

Oceania & Pacific Cultural Festivals 2026: Unveiling Traditions, Trends & Tribes

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1. Which of the following festivals in Papua New Guinea is scheduled to take place in June 2026 at the Wai Tawai waterfall, celebrating indigenous traditions?

- A) Goroka Show
- B) Kenu and Kundu Festival
- C) Waterfall Tribal Festival**
- D) Mount Hagen Sing-Sing

2. The Fiji Fringe Festival 2026 is set to run from April 10th to April 18th, featuring a variety of performing arts. In which two major Fijian cities will this festival be staged?

- A) Suva and Lautoka
- B) Nadi and Suva**
- C) Labasa and Nadi
- D) Suva and Ba

3. The 16th Annual Samoa Cultural Days are scheduled for July 23-25, 2026. What is the name of the vibrant outdoor celebration that culminates the weekend's events?

- A) Ava Welcome Ceremony
- B) Tanoa Festival**
- C) Fa'a Samoa Celebration
- D) Samoa Community Banquet

4. In Tonga, the Heilala Festival is a significant event that takes place around the Tongan King's birthday. Which city is the primary location for this festival?

- A) Neiafu
- B) Nuku'alofa**
- C) Pangai
- D) Havelu

5. Which cultural festival in Papua New Guinea, known for its traditional war dances and ritual performances by the Dani, Yali, and Lani people, is scheduled for August 6-8, 2026?

- A) Kutubu Kundu and Digaso Festival
- B) National Mask Festival
- C) Baliem Valley Culture Festival**
- D) Baining Fire Dance Festival

6. The Solomon Islands Arts Festival aims to showcase visual arts, music, and dance. Which of these elements is a key focus of the festival, highlighting both modern creativity and deep-rooted traditions?

- A) Traditional canoe racing
- B) Spear fighting competitions
- C) Culinary demonstrations
- D) Arts, music, and dance**

7. The Yabun Festival, held annually on January 26th in Australia, is the largest community-led festival celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. What does the word 'Yabun' mean in the Gadigal language?

- A) Celebration
- B) Welcome
- C) Music to a beat**
- D) Ancestors

8. In Vanuatu, the 'Back to My Roots Festival' is a three-day event featuring roots-reggae music. On which island does this festival typically take place?

- A) Efate
- B) Santo
- C) Tanna
- D) Moso Island**

9. The Hibiscus Festival in Suva, Fiji, is the country's largest and longest-running event. Which of these is a prominent feature of the festival?

- A) Traditional weaving competition
- B) Miss Hibiscus Pageant**
- C) Outrigger canoe races
- D) Kava ceremony demonstration

10. The Teuila Festival in Samoa is a major event celebrating Samoan culture. What is the festival named after?

- A) A traditional Samoan dance
- B) The national flower, red ginger**
- C) A prominent Samoan chief
- D) The island of Upolu

11. The Pasifika Festival in Auckland, New Zealand, is the world's largest festival of its kind, showcasing the cultures of 11 Pacific countries. In which park is this festival typically held?

- A) Albert Park
- B) Hagley Park
- C) Western Springs Park**
- D) Odlins Plaza

12. The National NAIDOC Week in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. In which month does NAIDOC Week typically occur?

- A) August
- B) January
- C) July**
- D) September

13. The Kutubu Kundu and Digaso Festival in Papua New Guinea's Southern Highlands province celebrates traditional drums and Digaso oil. What other cultural elements can visitors expect at this festival?

- A) Modern art exhibitions
- B) Hip-hop dance battles
- C) Sing-sing performances, food, and crafts**
- D) Water sports competitions

14. The Heilala Festival in Tonga includes various events. Which of these is a highlight often featured in the festival's program?

- A) International film screenings
- B) Miss Heilala Beauty Pageant**
- C) Modernist art installations
- D) Electronic music concerts

15. In the Solomon Islands, the Wogasia Festival is a traditional spear fighting and yam harvesting festival. Which province is this festival associated with?

- A) Guadalcanal
- B) Malaita
- C) Makira Province**
- D) Isabel Province

16. The Matariki festival in New Zealand celebrates Maori New Year. What does Matariki represent?

- A) The arrival of European settlers
- B) The start of the Maori New Year**
- C) A traditional haka competition
- D) The harvest season

17. The Mask & Warwagira Festival in Papua New Guinea's East New Britain Province celebrates the region's mask traditions. Which of these is a specific ceremony featured on the opening day?

- A) Baining Fire Dance
- B) Kinavai Ceremony**
- C) Towa Rocks String Band performance
- D) Ava Welcome Ceremony

18. The Friendly North Festival in Labasa, Fiji, has been running for over 40 years and celebrates culture and history. Which of these is typically featured during the festival?

- A) A rodeo competition
- B) A Bollywood Night and Pacific Night**
- C) A traditional rugby tournament
- D) A contemporary dance showcase