

# Festivals in india essay



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India, being a culturally diverse and fervent society, celebrates various holidays and festivals.

There are three national holidays in India: Independence Day, Republic Day and Gandhi Jayanti. States and regions have local festivals depending on prevalent religious and linguistic demographics. Popular religious festivals include the Hindu festivals of Diwali, Ganesh Chaturthi, Holi, Dussehra, Islamic festivals of Eid ul-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, Mawlid an-Nabi and Christian festivals of Christmas and days of observances such as Good Friday are observed throughout the country. Muharram, the starting of the Islamic new year is observed by many sects of Islam. In addition, the Sikh festivals such as Guru Nanak Gurburab, the Christian festivals such as Christmas, Good Friday and Jain festivals like Mahavir Jayanti, Paryushan are celebrated in certain areas where these religions have a significant following. The annual holidays are widely observed by state and local governments; however, they may alter the dates of observance or add or subtract holidays according to local custom.

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