



Lunar New Year 2027: About the Holiday



Lunar New Year, also called the Spring Festival, is one of the most important celebrations in China and in many Asian communities around the world. Families gather for reunion dinners, decorate in red, and welcome good fortune for the year ahead. In 2027, it begins the Year of the Goat in the Chinese zodiac.

Lunar New Year 2027 falls on Saturday, February 6, beginning the Year of the Goat (also called the Sheep or Ram). Celebrations traditionally last 15 days.

- Lunar New Year 2027 falls on February 6, beginning the Year of the Goat.
- The Chinese word yang can mean goat, sheep, or ram, so 2027 is also called the Year of the Sheep.
- Lunar New Year begins with the new moon that falls between January 21 and February 20.
- In China, the holiday is also called the Spring Festival.
- The celebration traditionally lasts 15 days and ends with the Lantern Festival.
- The Chinese zodiac has 12 animals: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig.
- Each zodiac year is also linked to one of five elements: wood, fire, earth, metal, or water.
- The Year of the Goat that begins in 2027 is a Fire Goat year.
- Red is a lucky color, and red envelopes holding money are often given to children.
- Families gather for a big reunion dinner on New Year's Eve.
- Lion and dragon dances are performed in parades to welcome good luck.
- Lunar New Year is also celebrated as Tet in Vietnam and Seollal in Korea.