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# Andhra Pradesh

## 1. Ugadi

Ugadi is the New Year's Day for the States of Andhra Pradesh and some parts of Telangana & Karnataka.

Ugadi, derived from the Sanskrit word “Yuga” and “Adi” together mean “the beginning of a new age”.

This festival typically falls in March or April.



# Andhra Pradesh

## 2. Lumbini Festival

The three day long Lumbini Festival is an annual festival organized at Nagarjuna Sagar in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

The Lumbini festival throws light on the rich culture and heritage of Buddhism.



Source: indusscrolls.com



# Andhra Pradesh

## 3. Brahmotsavam

The term 'Brahmotsavam' is coined from two separate words - Brahma and Utsav. This indicates that Brahmotsavam is celebrated in honor of Lord Brahma.

It is celebrated at the renowned Venkateswara temple of Tirumala in Andhra Pradesh.



Source: india-tours.com

## Deccan Festival.



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# Arunachal Pradesh

## 1. Mopin

A popular agricultural festival celebrated by the Galo tribe is Mopin festival in April.

During this festival you can see the locals smearing rice powder in each other's faces; this marks the start of the festival.



Source: arunachaltimes.in



# Arunachal Pradesh

## 2. Solung

Solung is a popular agriculture festivals, celebrated by the Adi Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh.

The festival is celebrated in the first week of September, after the sowing of seeds, to seek prosperity and a good harvest.



Source: tourmyindia.com

## 3. Chalo Loku:

Chalo Loku is a colourful harvest festival, celebrated in the month of October-November, right after the harvest of the paddy field.



# Arunachal Pradesh

## 4. Sanken/Sangken Festival:

Sanken festival is also regarded as the festival of water celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

It is believed that sprinkling water shows a sign of respect and a cleansing ritual to welcome the New Year. It is a three day long festival



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**Boori Boot & Moh-mol festival.**



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# Assam

## 1. Bihu

Three Bihus are celebrated in a year:

Bohag Bihu which augurs the wish for a good harvest because this is the time when farmers start sowing,

Kaati Bihu which is observed to mark the cutting and binding of grains.

Magh Bihu which marks the season of harvesting of grains.



Source: Times of India



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# Assam

## 2. Baishagu/Bwisagu

This is a popular seasonal festival commonly celebrated in April by the tribe of 'Boro Kacharis' and 'Bodo' of Assam.

### Dehing Patkai festival & Ambubachi Mela



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# Chhattisgarh

## 1. Bastar Dussehra

The Dussehra in Bastar is celebrated as a as a congregation of Devi Maoli (Bastar's Native diety) and all her sisters.

It is celebrated for 10 days.



Source: desiakoraput.com



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# Chhattisgarh

## 2. Madai

It is celebrated by the tribal communities of Bastar, Kanker and Dantewada from December to March every year.

The ceremony is celebrated in a large compound which begins with a procession of the local deities followed by the rituals, food and cultural extravaganza.

## Bhoramdeo & Goncha



# Goa

## 1. Carnival

This three-day festival was introduced by the Portuguese in the 18th century

The Goa Carnival is identified by huge parades taken out all night, and the people enjoy dance performances with bands, colourful outfits and masks.



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# Goa

## 2. Shigmo / Shigmotsav

Goa's biggest religious Hindu festival kick-starts from March 10th and continues in various rural parts of Goa.

It spans over a fortnight, with different days marked for celebrations in different areas.

**Sao Joao Festival & Chikal Kalo Festival**



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# Gujarat

## 1. Modhera Dance Festival

This is an annual festival and is organized by Tourism Corporation of Gujarat with the purpose of celebrating the age-old tradition as well as treasure of performing arts that our country has.

Modhera dance festival or Uttarardh Mahotsav is held at the Modhera Sun temple grounds.



**Modhera** Dance Festival  
Jan 21-22, 2013

Source: cultureandheritage.org



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# Gujarat

## 2. Dangs Darbar

Dang Darbar is normally held in March-April every year just a few days before Holi, the festival of colours.

The fair is held every year in the Ahwa district of Gujarat. Dangs Durbar focuses on the interesting lifestyle of the tribal people of the Dang area.



Source: tourmyindia.com

## VadFest & Tarnetar



# Himachal Pradesh

## 1. Halda

The Halda Festival is dedicated to the Shiskar Apa, the Goddess of Wealth.

The main attraction of the Halda Festival is the magnificent bonfire, which is held at a site chosen by the Lamas.



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# Himachal Pradesh

## 2. Doongri

The Doongri festival is marked to celebrate the beginning of spring.

Celebrated with great fervor to observe the birthday of Hadimba Devi (the wife of Bhima).

The festival lasts for three days in May.



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# Himachal Pradesh

## 3. Sazo

Sazo is an ancient festival celebrated in Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh.

The locals believe that during this festival, the deities go to heaven for a short period of time.

The Sazo festival is celebrated annually in the month of January.



Source: tourmyindia.com

**La Darcha Fair, Pori Festival & Minjar Mela**



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# Jammu & Kashmir

## 1. Bahu Mela

Bahu Mela Festival is celebrated twice a year, from March to April and September to October, at the 3000 years old Bahu Fort.

During the festival, people offer prayers, take a sacred dip in the Tawi River and enjoy a variety of joy rides.



Source: educationflash.in



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# Jammu & Kashmir

## 2. Purmandal Mela

Purmandal Mela is a three day fair organised at a venue located about 39 kilometers from Jammu, on the occasion of Shivaratri.

It is a celebration of Lord Shiva's marriage to Goddess Parvati.



# Jammu & Kashmir

## 3. Pahalgam Festival

Pahalgam Festival is celebrated with the arrival of spring, and is a gala event which is marked by artists, performances and a variety of events.

Other events which are a part of this festival are tonga rides, village walks, cultural zones, kid zones, stand up comedy, musical events, street food corners and art exhibitions.



# Jammu & Kashmir

## 4. Shikara Festival

The Shikara Festival is celebrated on the pristine waters of the Dal Lake.

During the festival various events are being held including Shikara Race, Dragon Boat Race and Canoe Polo Match besides cultural programmes depicting traditional heritage and culture of Kashmir.



Source: [travelintours.com](http://travelintours.com)

## Sindhu Darshan & Dosmoche festival



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# Jharkhand

## 1. Sarhul

One of the most popular tribal festivals celebrated across the Jharkhand region, Sarhul festival marks the beginning of New Year.

Sarhul means worship of trees. Being close to nature, the tribes start the Sarhul festival with the worship of trees

## 2. Karam

This festival is the worship of Karam devta (God of power as well as youthfulness). This festival is celebrated by Baiga, Oraon, Majhwar and Binjhware tribes of Jharkhand.

**Hal Punhya, Lawalong mela & Bhagta Parab**



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