

The Diplomat's Travel Guide to Festivals, Holidays, and Celebrations in India

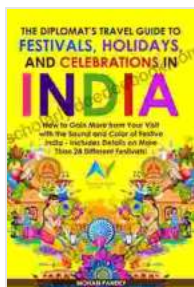
India is a land of vibrant culture and tradition, and this is reflected in the many festivals, holidays, and celebrations that are held throughout the year. From the colorful Holi festival to the sacred Kumbh Mela, there is always something to experience in India.

If you are planning a trip to India, it is important to be aware of the major festivals and holidays so that you can plan your itinerary accordingly. In this guide, we will provide you with an overview of some of the most popular festivals, holidays, and celebrations in India.

Festivals

Holi

Holi is one of the most popular festivals in India. It is a festival of colors that is celebrated in the spring. During Holi, people throw colored powder and water at each other, and the streets are filled with music and dancing.



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Diwali

Diwali is the festival of lights. It is celebrated in the autumn and is one of the most important festivals in India. During Diwali, people decorate their homes with lights and candles, and they exchange gifts and sweets.

Dussehra

Dussehra is a festival that celebrates the victory of good over evil. It is celebrated in the autumn and is one of the most important festivals in India. During Dussehra, people burn effigies of the demon king Ravana, and they celebrate with music and dancing.

Ganesh Chaturthi

Ganesh Chaturthi is a festival that celebrates the birth of the elephant-headed god Ganesha. It is celebrated in the summer and is one of the most popular festivals in India. During Ganesh Chaturthi, people bring statues of Ganesha into their homes and worship him.

Navratri

Navratri is a festival that celebrates the goddess Durga. It is celebrated in the autumn and is one of the most important festivals in India. During Navratri, people fast and worship Durga, and they celebrate with music and dancing.

Holidays

Independence Day

Independence Day is a national holiday that is celebrated on August 15th. It commemorates India's independence from British rule.

Republic Day

Republic Day is a national holiday that is celebrated on January 26th. It commemorates the adoption of the Indian constitution.

Gandhi Jayanti

Gandhi Jayanti is a national holiday that is celebrated on October 2nd. It commemorates the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Indian independence movement.

Celebrations

Weddings

Indian weddings are elaborate affairs that can last for several days. They are typically arranged by the families of the bride and groom, and they are full of music, dancing, and feasting.

Birthdays

Birthdays are celebrated in India with great joy. Families and friends gather to eat, drink, and dance. It is customary to give gifts to the birthday person.

Anniversaries

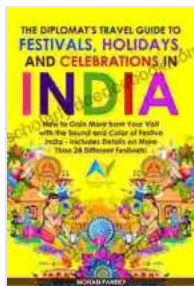
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Planning Your Trip

When planning your trip to India, it is important to consider the festivals, holidays, and celebrations that will be taking place during your visit. If you are interested in experiencing a particular festival, be sure to plan your trip accordingly.

It is also important to be aware of the weather conditions in India. The best time to visit India is during the winter months, from October to March. However, if you are interested in experiencing a particular festival, be sure to check the weather forecast before you go.

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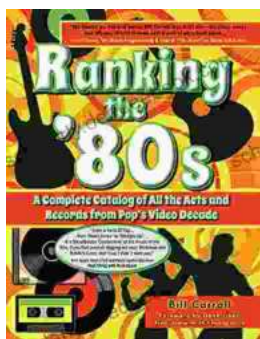
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