslim community, the show will include selling everything from designer outfits and jewellery to artwork and other crafts

## Details:

Date: Sunday 16th April

Time: 12pm – 10pm

Address: The Royal

Regency

Admission: Free



Ladies Eid Party – with the aim to bring women together, from across London’s Muslim communities. With live music throughout the evening, including female DJs. [Click to book](#)

**Details:**

Date: Sunday 30th April

Time: 5pm

Address: Beckenham

Public Hall

Admission:

£25 (adult)

£10 (child)

London Eid Festival, in Shepherd’s Bush is another event taking place this weekend in celebration of Eid. With a wide variety of halal food stalls available, along with Eid shopping stalls, the perfect place to buy gifts for all your family and friends.



**Details:**

Date: Saturday 29th April – 1st May

Address: Westfield London

Admission: Free

Halal fine dining in London is more accessible than ever before. These are a few great Halal restaurants to have your first meal back, whether it is with your family, your flat mates, or everyone who you said you’d make plans with ‘after Ramadan’



1. [Amaya: Michelin Starred Indian Restaurant in London](#)
2. [Chai Wu: Contemporary Chinese Restaurant Harrods 5th floor.](#)
3. [Chutney Mary: Indian Restaurant](#)
4. [Mnky Hse: Contemporary Latin American restaurant](#)
5. [Farzi Cafe: Modern Indian cuisine](#)



Rare baby blue spiral in Alaska skies leaves Northern Lights enthusiasts 'bewildered'. This was a result of the excess fuel that had been released from a SpaceX rocket which was launched from California about three hours before it appeared. The appearance of the swirl was caught in time-lapse on the Geophysical Institute's all-sky camera and shared widely

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