

ASEAN's Vibrant 2025: Unpacking Cultural Shifts and Trending Celebrations A

ASEAN Holidays · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which ASEAN country is known for its 'Day of Silence' festival, Nyepi, where the entire island observes a 24-hour period of quiet reflection and the airport closes?

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

2. The Songkran Festival, a major celebration in Thailand, is characterized by what traditional activity that marks the Thai New Year?

- A) Lantern releases
- B) Water fights**
- C) Dragon boat races
- D) Rocket launching

3. Tet Nguyen Dan, the most important festival in Vietnam, is also known as:

- A) Mid-Autumn Festival
- B) Hoi An Lantern Festival
- C) Vietnamese Lunar New Year**
- D) Hue Festival

4. In Malaysia, a significant festival celebrated at the end of Ramadan, marking a time of feasting and visiting family, is:

- A) Deepavali
- B) Chinese New Year
- C) Hari Raya Aidilfitri**
- D) Thaipusam

5. Which of the following is a prominent cultural festival in Indonesia, held in Yogyakarta, that blends historical, religious, and Javanese cultural values with activities like gamelan processions?

- A) Galungan and Kuningan
- B) Sekaten Festival**
- C) Pasola Festival
- D) Tabuik Festival

6. Thailand is set to host the 'Amazing Thailand Grand Tourism and Sports Year 2025'. Which of these upcoming events is part of this initiative?

- A) The 33rd SEA Games**
- B) The ASEAN Economic Forum
- C) The 13th ASEAN Para Games
- D) The Jet Ski World Series 2025

7. The Ati-Atihan Festival, known as the 'Mother of All Philippine Festivals,' involves participants smearing themselves with soot and dressing in tribal finery. It's a celebration of:

- A) The indigenous Ati people**
- B) A bountiful harvest
- C) The Roman soldiers
- D) The King's Birthday

8. What significant economic agreement is ASEAN aiming to substantially conclude in October 2025 to boost digital cooperation?

- A) Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)
- B) ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA)**
- C) ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)
- D) Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA)

9. In Vietnam, what major festival, typically falling in late January or early February, is a time for new beginnings, honoring heritage, and features traditions like decorating homes with peach blossoms?

- A) Ghost Festival
- B) Huong Pagoda Festival
- C) Tet Nguyen Dan (Lunar New Year)**
- D) Giong Festival

10. Which ASEAN country made history in 2024 by becoming the first in Southeast Asia to legally recognize same-sex marriage, with the law taking effect in January 2025?

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