

## Thailand Festivals

There are many colourful festivals taking place around Thailand throughout the year. Some of these events, such as the **Songkran New Year Water Festival**, are celebrated nationwide and the dates are fixed in advance. However, for a number of Thai festivals and Buddhist holidays, the exact date varies each year depending on the lunar calendar. These dates aren't always confirmed until much nearer the time, but will add updates once known. Check out the time and festival events through the link <https://fanclubthailand.co.uk/thailand-festivals/>.

### January

- **New Year's Day** (public holiday): 1 January
- **Children's Day**: 14 January 2023
- **Teachers' Day**: 21 January 2023
- **Bo Sang Umbrella and Sankhampaeng Handicrafts Festival, Chiang Mai**: 20-22 January 2023 (to be confirmed)
- **Chinese Lunar New Year**: 22 January 2023

### February

- **Chiang Mai Flower Festival**: 3-5 February 2023
- **Trang Underwater Wedding**: usually held mid-February to include Valentine's Day



Chiang Mai Flower Festival

### March

- **Makha Bucha Day** (public holiday): 6 March 2023

- **National Thai Elephant Day:** 13 March
- **National Muay Thai Day:** 17 March

## April

- **Poy Sang Long Festival:** held at various locations around north Thailand, particularly in Mae Hong Son (late March/early April).
- **Chakri Memorial Day** (public holiday): 6 April
- **Songkran Thai New Year Water Festival** (public holiday): 13-15 April



Songkran Thai New Year Water Festival

## May

- **Labour Day** (public holiday): 1 May
- **Coronation Day** (public holiday): 4 May
- **Royal Ploughing Ceremony, Bangkok:** 17 May
- **Rocket Festivals, Isaan:** Date varies, usually held mid/late May.

## June

- **Visakha Bucha Day** (public holiday): 3 June 2023
- **Birthday of HM Queen Suthida** (public holiday): 3 June
- **Phi Ta Khon Ghost Festival, Loei:** 23-25 June 2023

## July

- **Birthday of HM King Maha Vajiralongkorn (Rama X)** (public holiday): 28 July
- **Phuket Yachting Race Week**
- **Pai Jazz & Blues Festival**



A novice monk in Chiang Mai meditates on Asahna Bucha Day

### August

- **Asahna Bucha Day** (public holiday): 1 August 2023
- **Khao Phansa**: 2 August 2023
- **Ubon Ratchathani Candle Festival**: 31 July-2 August 2023
- **HM Queen Sirikit The Queen Mother's Birthday** (public holiday): 12 August. Also celebrated as **Mother's Day**.
- **Por Tor (Hungry Ghost Festival), Phuket**: dates for 2023 to be confirmed

### September

- **Vegetarian Festival: Phuket Vegetarian Festival** dates for 2023 to be confirmed
- **Thai National Flag Day**: 28 September

### October

- **HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej Memorial Day** (public holiday): 13 October
- **Awk Phansa** date for 2023 to be confirmed
- **Chulalongkorn Day** (public holiday): 23 October

### November

- **Loy Krathong**: 28 November 2023 (to be confirmed)
- **Yi Peng Lantern Festival, Chiang Mai** 27-29 November 2023 (to be confirmed)
- **Pattaya International Fireworks Festival**: dates for 2023 to be confirmed



Loy Krathong Festival, Sukhothai

## December

- **River Kwai Bridge Festival and Red Cross Fair, Kanchanaburi:** 26 November-5 December 2022 (dates for 2023 to be confirmed)
- **King Bhumibol Birthday Commemoration Day** (public holiday): 5 December. Also celebrated as **Father's Day** and **National Day**.
- **Constitution Day** (public holiday): 10 December
- **New Year's Eve** (public holiday): 31 December

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