

Festival	When?	How long?	What happens?
Diwali		It lasts for...	
Eid Al-Fitr		It lasts for...	
Maslenitsa		It lasts for...	

## Diwali

Diwali is the 'Festival of Lights'. It is a celebration of the Indian New Year. Many people around the world celebrate it. It starts at the end of October or the beginning of November. The celebration lasts for five days.

There are a lot of bright, sparkly fireworks during the festival. People also decorate their homes.

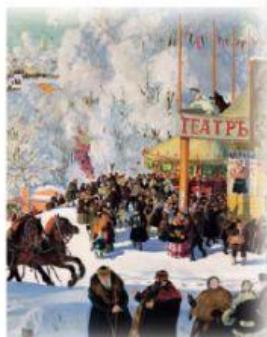


## Eid Al-Fitr

Eid Al-Fitr celebrates the end of Ramadan. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. Eid A-Fitr is celebrated for three days.

After a visit to the mosque for prayer in the morning, family and friends eat a big, delicious feast. This is a meal of meat, vegetable and rice dishes. There are a lot of desserts too!

## Maslenitsa



The Russian festival of Maslenitsa is in February or March. It lasts one week. The festival celebrates the end of winter and the start of spring.

At the beginning of the week, children make a large, colourful doll using straw and old clothes. This is called Lady Maslenitsa. People also make warm, tasty pancakes to eat.