APRIL

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All Fools Day

Tricks and practical jokes until noon.

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Palm Sunday

Marks Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, setting the events of Holy Week in motion.

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Holy Thursday, Maundy Thursday

Tradition would have us visit three churches at night, to sit in the dark and quiet stillness.

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Good Friday;

Passover (Pesach) begins at sundown

Passover commemorates the freeing of the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt, and Good Friday, the passion of Christ.

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Easter Sunday

Movable feast celebrating the resurrection of Christ. The high point of the Christian calendar and traditionally the height of the spring season. The Easter season continues on to Pentecost in May.

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St. George's Day

Sacred to England. A red rose in your lapel marks the day.

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St. Mark's Eve

One of the traditional nights for divining the future, especially for romance.

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St. Mark's Day

Blessings upon the newly sown crops. Summer will soon be returning, along with the arrival of migratory birds to northern climes.

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Walpurgis Night, May Eve

Summer is a-comin' in!

May Eve is the festival of the dead in Spain and Portugal, and in Germany this is *Walpurgisnacht*. In Scandinavia, bonfires and gravlax welcome May and summer, which traditionally begins with the May Day festivities in the morning.

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