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Chinese New Year, February 5



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E Get ready to welcome the Year of the Pig! One of the most important festivals of any kind, Chinese New Year is celebrated by millions around the world, from mainland China to Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, the US, Australia and numerous other countries with a significant Chinese population. Also called the Spring Festival, a nod to the warmer weather to come, festivities start on New Year's Eve with the Reunion Dinner, when family members come together for the most significant meal of the year, traditionally featuring spring rolls, dumplings, steamed fish and whole chickens. Giant public firework displays, firecrackers and lion and dragon dances herald the New Year, while streets, buildings and houses blaze with lanterns and lavish decorations in lucky red, and children and young people receive red envelopes containing money for a further blessing of good luck.

Festivities continue until the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the lunar year (February 19), when people of all ages and backgrounds gather on the streets to celebrate in a tradition that dates back thousands of years. This year, 2019, is the Year of the Earth Pig, according to Chinese astrology – a good year for making money and investing. Bring it on. www.chinahighlights.com

I Bersiaplah menyambut Tahun Babi! Sebagai salah satu festival paling semarak, Tahun Baru Imlek dirayakan oleh jutaan orang di dunia. Dikenal pula dengan Festival Musim Panas, sambutan untuk datangnya musim yang hangat, perayaan ini dimulai sejak malam tahun baru dengan makan malam bersama, dan seluruh anggota keluarga berkumpul untuk jamuan khusus dengan menu khas lumpia, dim sum, ikan kukus dan ayam utuh. Pertunjukan kembang api, petasan dan tari barongsai menandai datangnya tahun yang baru, sementara jalanan, bangunan dan rumah-rumah disemarakkan dengan lampion dan dekorasi berwarna merah. Anak-anak dan muda-mudi menerima amplop merah berisi uang untuk keberuntungan.

Perayaan berlanjut hingga Festival Lampion pada hari ke-15 di bulan pertama kalender Imlek (19 Februari) saat masyarakat dari berbagai lapisan umur berkumpul di jalanan untuk merayakan tradisi yang telah berlangsung ribuan tahun. Tahun 2019 merupakan tahun Babi Tanah, yang menurut astrologi Tiongkok adalah tahun yang bagus untuk mencari uang dan berinvestasi. Mari mencoba!

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Chingay Parade, Singapore

February 15-16

E Billed as the largest street performance and float parade in Asia, the Chingay Parade is a multicultural blaze of colour and spectacle which takes over Singapore every Chinese New Year, with some of the most amazing floats and dancing dragons you will ever see. www.visitsingapore.com

I Didaulat sebagai hiburan rakyat dan pawai mobil hias terbesar se-Asia, Pawai Chingay menampilkan beragam budaya dan hiburan yang diadakan di penjuru Singapura setiap Tahun Baru Imlek, di mana Anda dapat menyaksikan parade mobil hias dan tari barongsai terbaik.

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Tokyo Illumilia, until February 14



January 26, Nara, Japan

E The cherry trees on Sakura-dori Avenue have been transformed into marvels of illumination courtesy of around 150,000 champagne-coloured lights, in a celebration melding traditional Japanese culture and modern lighting technology. www.gotokyo.org

I Pohon-pohon sakura di Sakura-dori Avenue tampil cantik gemerlap dengan 150.000 lampu berwarna *champagne*, untuk merayakan budaya Jepang dan teknologi pencahayaan modern.

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Fête du Citron



February 16 - March 3, Menton, France

E As the name implies, the Fête du Citron (Lemon Festival) on the French Riviera showcases the humble citrus fruit with zany float parades and exhibitions. www.fete-du-citron.com

I Seperti namanya, Fête du Citron (Festival Jeruk) saat French Riviera menampilkan jeruk-jeruk dalam pawai mobil-mobil hias dan aneka pameran.

ART

Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams, supported by Swarovski, V&A London, February 2 - July 14



Royal Portrait of Princess Margaret on her 21st birthday. Photograph by Cecil Beaton (1904-1980) © Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

E A gown worn by Princess Margaret for her 21st birthday will be among the attractions during the largest Dior exhibition held in the UK. The V&A show explores the huge influence of the couturier from the 1940s to today. vam.ac.uk

I Gaun yang dikenakan Putri Margaret pada ulang tahunnya ke-21 adalah salah satu daya tarik pameran Dior terbesar yang digelar di Inggris. Pertunjukan V&A menampilkan pengaruh besar *couturier* pada tahun 1940-an ke masa ini.

MUSIC



MSO Sidney Myer Free Concerts, Melbourne, February 8-20

E Relax on the grass at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl and enjoy free entertainment from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, which is celebrating 90 years of free concerts. whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au

I Bersantai di rerumputan saat Sidney Myer Music Bowl digelar dan nikmati hiburan cuma-cuma dari Melbourne Symphony Orchestra yang merayakan 90 tahun konser gratis.