

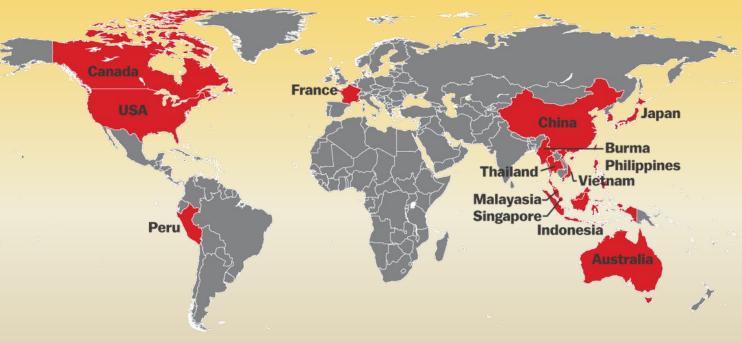


#### When is Chinese New Year 2021?

The Chinese New Year marks the first day in the lunar calendar, which begins the day after the first new moon appears between January 21 and February 20. This year the New Year falls on Friday, February 12. The celebrations usually start on the evening preceding /предшествующий/ the first day of the new year (February 11), and run until the fifteenth day (February 26), when lantern festivals / фестивали фонарей/ traditionally take place.



## Where is Chinese New Year celebrated?





#### **How is Chinese New Year celebrated?**





#### **Chinese New Year Taboos**



No Sweeping/Dusting (for fear of sweeping away good fortune)



No Borrowing of Money (What you do sets a precedent for the whole year)



No Crying (Or you'll cry for the rest of the year)



No Scissors/Knives (For fear of cutting your fortune)



No "Unlucky" Words Eg: Break, spoil, die, gone, poor



No Hairwash (Suspected to wash away your good fortune)



No Black Clothes (Color represents death & bad luck)



for Red Packets
(Odd number associated with offerings
given at funeral wakes)



No Tofu, Porridge, Bitter Gourd
Tofu is white, and the color represents death & misfortune.
Earting porridge on the first day is akin to an invitation for poverty.
Avoid bitter food as it sounds unlucky "吃苦")



No Breaking of Dishes (Signifies bad luck)





# How can you celebrate Chinese New Year at home?

- Clean and de-clutter / убирать беспорядок/ your home.
- Decorate the house in red and gold.
- Set out some sweets.
- Give out lucky red envelopes.
- Prepare some meaningful dishes.
- Have oranges for dessert.
- Watch dragon and lion dances.
- Craft your own paper lanterns.



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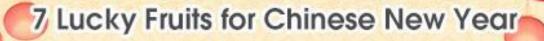
Feast, feast /застолье/. Although many major streets and Chinatowns across the globe will feel eerily quiet for this time of year, the all-important family dinner on New Year's Eve will still be a goer for most people. And for those unable to travel back to see family, cooking their own feast will hopefully provide some home comfort in these bizarre times / странное время/. Plus there are plenty of delivery services offering Chinese New Year meals in cities around the world.

#### 7 Chinese New Year Foods that will Bring You Good Luck











Oranges Good Luck and Happiness



Pomelos Family Reunion



Apples Safeness



Abundance





Pomegranates Longevity and Prosperity



Success

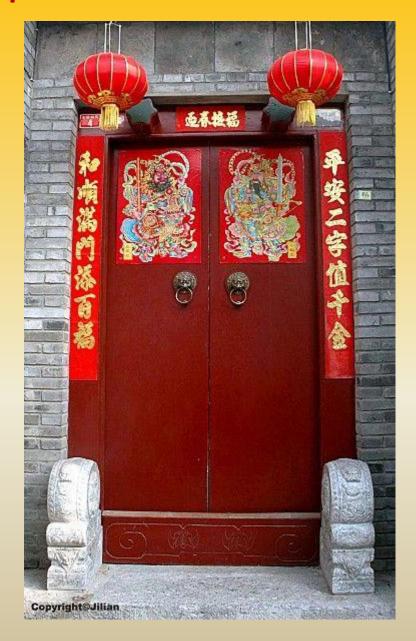


#### Chinese Red Lanterns — Drive Off Bad Luck





#### **Door Couplets — Best Wishes for the Coming Year**





## Paper Cuttings — Luck and Happiness





### Upside-Down Fu Characters — Luck 'Poured Out'





## Chinese New Year Hongbao and Gift-Giving Etiquette

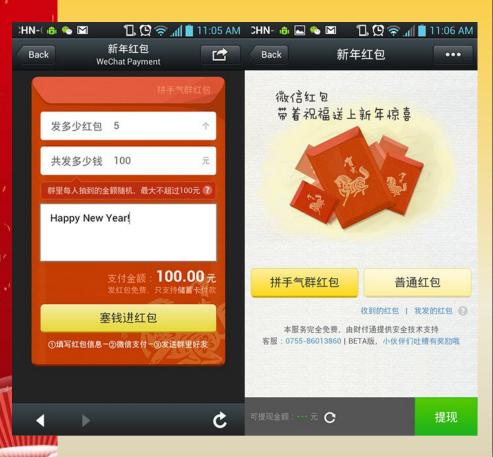
- A tip when giving a red envelope: avoid giving amounts with the number '4' which in Chinese sounds like 'death', and is therefore considered bad luck. The best amount starts or ends with an eight, because the number '8' sounds like 'wealth' and 'fortune'.
- Always receive the red envelope with both hands. It is impolite to accept a gift with one hand and never open the red envelope or gift but always do this privately.



Wish friends and family wealth and good fortune with these 8 Chinese New Year greetings

- 1. 新年快乐 Xīn nián kuài lè (Happy New Year)
- 2. 恭喜发财 Gōng xǐ fā cái (Wishing you wealth and prosperity in Chinese), or Gong Hei Fa Choi (Happy New Year in Cantonese)
- 3. 财源滚滚 *Cái yuán gǔn gǔn* (May wealth come pouring in)
- 4. 年年有余 Nián nián yǒu yú (May you have abundance every year)
- 5. 心想事成 Xīn xiǎng shì chéng (May all your wishes come true)
- 6. 万事如意 Wàn shì rú yì (May everything go as you wish)
- 7. 牛年大吉 Niú nián dà jí (Happy New Year of the Ox)
- 8. 牛气冲天 Niú qi chōng tiān (Strong like a bull)

#### Red envelopes' via WeChat.





# Dragon Dance <a href="https://youtu.be/8Ggno-uaEzA">https://youtu.be/8Ggno-uaEzA</a>

