



## FESTIVALS IN 2001

<b>FESTIVAL</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>2001</b>
Newyear	All over India	01 January
Mahabalpuram Dance Festival	Mahabalipuram, near Chennai	25 Dec. 2000 - 31 Jan. 2001
Lok Mahotsava (Tribal Fair)	Sambalpur, Orissa	04 - 06 January
International Yoga Festival	Pondicherry	04 - 07 January
Feast of the Three Kings	Goa	06 January
Banganga Music Festival	Banganga Temple Tank, Mumbai	06 - 07 January
Camel Festival	Bikaner, Rajasthan	08 - 09 January
Maha Kumbh Mela	Allahabad	09 Jan. - 21 Feb.
<i>( Main Bathing Dates are 09/01, 14/01, 24/01, 29/01, 08/02 &amp; 21/02 )</i>		
Bhogi Ongal	Tamil Nadu & South India	13 January
International Kite Festival	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	13 - 15 January
Makar Sankranti	All over India	14 January
Pongal ( Harvest Festival )	Tamil Nadu	14 January
Ganga Sagar Mela	Sgar Island, West Bengal	14 January
International Kite Festival	Hyderabad, Andra Pradesh	14 -16 January
Gramam-Village Fair	Kovalam near Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	14 -23 January
Kakatiya Festival	Warangal, Andra Pradesh	3rd Fri, Sat & Sun of Jan.
Mattu Ongal	Tamil Nadu	15 January
Dance Festival, Modhera Sun Temple	Modhera, Gujarat	19 - 21 January
Spituk Gustor	Spituk Monastery, Ladakh	22 - 23 January
Republic Day	All over India ( colourful parade in Delhi )	26 January
Basant Panchami	North India	29 January
Nagaur Fair	Nagaur, Rajasthan	21 Jan. - 03 Feb.
Surajkund Craft Mela	Suraj Kund ( Haryana ) near Delhi	26 January
Desert Festival	Jaisalmer	06 - 08 February
Ganga water Rally	Allahbad to Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh	06 - 08 February
Chalukya Festival	Rajahmundry, Andra Pradesh	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fir, Sat & Sun of Feb.
Elephanta Festival ( Dance & Music )	Elephante Island, off Mumbai	09 -10 February

Khajuraho Dance Festival	Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh	14 - 20 February
International Yoga Week ( Organised by Orissa Dance Academy )	Rishikesh, Orissa	Mid-February
Taj Mahotsav	Agra, Uttar Pradesh	18 - 27 February
Dupad Mela ( Traditional Festival )	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	19 - 21 February
Triveni Mahotsav	Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	19 - 21 February
Kutch Mahotsava	Kutch, Gujarat	19 - 21 February
Maha Shivararit	Shiva Temple all over India	21 February
Dosmoche	Leh, Likir & Deskit in Ladakh	21 - 22 February
Bhavnath Mahadev Fair	Junagadh, Gujarat	21 - 23 Janruay
Nishigandhi Dance Festival	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	21 - 27 February
Goa Carnival	All over Goa	24 -27 February
Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair	Pragati Maidan, New Delhi	27 February
Jansi Festival	Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh	28 Feb. - 04 Mar.
Lathmar Holi ( Traditional Festival )	Barsana - 48 km. from Mathura	04 March
Elephant Festival	Jaipur, Rajasthan	09 March
Stok Guru Tse-Chu	Stok Monastery, Ladakh	04 - 05 March
Masi Magam ( procession of temple deities )	Pondicherry	09 March ( Full moon )
Matho Magarang	Matho Monastery	09 - 10 March
Shigmo Festival	Hoa	March ( During Holi )
Chitra-Vichitra Fair ( Tribal Fair )	Gunbhakari, Sabarkantha Dist., Gujarat	23 March
Gudi Padva/Ugadi/Cheti Chand	West/South/North India	26 March
Navratri Mela	Vindhyachal, Mirzapur near Varanais	26 Mar. - 02 April
Gangaur Festival	Jaipur, Rajasthan	28 -29 April
Rath Yatra ( Car Festival of Lord Lingaraja )	Bhubaneswar, Orissa	01 April
Ramnavami ( Birth Anniversary of Lord Ram )	Ayodhya & All over India	02 April
Flavour-Flood Festival	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	05 - 11 April
Mahavir Jayanti ( Birth Anniversary of Apostle of Janism )	Jain Temples all over India	06 April
Deccan Festival	Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh	2nd Fri, Sat & Sun of April
Sankat Mochan Music Festival	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	12 - 16 April
Baisakhi	Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, etc.	13 April
Baisakhi Celebration at Pinjore	Yadavindra Gardens, Pinjore, Haryana	13 April
Chandipur Beach Festival	Chandipur, Orissa	28 - 30 April

