Interesting Festivals in Asia

Li Wei, China

Let me tell you about a wonderful festival in China called the Harbin Ice and Snow _____ Festival. I think it is the largest ice and snow festival in the world. The festival is officially held from January 5th to February 5th but some _____s may open earlier or stay open later. The festival _____s beautiful ice sculptures, _____ing from small animals to _____ lanterns the size of castles. If you go to the Harbin Ice and Snow sculpture Festival you'll want to take lots of pictures! Make sure you bring lots of warm clothes though – the weather can go to 15 degrees below zero in winter!

showcase	rang	sculpture	giant	exhibit

Arissa Lim, Malaysia

Attracting over a million _____s and thousands of tourists, Malaysia's Hindu celebration Thaipusam is a very _____ festival in my country. Thaipusam is celebrated on a full moon in the Tamil month of Thai, which is in either January or February. The festival _____s of an eight-hour _____ that begins in a _____ in Kuala Lumpur and ends in a beautiful temple at the Batu caves. Worshippers must do something difficult to ask the God for help. This can be something simple, like carrying a pot of milk. I should warn you that some worshippers even stick metal rods into their bodies. It can be a little strange!

consist	worshipper	procession	unique	temple

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Asa Chandra, India

The Holi Festival of Colors is _____ Hindu religious festival that I usually held in my country in March. It is one of the most important festivals in the Hindu _____ and is used to _____ the coming of spring. Celebrations begin with people lighting bonfire the night before Holi. Along with the fire, there is singing, dancing and drumming. The next day, people throw colored _____ and water at friends and strangers as a celebration of joy and goodwill. If you celebrate Holi, make sure you wear clothes that you don't mind _____ing! You will be covered in colored powder at the end of the day.

celebrate	ancient	ruin	calendar	powder

Kim Song, Korea

There is a pretty crazy festival in my country that I want to tell you about. It's called the Boryeong Mud Festival and it takes place every year around mid-July. At this time it is summer in Korea, and people _____ to the Daecheon beach area in South Korea. There is a place called the Boryeong _____ _____s. Mud is taken from there and used in many mud-related events such as mud _____, mud massage, mud _____ and mud body painting! It's a very special experience. You should be careful though, if you come to Boryeong – you will get very dirty!

mud	sliding	wrestling	flock	flat

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