

FAMOUS FESTIVALS OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

The people of Himachal Pradesh are known for their rich cultural heritage and values. Himachal Pradesh has a rich and varied history which can be divided into several distinct eras, so much so that the festivals related to it are celebrated even today.

Kullu Dussehra: A famous festival of Himachal Pradesh, is a week-long congregation of the local devtas and devis which begins on the tenth of the white lunar period of Asvin and ends on the full moon day. **Halda Festival:** It is celebrated with great enthusiasm in Lahaul-Spiti in which the residents of the Gahar Valley, Chandra valley and Pattan valley take part.

Losar Festival: It celebrates the uniqueness of Tibetan ethnicity in Himachal Pradesh on the new-year according to the Tibetan calendar. The festival is celebrated over a span of fifteen days but its true grandeur is seen from February 24 to February 26.

Sazo Festival: Bringing religious trevor and spiritual ecstasy to the whole valley of Kinnaur is the ancient Sazo festival. Being one of the beautiful festivals of Himachal Pradesh, Sazo rooted in the strong belief that during this time, the deities ascend back to heaven for some time. Their departure is considered a huge event. The locals in the valley follow strict rituals regarding the celebration.