

Lunar New Year



This Friday, February 12th marks The Lunar New Year, taking place on the second new moon after Winter solstice. The Lunar New Year has great historical and cultural significance, involving many religious and cultural traditions. Celebration through food, prayer and family gatherings is believed to bring good fortune for the coming year. It is also referred to as the Spring Festival, as it welcomes spring, new beginnings and fresh starts. Festivities last for 16 days, culminating with the Lantern Festival on February 26th. The Lantern Festival symbolizes reunions, socializing and freedom.

This lunar year is represented with the sign of the Ox, and is the second of 12 year cycle of animals in Chinese astrology. The Ox has traits of strength, reliability, fairness and conscientiousness, as well as inspiring confidence in others. The Year of the Ox will bring prosperity, success in business and career advancement.