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- **Easter is the most significant Christian holiday. Because it is a moveable holiday, its date changes every year. Christians begin Easter celebration on Holy Thursday. Good Friday is a state holiday in Slovakia. While many people usually do not go to work, stores and supermarkets are usually open.**
- **68,9% Of Slovak are Christian.**

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- On Good Friday, the day of abstinence, Christians commemorate the death of Jesus Christ. Then on Easter Sunday then celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; however, not only Christians celebrate Easter. Easter preparations begin days before Easter. To be ready for the feast, people bake pastries, cookies, and do extensive grocery shopping.

EASTER SUNDAY BASKET

On Easter Sunday basket of food are prepared and covered with a handmade cloth and brought to the church to be blessed

A typical Easter basket includes, bread, coloured eggs, ham, horseradish (rafano), beetroot (barbabietola)



EASTER DINNER MENU

- **Easter dinner menu is always festive: potato salad with mayonnaise, cooked ham, cold cuts, and sandwiches are served on Easter Sunday as well as on Easter Monday. Cookies and pastries cannot be excluded from the Easter menu.**



PASKA BREAD

- Paska is a Slovak bread that is traditionally eaten during Easter ,Paska represent Jesus Christ ,the Bread of Life, and is considered to be the most important food in the basket to be blessed . Paska is tipically baked into a round loaf and usually features a dough braid around the edge along with a decorative cross or other religious symbols made from dough placed on top.



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OBLIEVATCKA



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- “Oblievacka” (water pouring) is a typical Easter Monday custom in Slovakia. The character of oblievacka slightly varies from region to region. On this day men visit their female relatives and friends and pour water on them or spray them with perfume, and whip them gently with special whips made of braided willow rods. According to tradition, pouring water on women will guarantee their beauty and good health throughout the year.

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KRASLICE

- After oblievacka and sibacka, women reward men with sweets, fruit, money, or painted Easter eggs. **Easter eggs or kraslice are quite popular in Slovak tradition.** Kraslice are painted, dyed, or otherwise decorated blown eggs. Many decorate kraslice at home or buy them at market or at the craft store. While it is not required to give Easter eggs to visiting males on Easter Monday, only a few men will leave the house without a drink or small refreshment.

