



Chinese New Year

春节



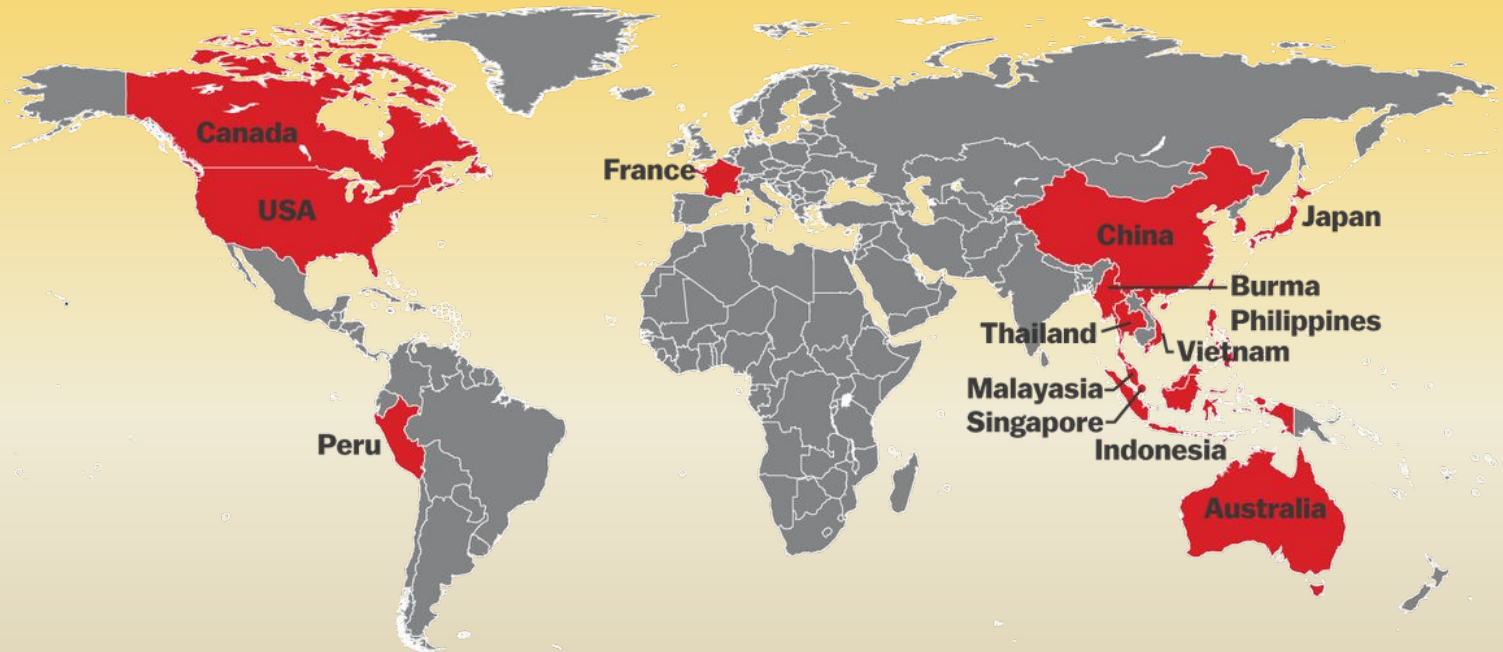
The image features a decorative background on the left side. It includes two red lanterns hanging from the top, each with the Chinese character '福' (Fú) written on it. Below the lanterns, there are stylized red and white fans and a red and white wave-like pattern at the bottom. The background is a gradient of red and yellow.

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?

Day-by-Day Chinese New Year Celebrations



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)



No Odd Number Amount 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.
Eating 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**.



How can you celebrate Chinese New Year at home?

