

Southeast Asia's Viral Holidays: From TikTok Trends to Cultural Celebrations

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1. What is the key theme for Malaysia's National Day and Malaysia Day celebrations in 2024, emphasizing unity and progress?

- A) Malaysia Maju, Negara Bersatu
- B) Malaysia Madani: Jiwa Merdeka**
- C) Harmoni Malaysia, Rakyat Sejahtera
- D) Semangat Kemerdekaan, Bangsa Maju

2. In 2025, which Lunar New Year animal zodiac will be celebrated across Southeast Asia?

- A) Year of the Dragon
- B) Year of the Rabbit
- C) Year of the Snake**
- D) Year of the Horse

3. Which Southeast Asian country's Independence Day in 2024 features the theme 'Nusantara Baru Indonesia Maju', signifying a new capital and leadership transition?

- A) Philippines
- B) Malaysia
- C) Singapore
- D) Indonesia**

4. What is the popular Singaporean tradition celebrated during Lunar New Year, involving tossing raw fish and vegetables for good luck?

- A) Lohei (Yusheng)**
- B) Tangyuan
- C) Bánh Chung
- D) Ketupat

5. Which Thai festival, celebrated on the full moon of the 12th lunar month, involves floating decorated baskets on rivers and is often associated with releasing lanterns?

- A) Songkran
- B) Loy Krathong**
- C) Vesak Day
- D) Yi Peng

6. In Vietnam, what is the most important holiday of the year, marked by family reunions and special foods like Bánh Chung?

A) Tet Nguyen Dan (Lunar New Year)

B) National Day

C) Mid-Autumn Festival

D) Hung Kings' Commemoration Day

7. What is the central theme for the 2024 Songkran festival in Thailand, recognized by UNESCO as intangible cultural heritage?

A) Water fights and vibrant parades

B) Purification, cleansing, and renewal through water

C) Honoring elders and seeking blessings

D) Cultural performances and traditional Thai music

8. During Hari Raya Aidilfitri in Singapore and Malaysia in 2025, what fashion trend is blending classic silhouettes with new, innovative twists, such as 'baju kurung with selendang' and 'modern baju kurung'?

A) Sustainable and eco-friendly fabrics

B) Bold, neon colors

C) Traditional ethnic wear only

D) Retro 80s inspired outfits

9. Which Philippine Independence Day event in 2024 featured a 'Kalayaan Obstacle Course' and a 'Filipino Kusina Warrior' cooking contest?

A) Piyesta Pinoy

B) Philippine Independence Celebration of Staten Island

C) Commemoration at Quirino Grandstand, Manila

D) Filipino Day Grand Parade

10. Vesak Day 2024, commemorating the birth, enlightenment, and death of Gautama Buddha, fell on May 22nd in which major Southeast Asian cities?

A) Bangkok and Chiang Mai

B) Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta

C) Singapore and Malaysia

D) Manila and Cebu

11. In Indonesia's 2024 Independence Day celebrations, what traditional game involves participants attempting to climb a greased pole to win prizes?

A) Balap Karung

B) Panjat Pinang

C) Lomba Agustusan

D) Tarik Tambang

12. What popular Vietnamese holiday, celebrated around the same time as Lunar New Year, involves decorating homes with peach blossoms and kumquat trees and giving 'li xi' (lucky money)?

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