



ANDHRA PRADESH

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**THE
DIVERSE
FESTIVITIES
OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

JANUARY

Apart from being fun-loving in nature, the people of Andhra Pradesh are also a beautiful blend of cosmopolitan culture and well-preserved ancient tradition. Therefore, festivals of various communities, cultures and origins are celebrated here. Most of these festivals are organised by the government of Andhra Pradesh. Come, join us in our celebrations.



Source: ujwalasdelicacies.com

SANKRANTI

Makara Sankranti is a festival of harvest which celebrates the advent of prosperity and plenty. On this day, 'Pongali' (rice pudding with milk) is prepared and gifts are exchanged.

FEBRUARY

RATHA SAPTAMI

Ratha Saptami is a festival that marks the birth of the Sun God. In Tirumala, it is celebrated with a procession, of the idols of Lord Malayappa Swamy and his consorts, through the streets.



ANTARVEDI FAIR

The Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Kalyanam, a festival held in Antarvedi, is attended by thousands of pilgrims every year. A fair is also held where stalls selling sweets, bangles, clothes etc. are put up.





Source: thehindu.com

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KOTAPPAKONDA FAIR

Kotappakonda comes alive on the eve of Maha Shivaratri, as the crowds occupy every inch of the hill and celebrate with great devotion and fervour. The giant 'Prabhas' procession is something to behold.



MAHASHIVARATRI

Mahasivaratri, literally 'the night of Shiva' which is celebrated in Srisailem and Kalahasti in a grand way. During this festival, people fast during the day, and celebrate ceremonies at night.

SRI RAMANAVAMI

It is the birthday of Lord Rama. In Andhra Pradesh, especially in Vontimitta and Kadapa where it is celebrated in a grand way, where small idols of Lord Rama and Sita are worshipped in households, before being taken out on a procession in the evening.



Source: en.wikipedia.org

UGADI

Ugadi is the New Year for the people of Andhra Pradesh. On Ugadi, people decorate their houses with fresh mango leaves, and prepare the ceremonial "Ugadi Pachchadi" dish.



Source: BharatMarg.com

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APRIL

MAY



TIRUPATI GANGA JATARA

Ganga Jatara is the annual folk festival of Tirupati. It is a week-long event, where devotees offer food and sarees to Gangamma, the Goddess who protects Tirupati.

PYDITTHALLAMMA UTSAVAM

The Pyditthallamma Utsavam is a cattle trading festival that takes place in Vizianagaram. Various small shops sell food, sweets, handicrafts and curios. Musicians and dancers come from all over the country to perform.

SEPTEMBER
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Source: tms.ap.gov.in

AUGUST
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SRI KRISHNA JANMASTHAMI

The birthday of Lord Krishna is one of the greatest of all Hindu festivals. The day is celebrated by decorating one's home, preparing sweets and offering Lord Krishna his favourite butter.

VINAYAKA CHAVITI

The festival is mainly celebrated in Kanipakam in Andhra Pradesh with great excitement. The festival goes on from seven to ten days. The entire state is beautifully decorated and lit.



Source: natureconservation.in



Source: drikpanchang.com

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ATLA TADDE

This is a traditional festival celebrated on the third day of Krishna Paksh of Aashvijam, by married Hindu women, where they fast for the health and long life of their husbands. Young, unmarried girls spend the day singing traditional songs.

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VIJAYA DASHAMI (DUSSERA)

Dussera is one of the most important festivals of India. Goddess Durga is worshipped for the first 9 days of the festival and the 10th day signifies the goddess' victory over Mahisasura to help restore Dharma.



Source: tripadvisor.in



Source: indianholiday.com

OCTOBER

Enjoy a colourful celebration of the food and dance of the Rayalaseema area of Andhra Pradesh. This day-long affair is a must-try for foodies and culture buffs alike.



Source: nativeplanet.com

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ROTTELA PANDUGA

Rottela Panduga is a 3 day festival held at the Bara Shaheed Dargah in Nellore. It is held in honour of the 12 martyrs whose remains are buried in the compound.

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Source: nelloreonline.in

DEEPAVALI

Deepavali, the festival of lights, marks the victory of good over evil. The Goddess of wealth, Lakshmi, is the main deity worshipped. People exchange gifts, decorate their houses and light lamps in celebration.

KARTIKA POURNAMI

Kartik Purnima, or Diwali of the Gods is celebrated to mark the beginning of the auspicious Kartika month. Oil lamps with 365 wicks (signifying every day of the year) are lit in Shiva temples

NOVEMBER
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VISAKA UTSAV

The Visaka Utsav is a celebration of the arts, crafts and cuisine of Visakhapatnam District. It brings together performers, craftsmen, culinary artists and connoisseurs from all over the state.



DECEMBER

NAGULA CHAVITHI

Nagula Chavithi or festival of Snakes is celebrated on the fourth day after Deepavali in Andhra Pradesh. On this day, women and children feed milk to the snakes on the hills.



Source: sakshi.com

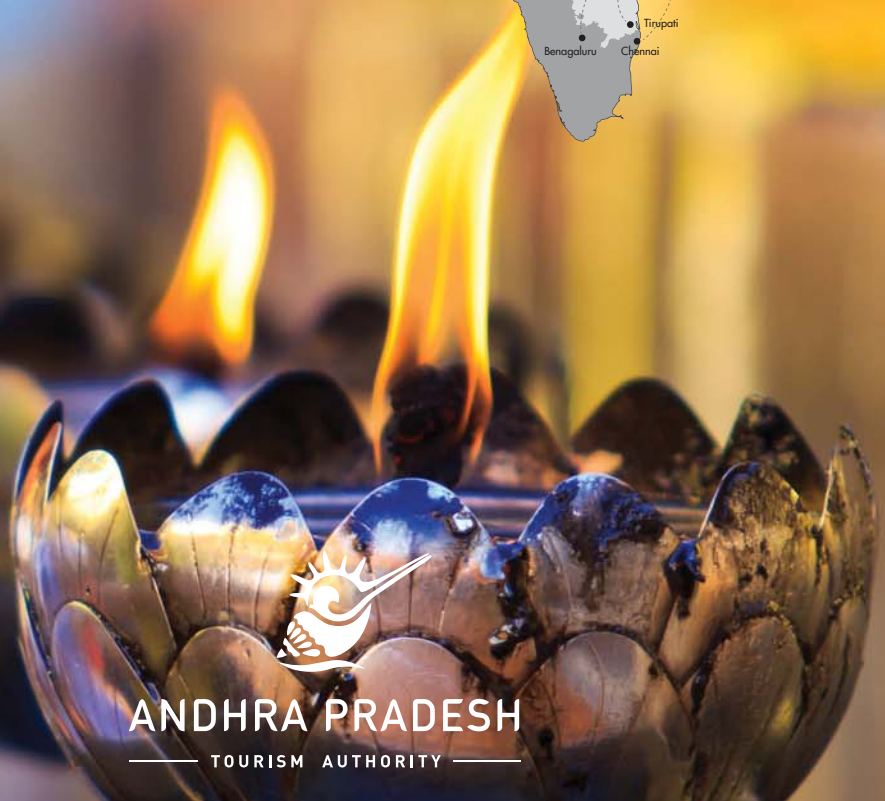
VAIKUNTA EKADASHI

Vaikunta Ekadashi is considered an auspicious day and this festival is celebrated in all Vaishnavayayas, especially in Tirupati. It is believed that those who die on this day are freed from the rounds of birth and death. Devotees fast the whole day, observe vigil the whole night and do 'Japa' (meditation) and sing 'Hari Kirtan' (devotional songs).

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