

FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

THAILAND

RAMADAN



Watch a short video on how Ramadan is celebrated in Thailand and take part in activities from that culture.

COUNTRY QUIZ TIME

Q1. True or false: Thailand is the world's largest exporter of Jasmine?

False. Thailand is the world's largest exporter of Orchids. It is the national flower of Thailand and the country sends over 50,000 tons of orchids around the world.

Q2. True or false: The Thai language has 32 vowels?

True. The Thai language has 55 consonants, 32 vowels and to make things more tricky, it has 6 tones. The word 'mai' can mean no, new, wood, silk, or burn!

Q3. True or false: Most Thai boys become monks once in their lives?

True. Thailand is a buddhist country and it is common for boys to live as monks for a few weeks or years. They learn mindfulness, meditation and get an education at the temple. The next main religions are Islam then Christianity.

Q4. True or false: Markets in Thailand float?

True. The rivers of Thailand have always been used as a way to shop for food and goods. It is now a tourist must-do to go a boat and shop for snacks and souvenirs.

ACTIVITY TIME:

Cook Massaman Curry

<https://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes/massaman-curry/ftj6agqi>

Sun catcher

<https://www.incultureparent.com/ramadan-craft-sun-catchers/>

I-Spy

https://www.papertraildesign.com/i-spy-ramadan-activity/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwindtribes&utm_content=tribes&utm_term=1055519220_49484690_25934



VIDEO EXPLAINING RAMADAN AND EID AL-FITR



What is Eid al-Fitr?

Eid al-Fitr is known as the 'Feast of breaking bread' which marks the end of fasting for Ramadan.

What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is the Islamic holy month of fasting where Muslims are not permitted to eat when it is daylight time.

When is Ramadan?

Ramadan occurs on the ninth month of the holy Muslim calendar and can change each year depending on when the new moon appears.

What happens during Ramadan?

During Ramadan, Muslims will fast between sunrise and sunset as this will allow them to devote themselves to their faith. It is common to have one meal called suhoor before the sunrises and another immediately after sunset called iftar. Muslims will pray at set times throughout the day (at a mosque), spend time reading their holy book-the Quran and perform good deeds for others.

How is Eid al-Fitr Celebrated?

The end of Ramadan is marked by the festival of Eid ul-Fitr or the Feast of Breaking Bread. Muslims say a special prayer to thank Allah for giving them strength to fast and then have a special meal together with the family. During this time they get specially dressed up, give gifts to one another and spend time with family and friends as well as giving money to charity (called Zakat).

PRAYER TIME:

- 1. Pray for Thai Muslims, that as they pray to Allah, they will get to know the one true God and his sent son, Jesus Christ who can give eternal life.*
- 2. Pray for Muslim children to have the opportunity to learn about the love and salvation of Jesus as they grow up.*
- 3. Pray for Thai Christians to show love and support to their Muslim neighbours during Ramadan.*

