

JOIN GREENBRIER IN CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AND WELCOMING THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT



When
January 22, 2023

Duration
16 Days

All communities recognize the new year, which starts during the **first new moon** of the lunar calendar and ends on the **first full moon**.

Since the lunar calendar determines the New Year timing, the start and end dates vary each year. Celebrations can last for nearly two weeks (although not all Asian countries participate the entire time)!

Where

Celebrated by many Asian communities. It is popularly referred to as Vietnamese Tet, Chinese Chunjie, Korean Soinal, Tibetan osar and the Spring Festival.

It's recognized in countries including China, The Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Korea, Malaysia, North Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, Brunei, and many more people worldwide.



Lunar New Year is a festival by over a quarter of the world's population.

Though many countries commemorate Lunar New Year, each celebrates in their own way, making it a unique but commonly shared holiday.

Lunar New Year Celebrations



Lunar New Year celebrations traditionally start with direct family sharing food and red envelopes.

These usually contain money, oranges or little gifts but are always given in even amounts for good luck.



Activities continue with friends and neighbors while enjoying:

- > fireworks
- > dances
- > games
- > amazing food
- > parades—including the iconic dragon/lion dance



The New Year usually ends with the Lantern Festival, which generally falls on the night of the first full moon.

For the Lantern Festival, families create elaborate lanterns that they fly, hang up or float down waterways to promote peace, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Ancient Legends and Traditions

Many elements of the New Year festivities are steeped in ancient legends and traditions that vary from place to place.

China

In China, regional traditions around the New Year vary. The evening preceding New Year's Day is frequently regarded as an occasion for families to gather for the annual reunion dinner.

It is also traditional for every family to thoroughly clean their house, sweeping away any ill-fortune to make way for incoming good luck.

Other customs include lighting firecrackers, giving money in red paper envelopes and decorating windows and doors with red paper-cuts and couplets.

Popular themes among the paper-cuts and couplets include good fortune or happiness, wealth and longevity.



Korea

In Korea, people are served rice cake soup (tteokguk) specifically at this time of the year so they can grow a year older. Many Lunar New Year traditions are symbolic of warding off bad luck and making way for good luck and fortune for the coming year.



Vietnam

Vietnam decorates with pink peach blossoms and the five-petaled apricot flower to symbolize happiness, good health/longevity, wealth, peace, pleasure and convenience.



Stories

Recognizing Greenbrier employees who observe the holiday.



"Here in the U.S., for my little family, we celebrate by giving kids the small red envelopes to wish them health and happiness. We all dress up in traditional Chinese outfits and light up the lanterns at home! We eat a lot of dumplings and fish, of course! Whole fish is the main dish for Chinese New Year to represent prosperity."

Cheyenne Lu
Greenbrier Manufacturing Operations
Global Engineering



"My favorite part of the Lunar New Year celebration is family gathering with New Year games and carrying on the tradition with the younger generation.

A lot of the events are canceled because of COVID, so I'm going to celebrate this Lunar New Year with family and friends at home."

Joe Nguyen
Corporate IT



"My favorite memory of the Lunar New Year is receiving the red envelopes when I was younger. As I became an adult, I stopped receiving those red envelopes and started giving them out to the younger friends and relatives. To me, I think giving out red envelopes is wishing people good fortune and happiness!"

Tony Le
Corporate IT



"My favorite memory of Lunar New Year is when I traveled to New York City Chinatown and experienced the large celebrations they had in the streets. The city blocks were shut down and people lit fireworks, blasted streamers, danced and enjoyed the celebration all week!"

Lisa Huynh
Corporate Tax



"Lucky red envelopes contain money given to children, family or friends as a symbol of good luck. It is a Lunar New Year tradition going back a long, long time. I cherish the memories of helping mother prepare big Lunar New Year's Eve family banquets, staying up all night with my family to drive away a monster called "Year," and lighting firecrackers with my siblings and cousins. All the fun and sweet memories associated with family, happiness and love!"

Alice Wang
Corporate Tax



"Unfortunately due to COVID, we will be celebrating this year at home by eating lots of good food and making lanterns in our yard with just family. It's not the same because the best part of the Lunar New Year celebration is being around lots of family and friends sharing good luck blessings, passing out envelopes, dancing, playing games, and sharing food. Even so, we are grateful for another year and wish everyone a Happy Year of the Tiger!"

Kanji Gregga
SOX Compliance

sun nin fai lok

saehae bok mani badeuseyo

Nam moi vui vi

gong-sshee faa-tseye

san nin hou

Chuc mung nam moi

sshin-nyen haoww

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gong hay fat choy

