

This Week

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The Spring Vacation: Tomb-Sweeping Day & Children's Day

With the passing of time, the Tomb Sweeping Day is one of the most important Chinese traditional festivals. The Tomb Sweeping Day is celebrated on April 5 each year. It is also a time to honor our ancestors who have already passed away. Traditions such as visiting their graves, clearing off debris or weeds, and offering flowers, food, and incense at the grave site and the ancestral altar at home are some of the common activities. All of these activities symbolizes they way Chinese people respect their ancestors. Chinese people believed that the spirits of their ancestors looked after their own family. So the ancestors' later generations sacrificed the food and spirit money during that day, and the family could get more harvests and live more smoothly in the future. On this day, Chinese go to their ancestors' tomb and cut the weeds which have grown around the tombs. Then they will give some sacrificial offering and burn some fake paper money after wiping the ancestors' tomb. The traditional festival has been kept for almost two thousands years. We believe that no matter how time changes, the activity will continue forever.



With regards to the Children's Day, the young being considered as the future pillar of the state, has been given so much ever than before. Nowadays, every country has their own holiday to celebrate the Children's Day. In our country, the holiday for children is April 4. The government and education institution will held some activities, like garden party, parent-child activity and many others. During this day, each child will be given some gifts and kind praises. This is the anniversary which cannot be ignored, not only the children can relax but also parents can cultivate their own parent-child relationship.

In this year, the Tomb-Sweeping Day and Children's Day falls on Saturday and Sunday. So it is a full four days' of vacation. So with this long weekend vacation, everybody can welcome the new spring with a smile.