

DIWALI FESTIVAL

AUCKLAND

14-15 OCTOBER 2017
NOON-9PM | AOTEA SQUARE

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life

CELEBRATE INDIAN
MUSIC, DANCE,
FASHION & FOOD

FESTIVAL GUIDE & MAP

NAMASTE | WELCOME

Welcome to the Auckland Diwali Festival 2017!
On Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 October, Aotea Square will come to life with the sights, sounds and flavours of India.

Enjoy live music, spectacular dance performances, fashion, kids' fun and authentic vegetarian Indian food, including sweets at the Mithai food stall.



Check out the full festival programme at aucklandnz.com/diwali

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WHAT IS DIWALI?

Diwali or Deepavali (row of lamps) is an important and ancient Indian festival celebrated throughout India and in Indian communities around the world.

Also known as The Festival of Lights, Diwali signifies the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil and the renewal of life.

Diwali commemorates the return of Lord Rama, his wife and brother from their 14-year exile and their defeat of the demon-king Ravana. Villagers celebrated the return of Lord Rama and his family by setting off fireworks and lighting diyas (clay lamps) to guide their journey back to their kingdom.

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMERS

Lavani dance group – Kalika Kala Kendra

Don't miss the spicy performances from international dance group Kalika Kala Kendra, which will bring centuries-old traditions to life on the main stage in Aotea Square this weekend. The renowned dance group has come all the way to Auckland from Ahmednagar in Maharashtra State. The dancers are experts at the romantic folk dance style known as 'lavani' – a combination of traditional song and dance performed to the quick tempo beats of dholki, a percussion instrument.

MAIN STAGE

Sat - 2.15pm & 7.30pm
Sun - 4.55pm & 7.30pm



FESTIVAL MUST-SEES

Radio Tarana Bollywood Dance Competition

Bollywood dance is an exhilarating blend of styles that take in elements of jazz, hip-hop, ballet, and classical Indian dance. Don't miss the fast, fabulous and hotly contested Radio Tarana Bollywood Dance Competition – a festival must-see!

ASB Hunt, Snap and Win

Celebrate Diwali with ASB and hunt down the posters hidden around the Auckland Diwali Festival. There are some exciting prizes up for grabs. To join the hunt, txt 'ASB' to 332.

Barfoot & Thompson hub

Visit the Barfoot & Thompson archway (corner Queen St and Wellesley St) between 12-6pm, get your photo taken and you'll get a free magnet to frame your new Diwali memories.

Indian Weekender Mr and Ms Diwali

This cultural fashion contest with a touch of glamour will showcase the fusion of traditional and modern Indian fashion with an exciting talent-show in the form of a beauty pageant.

EVENT MAP



MAP KEY

Trees/grass areas

Buildings

Aotea Square

Road Block

Accessible parking

Civic Accessible parking

Accessible drop off area

Accessible toilets

Toilets

St John

Information

Auckland Transport bike racks

Mobile Library

Pedestrian only

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FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Saturday	Sunday
MAIN STAGE		
Opening Ceremony	2pm	-
Stage performances	12-9pm	12-9pm
Kalika Kala Kendra – international lavani dance group	2.15pm 7.30pm	4.55pm 7.30pm
Radio Tarana Bollywood Dance Competition – Jnr & Int	12.30pm	-
Radio Tarana Bollywood Dance Competition – Seniors	-	4pm
Miss India NZ Fashion Show	-	5.45pm
Indian Weekender Mr & Ms Diwali Contest	6.50pm	6.20pm
Barfoot & Thompson Fireworks Finale	-	9pm
AOTEA SQUARE (GRASS AREA)		
Kids' rides	12-9pm	12-9pm
Sponsor activities & giveaways	12-9pm	12-9pm
AOTEA CENTRE		
Rangoli art workshop	12-5pm	12-5pm
Classical music stage	12-5pm	12-5pm
QUEEN STREET		
Food and craft stalls	12-9pm	12-9pm
Street performances	12-7pm	12-7pm
BARFOOT & THOMPSON HUB		
Come play and learn in the kids' zone	12-5pm	12-5pm
DJ stage	6-9pm	6-9pm

Festival programme correct at time of printing. Check out the full festival programme at aucklandnz.com/diwali



The Auckland Diwali Festival encourages a smokefree environment. Thank you for not smoking.