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## DIWALI

A most beautiful time of year is approaching. Each autumn, stunning firework displays, brilliant rows of lamps, and gleaming electric lights, light up the nights of Diwali, the holiday known as the "Festival of Lights."

Homes, business, and public spaces are decoratively lit for this five-day celebration.

Diwali is India's biggest and brightest national holiday. It is also celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs in Nepal, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Singapore, and other countries.

The holiday coincides with the new moon of the Hindu New Year. This year, Diwali takes place from October 17-21.

Diwali, also called Dipawali, or Deepavali, gets its name from the “avali” or gleaming rows of “diyas” or clay lamps that are traditionally lit outside of homes.

The most widely-accepted history of Diwali tells the 15th century BC story of Lord Rama and his wife Sita who finally defeat the demon king Ravanna after 14 years of exile and return to their kingdom. The epic battle symbolizes the victory of good over evil, a major theme of the holiday.



Image: by [Khokarahman](#). “Diwali Festival.” India.

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Two women in traditional dress kneel as they light clay pots in celebration of Hindu festival of lights, Diwali.

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As the legend goes, when Lord Rama returned to his homeland, the entire city was lit with thousands of oil lamps and decorated with beautiful “rangolis” - exquisite designs made of colored rice, powder, sand or flour. Replicas of these gorgeous decorations are displayed during modern day Diwali celebrations.



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Light sculpture flashes as artist celebrates Diwali, festival of lights.

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Today, contemporary artists display modern light art in celebration of Diwali. Captured in photos that we can admire long after Diwali is over, these light sculptures are fascinating interpretations of the beauty of light.



Image: by [Paul Carvill](#). "Diwali lanterns floating in Trafalgar Square." London, UK.

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Lit lanterns float in pool in Trafalgar Square in London, in celebration of Diwali, festival of lights.

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Diwali is also a celebration of the last harvest before winter. In the ancient Indian agricultural society, people would seek the divine blessing of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, as they completed their harvest and prayed for success in the new year. Today, homes radiant with diyas are meant to welcome Lakshmi and her blessings.



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Two Indian women perform traditional Diwali ritual, in celebration of the autumn festival of lights.

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On the first day of Diwali, known as “Dhanteras,” families clean and prepare their homes and businesses. The second day, known as “Choti Diwali,” is the time to decorate houses with diyas and rangolis. Rangolis are usually created on the floor of the entrance to the home, and may include colorful flower petals.



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Girl lights traditional Diwali pots in celebration of the Indian festival of lights.

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The third day of Diwali is when the Lakshmi Puja, a demonstration of worship to the goddess Lakshmi and the central ritual of the holiday, occurs. When the Lakshmi Puja is over, beautiful fireworks are set off to symbolize the joy of Rama's return.



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Building decorated in celebration of Diwali, festival of lights.

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The fourth day of Diwali, known as “Govardhan Puja,” is the first day of the new financial year.

The fifth day, known as “Bhai Dooj,” is when the “Bhaiyadoo,” or Feast of Brothers, is observed. Sisters invite their brothers to a meal where delicious food and traditional sweets are prepared.



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Mother helps child hold sparkler as they celebrate Diwali, festival of lights.

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In the United States, Diwali is celebrated in over 100 communities. A Diwali celebration is held annually at [Times Square](#), drawing tens of thousands of people. Diwali festivities will be featured in [Disney's Festival of the Holidays](#) at [Disney California Adventure Park](#) in Anaheim, California from November 10 through January 7. The festival will include traditional Indian dance performances and a Bollywood dance party.



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Diwali will also be celebrated in [San Antonio](#) on November 4 at [La Villita](#), a historic arts village. The event draws more than 15,000 people each year and will feature Indian dance, food, fireworks and lighted candles along the city's River Walk.

As you can see, there are plenty of places to celebrate the beauty of Diwali. Get out there and shine your light!



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Image by Glenna Barlow Tangles of lights Mumbai India

A tangle of colored decorative lights await in celebration of Diwali, Indian festival of lights.

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Fireworks explode over Chennai, India, in celebration of Diwali, festival of lights.

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Indian city is lit up in celebration of Diwali, festival of lights.

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