



# Diwali Festival of Lights

November 10, 2023 - November 15, 2023

## DID YOU KNOW

- Diwali is a five-day celebration known as the Festival of Lights.
- Diwali gets its name from the Sanskrit word Deepavali, which means “row of clay lamps.” Many people in India will light these lamps outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects them from spiritual darkness.
- Diwali signifies the victory of good over evil and unfairness, and knowledge over ignorance. It is an annual time for celebration, reflection, prayer, and gatherings with family, friends, and community.
- Diwali is celebrated by more than one billion Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and Buddhists around the world and is thought to be derived from a fusion of harvest festivals in India that date back more than 2,500 years. Diwali may be celebrated differently depending on people's culture, heritage, region, or religious faith.