

DIWALI

Diwali, also known as Divali or Deepavali depending on where you are, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deeps) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. Diwali is celebrated over five days.

Diwali – Festival of Lights by National Geographic (3min):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HrrW3rO51ak>

My Life, My Religion: Hinduism by BBC: This is a 30-minute episode of a docuseries that follows a family as they explain what Hinduism is to them, their values, and their festivals. If you would like to only view the Diwali section of the video, feel free to skip ahead to 24:53, it is about 4mins long.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hfhka-OvLSA>

Article: The Multi-Hued Stories of Diwali by The New Indian Press: The different stories of Diwali throughout history.

[https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/kochi/2023/nov/09/the-multi-huedstories-of-diwali-](https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/kochi/2023/nov/09/the-multi-huedstories-of-diwali-2631287.html#:~:text=Bengali%20Diwali&text=Hindu%20mythology%20says%20that%20when,obstacle%20for%20our%20spiritual%20journey)

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