

Chinese New Year

China

Buddhism

January 21st - March 11.

Chinese new year festival is the festival of full moon celebrated with firecrackers, fireworks and red clothes.

Chinese New Year is an annual 15-day festival in China and Chinese communities around the world. The origin of the Chinese New Year is steeped in legends.

Legend says that thousands of years ago, a monster named Nian would attack villagers at the beginning of each new year. The monster was afraid of loud noises, bright lights, and the color red, so those things were used to chase the beast away.

Mardi Gras

France

Catholicism

Quinquagesima Sunday-Shrove Tuesday

Mardi Gras is a festival that refers to the last day of eating fatty foods.

During the liturgical season of Lent, some Christians abstain from the consumption of certain foods such as meat, eggs, dairy, and alcoholic beverages.

Glastonbury Festival

London

Christianity

Every 5 years

Glastonbury Festival is a five-day period of contemporary performing arts.

It is known for its diverse range of musical genres, art installations, and commitment to social and environmental causes. It's more than just a music

festival; it's a cultural event that celebrates community, creativity, and a sense of freedom and experimentation.

Holi

India

Hindu

Holi festival is a festival of colors, love and spring.

Holi festivals celebrate fertility, love, and the triumph of good over evil. Two events, Holika Dahan and Rangwali Holi, make up Holi. Bonfires are burned during Holika Dahan to chase away evil spirits, and colored powders are thrown during the relaxed celebration of Rangwali Holi.

La Tomatina

Spain

Catholicism

Wednesday 25th August 2025.

La Tomatina is celebrated by throwing tomatoes at each other.

La Tomatina started the last Wednesday of August 1945 where some young people spent time in the town square to attend the Giants and Big-Heads figure parade. One participant's Big-Head fell off, as a result of the festivities. The participant flew into a fit of rage, and began hitting everything in their path. There was a market stall of vegetables that fell victim to the fury of the crowd, as people started to pelt each other with tomatoes until the local forces ended the fruit battle.

Carnival of Venice

Italy

Catholicism

(February 22nd - March 4th)2025.

The carnival of Venice is an annual festival celebrated with masks and costumes.

The carnival of Venice began after the military victory of the Venetian Republic over the patriarch of Aquileia, Ulrich II, in the year 1162. Apparently, this festival started in that period and became official during the Renaissance.

Oktoberfest

Germany

Christianity

(20th September - 5th October)2025.

Oktoberfest festival is a festival celebrated with beer and funfair activities.

On Oct 12th 1810, the crowned Prince Ludwig of Bavaria married Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen. Munich officials invited the public to celebrate on fields outside the city walls. The festivities included horse races, parades, music, etc. The event was so popular that it was decided to repeat it the following year, marking the beginning of the annual Oktoberfest festival.