

New Years

around the world

2021

London

England

In London, one of the most famous activities is to gather at the bank of the River Thames to watch a 12 minute firework display over the London Eye, a giant ferris wheel.



Dubai

United Arab Emirates

Dubai has a multitude of amazing firework displays throughout the city, some of which are the best in the world. Individuals go to the vast stretches of sand to be entertained by live music, dance and games and to cut the New Year's cake at midnight.



One of the biggest venues in Bangkok to host celebrations in is the Central World shopping mall, where there are concerts and amazing fireworks. A number of Thai citizens, like Thai Buddhists, also visit their temples to make merit on New Year's Day.

Bangkok

Thailand



New York City hosts The Time Square Ball Drop, where millions gather to watch a large metal ball descend down a specially designed pole; this begins at 11:59:00 p.m. and rests at midnight, to signal the start of the new year.



New York City

United States

Sydney is home to one of the largest firework displays in the world, lasting almost a full 15 minutes. This display is best seen from a boat or harbor, and after the display, the celebration lasts until dawn.



Sydney

Australia

The history of New Years...

The first New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years.

The famous Scottish folk song 'Auld Lang Syne' is sung across the world on New Year's Day.

The island nation of Kiribati, in the Central Pacific, is the first to ring in the new year.

The tradition of a New Year's Eve kiss started with the Romans.