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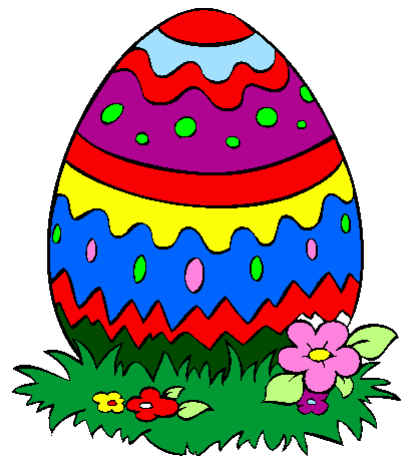
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- Easter is a time to celebrate for many people. Observant Christians make a special effort to attend a church service. Easter Sunday church services are often longer than usual and may conclude with a festive meal. Easter fires are held in rural areas in the northern and eastern parts of the Netherlands.



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- Many people prepare an Easter breakfast, or lunch with a range of seasonal and luxurious foods to share with family members, friends or neighbors. Foods served include: boiled, poached or fried eggs; paasstol (a rich loaf of bread filled with raisins, nuts and marzipan); butter made into the shape of a lamb; butter flavored with herbs; bread; croissants; cheese; ham; shrimps; smoked fish, particularly salmon or eel; and sweets or chocolates in the shape of eggs or hares. In the day, people may eat lamb, which is seen symbolic of the death and resurrection of



Easter Events

- In addition to traditional family activities, the Dutch also organize many festivals. One of them is Paaspop, a three-day annual musical event in Schijndel (Noord-Brabant), which attracts a large audience to listen to various bands on several stages since 1978. You can also see the "Easter races" on the Zandvoort track, which marks the beginning of the national season.

Music

- A Páscoa está intimamente ligada à Matthäus Passion! Se você estiver em uma das grandes cidades nessa época, vá a uma das salas de concertos em que esta extraordinária peça musical é realizada. Será uma experiência impressionante!