

# Major Festivals in India

## Makar Sankranti

- **Date:** January 15, 2024
- **Celebration:** Kite flying, bonfires, and traditional sweets made of sesame and jaggery.
- **Clothing:** Traditional attire like sarees for women and dhotis or kurtas for men.

## Basant Panchami

- **Date:** February 14, 2024
- **Celebration:** Worship of Goddess Saraswati, wearing yellow clothes, and flying kites.
- **Clothing:** Yellow sarees, suits, and kurtas.

## Maha Shivaratri

- **Date:** March 8, 2024
- **Celebration:** Fasting, night-long vigils, and offerings to Lord Shiva.
- **Clothing:** Simple traditional attire, often in white or saffron.

## Holi

- **Date:** March 25, 2024
- **Celebration:** Playing with colors, water balloons, and festive foods. Clothing: White clothes that can be stained with colors.

## Raksha Bandhan

- **Date:** August 19, 2024
- **Celebration:** Sisters tie rakhi on brothers' wrists, exchange of gifts.
- **Clothing:** Traditional attire like sarees, lehengas for women, and kurta-pajamas for men.

## Eid al-Fitr

- **Date:** April 10, 2024
- **Celebration:** Special prayers, feasts, and giving of alms.
- **Clothing:** Traditional Islamic attire, often new clothes.

## Navratri

- **Date:** October 3-11, 2024
- **Celebration:** Fasting, dancing (Garba and Dandiya), and worship of Goddess Durga.
- **Clothing:** Colorful traditional attire like chaniya cholis for women and kediyu for men.

## Diwali

- **Date:** November 1, 2024
- **Celebration:** Lighting of lamps, fireworks, and festive meals.
- **Clothing:** New traditional clothes like sarees, lehengas, and kurta-pajamas.

## Christmas

- **Date:** December 25, 2024
- **Celebration:** Church services, decorating Christmas trees, and exchanging gifts.
- **Clothing:** Western festive attire, often in red and white.

## Clothing Styles

- **Sarees:** Traditional Indian garment for women, draped in various styles.
- **Lehengas:** Long skirts paired with blouses and dupattas, often worn during festivals for women.
- **Kurtas:** Long tunics worn by both men and women, often paired with pajamas or churidars.
- **Dhotis:** Traditional men's garment, a long piece of cloth wrapped around the waist and legs.
- **Chaniya Cholis:** Traditional Gujarati attire for women, especially during Navratri.