

Chinese New Year celebrations



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How is Chinese New Year Celebrated Around the World?

China

- Large cities across China display dazzling lanterns decorated in red and gold.
- Beautiful firework displays are sometimes used to welcome the new year.
- Activities can be available, such as; ice skating, shopping and temple tours.



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Hong Kong

- Victoria Harbour put on a magnificent firework display alongside an annual float parade featuring dragons, Chinese dancers and live music.
- On the third day of the Chinese New Year, Sha Tin Racecourse host one of the most popular races of the year.
- At popular places, such as Disneyland, special events are held throughout the week of the New Year.



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United States

- Most major cities across the USA celebrate Chinese New Year.
- New York often hosts the Firecracker Ceremony in Chinatown, showcasing a colourful parade along the street and even setting off fireworks at midnight.
- San Francisco hosts one of the oldest and largest Chinese New Year festivals in North America. There is usually a colourful parade of over 100 floats with lion dancers, folk dancers, stilt walkers and live music.



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France

- In Paris, the Champs-Élysées will usually put on a show stopping parade packed with giant floats, martial arts performers, firecrackers and even dancing dragons.
- Most of the shops and restaurants in Chinatown will be dressed in red and gold, to show good fortune and happiness.



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United Kingdom

- London has one of the largest Chinese New Year celebrations outside of Asia.
- There is usually a one-day festival that includes performers, dancers and fireworks across Chinatown.
- Across other major UK cities, celebrations can include traditional arts and craft activities, live performances, parades with dragon and lion dancers and martial arts demonstrations.



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Australia

- Both the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge turn their lights red.
- Lanterns shaped as zodiac signs are placed around Sydney.
- Many festivals are held around Australia to celebrate the Chinese New Year with different activities such as; food tasting, lion dancers, live music, firecrackers and an on-land dragon boat race.



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