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The holiday is celebrated in Scotland at the night of April 30 to May 1, when, according to a legend, witches gather for a Sabbath. Walpurgis night is a good time for performing various rituals to fulfill a desire and attract love.

The history of the holiday

The holiday is named after Walpurgis. She was a Wimburn nun. Walpurgis came to Germany in 748 to set a monastery. During her life she was helpful and kind and later she was canonized. After her death, during the restoration of the temple, her grave was desecrated by workers. At night the Bishop was frightened by the appearance of the terrible shadow of the Saint. This caused various prejudices about her personality.

What did the witches do that night?

In ancient times, there was a belief that that night witches all over Germany and Scandinavia arranged feasts. European inquisitors believed that witches gathered on the Sabbath.

Evil wakes up at 11 pm. They could fly on brooms and dogs.

Witches arrive at the mountain, where Satan came to their holiday like a goat. Everyone had to listens to their reports and plans the future.

After that, Walpurgis night continued with feasts and dances.

Signs:

* This night people have prophetic dreams.
* People should drink water from the wells to stay healthy.
* People born this night have superpowers.
* People should make a fire to get rid of evil spirits.
* A secret wish can come true if a person hang an item related to this wish on a branch of a tree.