

Holi Festival

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WHAT'S
THE
STORY?

About Holi Festival?



Where is

the

festival?

Holi festival is in India, Nepal, Pakistan, United Kingdom and South Africa. On that day there will be many people celebrating the Holi festival.



When is
the
festival?

This years Holi festival is on Wednesday, March 20 and Thursday, March 21. On that day there will be a lot of color! Holi is a very old festival that dates back to the 17th century. It is celebrated every year.



All about

Holi

festival!

Holi is an ancient Hindu religious festival which has become popular with non-Hindus in many parts of South Asia, as well as people of other communities outside Asia.



Why is it
celebrated
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Holi celebrations start on the night before Holi with a Holika Dahan where people gather, perform religious rituals in front of the bonfire, and pray that their evil will be destroyed the way Holika, the sister of the demon king, was killed in the fire.



What do

they do?

People smear each other with colours and drench each other. Water guns and water-filled balloons are also used to play and colour each other.



Groups carry drums and play music and go from place to place, to sing and dance. People visit family and friends to throw coloured powders on each other, to laugh and gossip, then share special Holi food to eat or drink.



Who joins

in?

Everyone can join in. Rich or poor, man or woman, children and grandparents. They can all join in.

