

BRICS Nations' Cultural Pulse: Unpacking 2025's Viral Holidays & Festivals!

Global Holidays · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which BRICS nation is set to host the 'Echo BRICS' Film Festival in November 2025, aiming to foster humanism in cinematic art and peace between nations?

- A) India
- B) Russia
- C) China
- D) Brazil**

2. The 'BRICS Melody' international music festival, which celebrated traditional instruments from BRICS countries and beyond, was held in Ulyanovsk, Russia, in October 2024. Which of these countries was NOT among the listed participants in the festival's lineup?

- A) Brazil
- B) South Africa
- C) Indonesia
- D) United States**

3. In 2025, which BRICS country will be organizing and hosting the BRICS Games, continuing the tradition of promoting athletic cooperation?

- A) Russia
- B) India
- C) China
- D) Brazil**

4. China's National Day, celebrated annually on October 1st, is a significant public holiday. What is the common name for the extended holiday period that includes National Day in China?

- A) Spring Festival
- B) Mid-Autumn Week
- C) Golden Week**
- D) Dragon Boat Festival

5. Which Indian festival, known as the 'Festival of Colors,' is celebrated with the throwing of colored powders and water, symbolizing the arrival of spring and the triumph of good over evil?

- A) Diwali
- B) Holi**
- C) Republic Day
- D) Independence Day

6. The BRICS Games in 2024, held in Kazan, Russia, featured a wide array of sports. Which of the following 'phygital' sports, a blend of real-life and virtual activities, was included in the games?

- A) Phygital Chess
- B) Phygital Badminton
- C) Phygital Basketball**
- D) Phygital Tennis

7. In Brazil, what is the name of the iconic, week-long festival held in February that features vibrant parades, samba music, and a nationwide holiday?

- A) Festa Junina
- B) Boi Bumba
- C) Carnival**
- D) Festa de Iemanjá

8. The 'Spirit of Fire' International Film Debut Festival, held in Russia in March 2024, opened a series of cultural events under Russia's BRICS chairmanship. Which BRICS country's films have repeatedly featured in its competition program, with prizes in 2023 going to films from Iran, India, and China?

- A) Brazil
- B) South Africa
- C) Russia
- D) China**

9. Which of these major public holidays in Russia, celebrated on May 9th, commemorates the Soviet victory in World War II and involves parades and commemorations?

- A) Russia Day
- B) Defender of the Fatherland Day
- C) International Women's Day
- D) Victory Day**

10. In South Africa, National Women's Day is celebrated on August 9th. In 2025, this holiday falls on a Saturday, meaning it will not result in an additional day off due to the Public Holidays Act. What is the primary reason for this?

- A) It's a religious holiday
- B) It's a regional holiday
- C) Saturdays do not trigger an extra day off**
- D) The holiday was moved to a weekday