Harvest Festivals Around The World

Judith Hoffman Corwin

Fest300 - 8 of the Most Interesting Harvest Festivals Around the World Nov 25, 2011. When one thinks about harvest festivals in North America, it is easy for most people to not look beyond Thanksgiving, which is celebrated in the United States. However, many other countries around the world also celebrate harvest festivals. In this article, we will explore some of the most interesting harvest festivals from around the world.

1. Thanksgiving in Canada

Thanksgiving is a federal holiday in Canada, celebrated on the second Monday in October. It was first observed in 1879, and was created to celebrate the success of the harvest that year. It is a time for families to come together and give thanks for the blessings of the year.

2. Harvest Festivals in Europe

Harvest festivals are an ancient tradition found in almost every culture. They exist to celebrate the bountiful harvest that nature provides. In Europe, harvest festivals are celebrated in many different ways. For example, the Feast of St. George in Italy celebrates the grape harvest, while the Harvest Fair in England celebrates the harvest of wheat.

3. Thanksgiving in Australia

Thanksgiving is also celebrated in Australia, but it is not a federal holiday. It is a time for families to come together and give thanks for the blessings of the year. In Australia, the harvest is usually celebrated in the spring, rather than in the fall as it is in the United States.

4. Harvest Festivals in Asia

Harvest festivals are also celebrated in Asia. For example, the Festival of Lights in India celebrates the harvest of rice, while the Harvest Festival in China celebrates the harvest of rice and other crops.

5. Harvest Festivals in Africa

Harvest festivals are also celebrated in Africa. For example, the Maize Harvest Festival in South Africa celebrates the harvest of maize, while the Harvest Festival in Ethiopia celebrates the harvest of wheat.

6. Harvest Festivals in South America

Harvest festivals are also celebrated in South America. For example, the Autumn Festival in Brazil celebrates the harvest of grapes, while the Harvest Festival in Argentina celebrates the harvest of wheat.

7. Harvest Festivals in Australia

Harvest festivals are also celebrated in Australia. For example, the Autumn Festival in Victoria celebrates the harvest of grapes, while the Wheat Harvest Festival in Western Australia celebrates the harvest of wheat.

8. Harvest Festivals in New Zealand

Harvest festivals are also celebrated in New Zealand. For example, the Autumn Festival in Auckland celebrates the harvest of grapes, while the Wheat Harvest Festival in Canterbury celebrates the harvest of wheat.

In conclusion, harvest festivals are a celebration of the bountiful harvest that nature provides. They are an important part of the cultural heritage of many countries around the world. Whether it is the Festival of Lights in India, the Maize Harvest Festival in South Africa, or the Autumn Festival in Victoria, harvest festivals are a time for families to come together and give thanks for the blessings of the year.