

Countdown to 2026: Unveiling Southeast Asia's Most Anticipated Cultural Spectacles

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1. Which Southeast Asian country will host the ASEAN-Korea Music Festival, also known as the ROUND Festival, in April 2026, aiming to bridge cultural understanding through music?

- A) Vietnam
- B) Thailand
- C) Philippines**
- D) Indonesia

2. The Thang Long - Hanoi Festival 2026, themed 'Heritage Flow,' aims to honor Hanoi's millennia-old heritage and establish it as a 'creative playground.' What are the planned dates for this significant cultural event?

- A) September 11-20, 2026**
- B) August 15-24, 2026
- C) October 1-10, 2026
- D) July 20-29, 2026

3. Festival Kuala Lumpur 2026 is set to take place nationwide from May 6 to May 31, featuring public art, concerts, and community activities. Which country is organizing this extensive cultural showcase?

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

4. The 48th annual Bali Arts Festival (Pesta Kesenian Bali/PKB) is scheduled to occur from June 13 to July 11, 2026. This festival is one of Indonesia's largest cultural events and will be held at which primary location?

- A) Jakarta Art Centre
- B) Ubud Cultural Hub
- C) Bali Art Centre (Taman Budaya Bali) in Denpasar**
- D) Surabaya Grand Theatre

5. In January 2026, the Philippines is set to host the Sinulog Festival, a major event honoring Santo Niño. What is the approximate date for the Sinulog Festival in 2026, typically held on the third Sunday of January?

- A) January 17, 2026
- B) January 18, 2026**
- C) January 24, 2026
- D) January 25, 2026

6. Vietnam's Tet Trung Thu, or Mid-Autumn Festival, is a cherished holiday for children. In 2026, when will this festival, known for its colorful lanterns and mooncakes, be celebrated?

- A) February 17, 2026
- B) September 25, 2026**
- C) August 15, 2026
- D) October 10, 2026

7. The Vesak Lantern Festival at Borobudur Temple in Indonesia is a significant Buddhist celebration. For 2026, the peak of the Vesak celebrations, including the lantern release, is scheduled for which date?

- A) May 31, 2026**
- B) June 1, 2026
- C) April 30, 2026
- D) May 29, 2026

8. Singapore's Chingay Parade is a vibrant street performance and float parade. In 2026, when is this spectacular event scheduled to take place?

- A) February 27-28, 2026**
- B) March 1-2, 2026
- C) January 20-21, 2026
- D) April 10-11, 2026

9. Thailand's renowned Songkran Festival, celebrating Thai New Year with water fights and rituals, is annually held from April 13-15. What is the official duration for Songkran in 2026?

- A) April 13-15, 2026**
- B) April 14-16, 2026
- C) April 11-13, 2026
- D) April 10-12, 2026

10. Cambodia's Khmer New Year (Chaul Chnam Thmey) is a significant cultural celebration. In 2026, it is observed for three days from April 14th to 16th. What historical event does this New Year mark the end of?

- A) The Angkorian Empire
- B) The harvest season and the start of the rainy season**
- C) The reign of King Sihanouk
- D) The establishment of Phnom Penh

11. Malaysia's Festival Kuala Lumpur 2026 is a nationwide event. Which specific period in May 2026 is this festival scheduled to run?

- A) May 1-15, 2026
- B) May 6-31, 2026**
- C) May 10-25, 2026
- D) May 15-30, 2026

12. The Philippines will host the ASEAN-Korea ROUND Festival in 2026. Besides being a platform for musical exchange, what is a key feature of the festival's admission policy for attendees?

- A) It requires a paid VIP pass for all attendees.
- B) Admission is free with an advance registration process.**
- C) Tickets are sold at exorbitant prices to limit crowds.
- D) Only accredited press and media are allowed entry.

13. Indonesia's Nyepi, or the Day of Silence, is a unique Balinese holiday. In 2026, Nyepi is observed on March 19th. What is the primary characteristic of this observance?

- A) A day of vibrant parades and music
- B) A day of strict silence and introspection across the island**
- C) A day dedicated to water sports and beach activities
- D) A day of international culinary exhibitions

14. The Hue Festival in Vietnam is a major cultural event that occurs biennially. In 2026, under the theme "Cultural Heritage with Integration and Development," when did the festival officially kick off?

- A) January 1, 2026**
- B) March 15, 2026
- C) April 30, 2026
- D) June 13, 2026