Traditional Chinese Customs
Video: Brief introduction of China
Spring Festival

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• Spring festival is the beginning of a new year in the Chinese lunar calendar, so it is regarded as the most important Chinese traditional festival.

• In 2018, the first day of the Lunar New Year was on Friday, 16 February, initiating the year of the Dog.
Lunar Calendar

• The lunar calendar, also called the Yin Calendar in China, is a calendar based on cycles of the phases of the moon.
Chinese Zodiac
The 12 Animal signs
Video: The Legend of "Nian"
A real Chinese Springfestival

This 11-min long video will show you some Chinese New Year traditions. The camera crew visited a large family in rural China that still keeps many traditional festival activities, which people living in cities are getting not familiar with.
Before Spring Festival

- Transport during the Spring Festival.
- The worship of ancestors.
- To thoroughly clean the house.
- To prepare food, new clothes.
- Decorated with red color paper-cut and couplets
- “福”fú is pasted upside down
Spring Festival Eve

- New Year’s Eve families (reunion) dinner.
- Dumplings
- Watch Spring Festival Gala Evening
- Stay up late till the next day for the celebration
1^{st}-15^{th} days of Spring Festival

- Giving ceremonial greetings to relatives and friends
- Red color
- Red packets
- Fireworks
- The lion dance, Dragon lantern dance, stilt walking......