

Asia's August 2026: From Cultural Festivals to Sporting Showdowns and Hist

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1. Which major cultural festival, honoring the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha, takes place in Kandy, Sri Lanka, from August 18-27, 2026?

- A) Bali Arts Festival
- B) Kandy Esala Perahera**
- C) Nyepi (Day of Silence)
- D) Loy Krathong

2. In August 2026, which Japanese city will host the 20th edition of the Asian Games, a major multi-sport event?

- A) Tokyo
- B) Hiroshima
- C) Nagoya**
- D) Osaka

3. Singapore celebrates its Independence Day with a parade, air shows, and fireworks. What date is Singapore National Day in 2026?

- A) August 1
- B) August 9**
- C) August 15
- D) August 27

4. What significant historical event, marking the end of World War II, is commemorated on August 15, 2026, in Japan?

- A) Hiroshima Memorial Day
- B) Start of the Korean War
- C) Victory in Japan Day (V-J Day)**
- D) Foundation of the People's Republic of China

5. The Anime Festival Asia (AFA) Indonesia 2026 is scheduled to take place in August. On which dates will this convention celebrating Japanese pop culture be held?

- A) August 1-2
- B) August 8-9
- C) August 15-16**
- D) August 22-23

6. Which of the following major sporting events is scheduled to take place across Southeast Asia from July 24 to August 26, 2026?

- A) ASEAN Para Games
- B) ASEAN Championship (Football)**
- C) Asian Cycling Championship
- D) FISU World University Championship Golf

7. Vietnam commemorates a pivotal event in its modern history on August 19, 2026. What is this event called?

- A) Tet Offensive Anniversary
- B) Reunification Day
- C) August Revolution Commemoration Day**
- D) Ho Chi Minh's Birthday

8. The Kisa Fureai Festival, known for its fireworks, is scheduled to be held in Hiroshima Prefecture on August 15, 2026. Which city in Hiroshima Prefecture will host this event?

- A) Hiroshima City
- B) Miyoshi City**
- C) Kure
- D) Onomichi

9. In August 2026, which multi-sport event will feature golf competitions held from September 30 to October 3 in Aichi Prefecture, Japan?

- A) SEA Games
- B) Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games
- C) Asian Games**
- D) East Asian Games

10. Which Southeast Asian country is set to assume the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2026, an event that coincides with the 10th anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea arbitral ruling?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Malaysia
- C) Thailand
- D) The Philippines**

11. In August 2026, China plans to launch another lunar probe as part of its space exploration efforts. What is the name of this probe?

- A) Tianwen-3
- B) Chang'e-7**
- C) Voyager 3
- D) Lunar Gateway

12. Which major music festival, featuring a mix of international and Japanese artists, is held annually in Osaka and Chiba, Japan, over a weekend in August 2026?

- A) Fuji Rock Festival
- B) Summer Sonic**
- C) Rock in Japan Festival
- D) Hostess Club Weekender