



2024 Chinese New Year

Year of the Dragon

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About Chinese New Year



The **Chinese New Year**, also referred to as the Spring Festival or Lunar New Year, is the most important holiday in China and many other Asian communities. It is celebrated according to the lunar calendar and generally falls between **21 January and 20 February**.



In 2024 it occurs on **10 February**. This marks the start of the **Year of the Dragon**.



Chinese Zodiac



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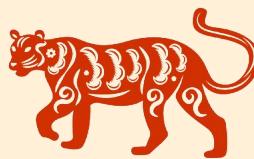
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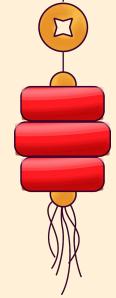
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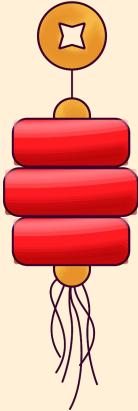


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Traditions



Decorations

- **Spring Couplet**
- → Best Wishes for the Coming Year
- **Red Chinese Lanterns**
 - Drive off Bad Luck
- **Paper Cuttings**
 - Luck and Happiness



Spring Couplet (English Version)





Dragon dance

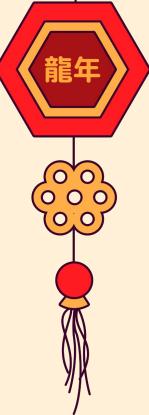
Dragon dances are an important part of the Chinese New Year celebrations. They are believed to be **a way to scare away evil spirits** and bring good luck to people. It is considered lucky if one is touched by a (dragon dance) dragon.





Family Reunion Dinner

As an important family reunion occasion, food and drink are a crucial part of the New Year celebration. Members of the family sit around a big table to have a **New Year's Eve dinner**.



The Spring Festival Gala

春晚 (Spring Festival Gala) is the most-watched TV program for Chinese New Year.

The TV show has become a tradition for tens of millions of Chinese families to welcome the Chinese Lunar New Year and is a must-have "seasoning" for Chinese New Year's Eve dinner.



Traditional Foods



饺子 (Dumpling) is a very common Northern Chinese Dish, Chinese dumplings look like silver ingots.



年糕 (New Year's Cake) is very common in Southern China, it is made of sticky rice.



Red Packet

A red packet is simply a red envelope with lucky money in it, which symbolizes luck and wealth. Traditionally, older generations give the red packet to the younger generation.



Fireworks & firecrackers

In traditional Chinese culture, fireworks and firecrackers were originally used to scare away evil spirits.





How to say 'Happy New Year' in Chinese?

Xīn nián kuài lè
新年快乐！

Thanks!

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