MEANING
• “Love.”
• Known as the Festival of Colors, Festival of Spring and the Festival of Love, it is a celebration of the arrival of spring, the divine love of Radha Krishna and the victory of good over evil.

GREETINGS
• “Happy Holi.”

WHEN
• The festival always falls on Purnima, or the day of the full moon. It begins on the evening of the full moon in the month of Phalguna, a month in the Hindu lunar calendar and extends into a two-day celebration.

COMMON PRACTICES
• On Holika Dahan, the day before the full moon, a bonfire is lit for puja (prayer) that is cleansing and burns away bad and evil.
• Street festivals with smearing colored paint and water.

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In India, Holi is considered a public holiday. Most school and businesses are closed, some people in other parts of the world may take time off for celebration.

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Type of Calendar:
Hindu (lunisolar)