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Diwali

The Festival of Lights

Quick facts

What	A 5-day Hindu, Sikh and Jain festival celebrating light over darkness.
When	October or November (varies — based on the lunar calendar).
Meaning	The triumph of good over evil, light over dark, knowledge over ignorance.
How long	5 days — each with its own focus.
Celebrated by	Around 1 billion people worldwide.
Where	India, Nepal, the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Mauritius and many more.

Five things people do for Diwali

<p>Diyas (oil lamps)</p> <p>Small clay lamps lit and placed on doorsteps and windows — symbolizing welcoming light into the home.</p>	<p>Rangoli</p> <p>Beautiful patterns made on doorsteps using colored powders, rice or flower petals.</p>
<p>Sweets and food</p> <p>Families share special sweets like laddoo and barfi, and big shared meals.</p>	<p>New clothes</p> <p>Many people wear new outfits during Diwali — often bright colors.</p>
<p>Fireworks</p> <p>Fireworks displays are common, especially on the third night (Diwali itself).</p>	



