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# What is Songkran?



Songkran is a festival held every year in Thailand on **13<sup>th</sup> April**. It celebrates the traditional New Year in the Thai calendar.

People celebrate **Songkran** by throwing water at each other. It is also known as the Water Festival. People believe that water will wash away bad luck.

# Getting Splashed!



If you're visiting Thailand during Songkran, prepare to get splashed! Crowds of people roam around throwing buckets of water, using water pistols and soak everyone! Sounds like fun!

# Family and Respect



Family is another important aspect of the festival, with many Thai people making their way to their hometowns to spend time with older relatives. Some people visit temples throughout Songkran where water is poured on Buddha images and on the hands of Buddhist monks as a mark of respect.

# Who can celebrate Songkran?



Songkran is a hugely important festival to Thai people, but it's also very popular with visitors and many go there on holiday just for this. Anyone and everyone can and will get involved in the celebrations. Would you like to go to Thailand for Songkran?

# Happy Songkran!

