

## **Thadingyut Festival**

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The Thadingyut Festival, also known as the Lighting Festival of Myanmar.

It is held on the **full moon day of the Burmese lunar month** of Thadingyut.

As a custom, it is held at the **end of the Buddhist sabbath** (Vassa) and is the **second most popular festival** in Myanmar after Thingyan Festival (New Year Water Festival).

Thadingyut festival is the celebration to **welcome the Buddha's descent from the heaven after he preached the Abhidhamma to his mother**, Maya, who was reborn in the heaven.