Feast, 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



Dumplings
wealth



Fish
surplus & fortune



Glutinous Rice Balls
family reunion



Noodles
longevity



Wontons
wealth and treasure



Spring Rolls
wealth and fresh start



Glutinous Rice Cake
rise in career and salary



7 Lucky Fruits for Chinese New Year



Oranges
Good Luck and
Happiness



Pomelos
Family Reunion



Apples
Safeness



Grapes
Abundance



Pineapples
Wealth



Pomegranates
Longevity and
Prosperity



Sugarcanes
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

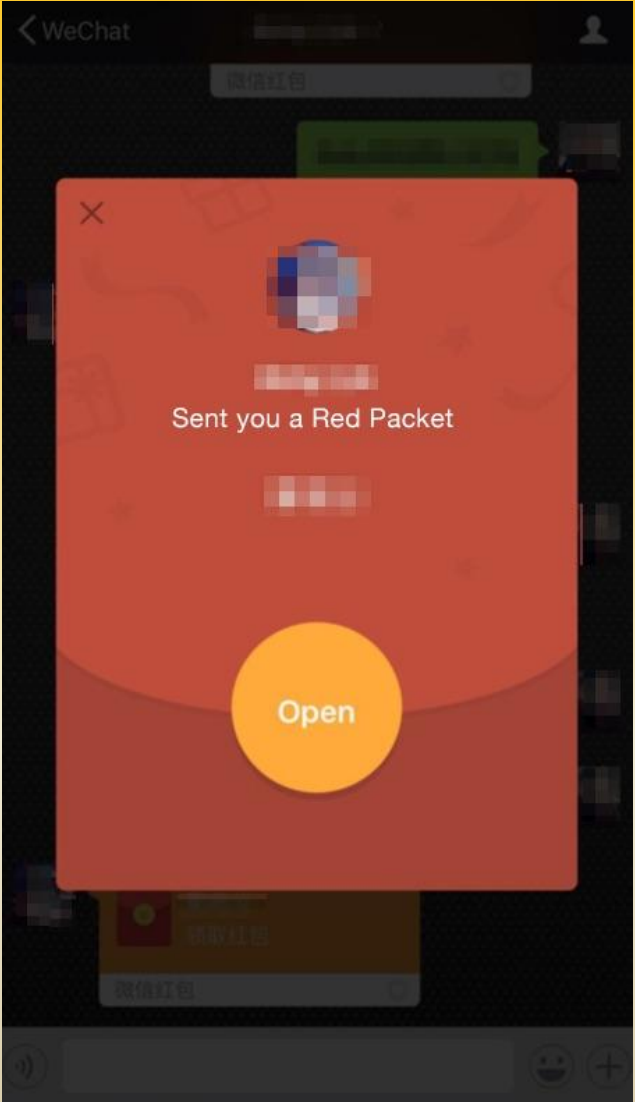
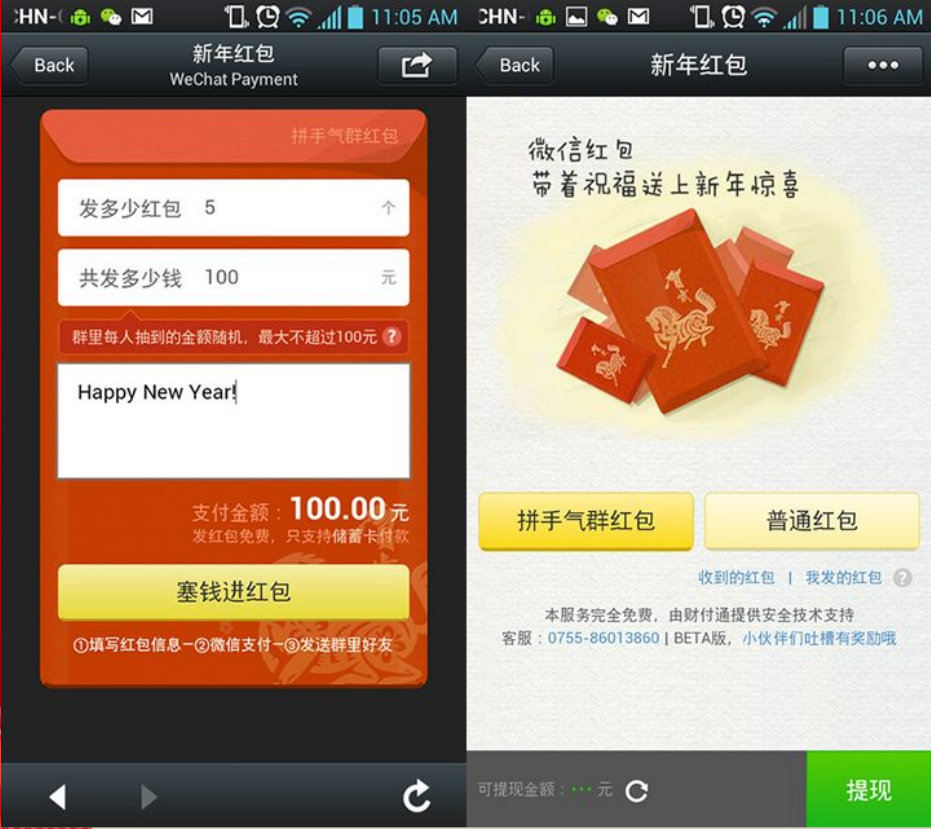
- A tip when giving a red envelope: avoid giving amounts with the number '4' which in Chinese sounds like '*death*', and is therefore considered bad luck. The best amount starts or ends with an eight, because the number '8' sounds like '*wealth*' and '*fortune*'.
- Always receive the red envelope with 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 qì chōng tiān* (Strong like a bull)

Red envelopes' via WeChat.



Dragon Dance

<https://youtu.be/8Ggno-uaEzA>

