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Best Easter Parades Across The US

It's been often said that everyone loves a parade and Easter parades are certainly no exception. An annual rite of spring that dates back to 19th century New York, the Easter Parade has long been a very popular cultural [event](#) and many other cities across the country and throughout the world host an assortment of Easter parades that come in all shapes and sizes. While the New York version should always receive top billing amongst the best Easter Parades in the U.S., there are many others that deserve merit. In addition to the oldest and most famous, here is a look at just five of the very best Easter Parades in the U.S.



New York City Easter Parade

The grandest, the oldest and certainly the most famous Easter Parade of all is the [New York City Easter Parade](#) along Fifth Avenue. A New York City tradition that dates back to the 1870s, this lively event is not nearly as organized or as large as the city's best known parades, such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade., and it's not even as large as it once was. But coupled with its Easter Bonnet Festival, New York's Easter Parade is still a major crowd pleaser and everyone is invited to join in on the festivities along one of the world's most famous streets. Inspired by Irving Berlin's 1933 song "Easter Parade" and its subsequent namesake 1948 film starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire, the Easter Parade and Easter Bonnet festival is marked by a procession of people wearing their Sunday best and the most colorful and most elaborate Easter bonnet that even fans of Carmen Miranda's colorful fruit hats would love. With the road closed to vehicular traffic between 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., the Easter Parade allows participants a rare opportunity to stroll along one of the city's most famous roadways while taking in what is expected to be a lovely, spring-like day. The parade will begin near St. Patrick's Cathedral around 49th Street then proceed up to 57th Street and the subways are sure to be filled with more interesting characters than normal. Suggested hotels near the parade route include the [Gotham Hotel](#), [Lotte New York Palace](#), [Hotel Elysee](#) and [Loews Regency](#).



