



# BELARUSSIAN NEWS

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Some information about Belarussian National Holidays:

EASTER is a most significant holiday in the Belarussians calendar the central feast in the Christian calendar. The arrival of EASTER signifies the end of another bitter winter. Orthodox and Catholic Churches celebrate some years on different days! This year Catholics celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> April, Orthodox on 28<sup>th</sup> April. They cook Easter buns, or loaves, and decorate eggs and with other foods are put in a basket covered with a beautifully decorated towel and taken to church for a blessing. Eggs are boiled using onion skins, beetroot or turmeric, but nowadays also use food colourings.

THEN along comes MAY:

**1<sup>st</sup> May - Labour Day or Worker's Day:** One of the most popular days in Belarus when there are lots of concerts, public entertainments, picnics and family bbqs.

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in MAY:** **Day of the National Emblem and Flag of Belarus.** A celebration of when the National emblems and flag were adopted by Belarus in 1995.



**9th MAY: - VICTORY DAY:** Commemorating Victory in World War 2 which was known as The Great Patriotic War. Parades take place in the streets, public concert are held, and the day finishes with huge firework displays in several parts of the Country.



This picture shows soldiers marching through **VICTORY SQUARE** in MINSK.

**Just a few pieces of information our Belarussian Guiding friends enjoy!** *Robbie Hill*