Pooram	Thrissur, Kerala	02 May
Meenakshi Kalyanam ( Marriage of Goddess Meenakshi )	Meenakshi Temple in Mandurai, Tamil Nadu	04 May
Villianur Car Festival ( 10 day festival )	Villianur - 10 km. from Pondicherry	07 May
Buddha Purima	All over India	07 May
Summer Festival	Mourn Abu, RAjasthan	01 - 03 June
Budda Purnima	Ladakh	06 June
Charminar Utsav	Hyderabad, Andra Pradesh	2nd Fri, Sat, Sun of June
Kath Yatra ( Car festival of Lord Jagannath )	Puri, Orissa	23 June
Feast of St. Peter	Goa	29 June
Hemis Festival ( Hemis Tse-Chu )	Hemis Monastery, Ladakh	30 June - 01 July
Champakulam Loolam Boat Race	Haripad at Alappuzha in Kerala	04 July
Yuru Kabgyat	Lamayaru, Ladakh	07 - 08 July
Zanskar Karsha Gustor	Karsha Monastery, Zanskar ( GLadakh )	17 - 18 July
Phyang Tsedup	Phyang Monastery, Ladakh	22 - 23 July
Korzok Gustor	Kadakh	23 - 24 July
Teej Festival	Jaipur, Rajasthan	23 -24 July
Dakthok Tse-Chu	Takthog Monastery, Ladakh	29 - 30 July
Mango Mela	Yadavindra Gardens, Pinjore, Haryana	July ( Date not finalised )
Sani Naro Nasjal	Ladakh	03 - 04 August
Amarnath Yatra	Amarnath, Jammu & Kashmir	04 August
Rakshabandhan / Nariyal Poornima	All over India / Maharashtra	04 August
Nehru Trophy Boat Race	Punnamade Lake, Alappuzha	11 August
Janamashtami	Mathura, Brindavan & All over India	12 August
Independance Day	All over India	15 August
Fete de Pondicherry ( Liberation Day )	Pondicherry	15 - 17 August
Shachukul Gustor	Ladakh	16 - 17 August
Parsi New Year	Maharashtra, Gujarat, etc.	21 August
Ganesh Chaturthi	All over India	22 August
Tarnetar Fair	Tarnetar near Jamnagar, Gujarat	22 - 24 August
Rajiv Gandhi Boat Race	Pulin kunnu, Alappuzha	25 August
Onam	All over Kerale	31 August
Payippad Jalotcavam	Payippad Lake 35 Km. from Alappuzka	31 Aug, - 02 Sept.
Bhadra Purnima Fair	Ambaji, Gujarat	01 September

Aranmula Boat Race ( Uthrattadi Vallamkali )	Aranmula inKerala	05 September
Gandhi Jayanti ( Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi )	All over India	02 October
Baudha Mahotsav	Sarnath near Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	02 - 06 October
Rishikonda Beach Festival	Vishakatinam, Andhra Pradesh	2nd Fir Sat Sun of Oct.
Navratri Festival	Vadodara ( Baroda ), Gujarat	17 - 25 October
Navratri Mela	Vindhyachal, Mirzapur near Varanasi	17 - 25 October
Kumaon Mahotsav	Rudraprayag, Uttaranchal	18 - 20 October
Dussehra Mela	Kota, Rajasthan	24 - 26 October
Dussehra	All over India	26 October
Garhwal Mahotsav	Rudraprayag, Uttaranchal	26 - 28 October
Marwar Festival	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	31 Oct. - 01 Nov.
Vautha Mela	Vautha, near Ahmedabad, Gujarat	01 - 05 November
Hyderabad Food Festival	Necklace Road, Hyderabad	01 - 07 November
Hampi Utsav	Hampi, Karnataka	03 - 05 November
Thiksyia Gustor	Thiksay Monastery, Ladakh	04 - 04 November
Ghazal Festival	Qutubshahi Tombs, Hyderabad	2nd Fri, Sat & Sun of Nov.
Satavahana Festival	Guntur / Amaravathy, Andhra Pradesh	2nd Fri, Sat & Sun of Nov.
Chemday Angchok	Chemrey Monastery, LAdakh	13 - 14 November
Diwali	All over India	14 November
Puppet Festival	Ananthpur, Andhra Pradesh	23 - 25 November
Lucknow Mahotsav	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	25 Nov. - 05 Dec.
Ganga Mahatsav	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	26 - 30 November
Kolayat Fair	Bikaner, Rajasthan	26 Nov. - 05 Dec.
Pushkar Cattle Fair	Pushkar near Ajmer, Rajasthan	27 - 30 November
Urs Ajmer Sharif ( Muslim Fair )	Ajmer, Rajasthan	27 - 30 November
Chandrabhaga Fair	Jhalawar, Rajasthan	28 Nov. - 01 Dec.
Shamalaji Mela ( Karthik Purnima Fair )	Shamalaji near Himmat Nagar, Gujarat	30 November
Sonepur Cattle Fair ( Monthlong fair )	Sonepur near Patna, Bihar	30 November
Konark Dance Festival	Sun Temple, Konark, Orissa	01 - 05 December
Feast of St. Francis Xarier	Goa	03 December
Food & Cultural Festival	Miramar, Goa	1st week of Dec.
Galdan Namchot	Throughout Ladakh	09 Decemer
Losar ( New Year )	Throughout Ladakh	15 December

Christmas

All over India

25 December

**Full moon dates**

January 9th, February 8th, March 9th, April 8th, May 7th, June 6th, July 5th, August 4th, September 2nd, October 2nd, November 01 & 30th, December 30th

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