

The 4 Navaratri's in 2022 (South Africa)



Navaratri is a Hindu festival of worship of Devi Adi Para-Shakti and dance and festivities. The word Navaratri literally means nine nights in Sanskrit, nava meaning nine and ratri meaning nights. During these nine nights and ten days, nine forms of Shakti/Devi Durga are worshipped. It is commonly referred to as Dussehra in India. Navaratri is celebrated four times a year according to India's seasons. They are Poushya/Magha Navaratri, Vasant Navaratri, Ashadha Navaratri, and Sharada MAHA Navaratri. Of these, the Sharada Navaratri and Vasant Navaratri are most important.

Devi Bhagavatam book 3 chapter 27... states "On observing the Navaratri Vratam, one receives from Devi Durga riches, children, grandchildren, prosperity and happiness, longevity, health, heaven and even final beatitude. Those who are desirous of learning, riches or children will get them all if they perform this most auspicious Navaratra ceremony. On the performance of this sacrifice, those that want knowledge and learning receives all that. Those that have not performed the Navaratra ceremony, how can they acquire riches in this world and acquire happiness and peace in their next? There is no other vow superior to this vow in this world' this vow is very holy and will bring unto you lots of happiness."

Devi devotees who abstain from animal sacrifice perform "symbolic BALI" with vegetables/fruits like bananas, cucumber, white pumpkin, nutmeg and sugar cane.



Magha Gupta Navaratri 2022: Magha Gupta Navaratri is the festival of nine days dedicated to the nine forms of Mother Durga or the three main forms of the Mother viz Mother's Durga, Lakshmi and Sarasvati in the month of Magha (January/February).

1st - 10th February 2022 Magha Gupta Navaratri is observed over 10 days.

1st - 3rd February Is dedicated to Mother Durga

4th - 6th February Is dedicated to Mother Lakshmi

7th - 10th February Is dedicated to Mother Saraswati

1 st February	Day 1 (Pratipada)	Mother Shailputri is worshipped
2 nd February	Day 2 (Dwitiya)	Mother Brahmacharini is worshipped
3 rd February	Day 3 (Tritiya)	Mother Chandraghanta is worshipped
4 th February	Day 4 (Chaturthi)	Mother Kushmanda is worshipped
5 th February	Day 5 (Panchami)	Mother Skandamata is worshipped
6 th February	Day 6 (Shashti)	Mother Katyayani is worshipped
7 th February	Day 7 (Saptami)	Mother Kalaratri is worshipped
8 th February	Day 8 (Ashtami)	Mother Mahagauri is worshipped
9 th , 10 th February	Day 9 (Navami)	Mother Siddhidatri is worshipped
11 th February	Day 11 (Dashami)	Vijay Dashami

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Vasant/Chaitra Navaratri 2022: is the festival of nine days dedicated to the nine forms of Mother Durga or the three main forms of the Mother viz Mother's Durga, Lakshmi and Sarasvati in the spring (Vasant) season (March-April).

2nd - 10th April 2022 Vasant/Chaitra Navaratri is observed over 9 days.

2nd - 4th April Is dedicated to Mother Durga

5th - 7th April Is dedicated to Mother Lakshmi

8th - 10th April Is dedicated to Mother Sarasvati

2 nd April	Day 1 (Pratipada)	Mother Shailputri is worshipped
3 rd April	Day 2 (Dwitiya)	Mother Brahmacharini is worshipped
4 th April	Day 3 (Tritiya)	Mother Chandraghanta is worshipped
5 th April	Day 4 (Chaturthi)	Mother Kushmanda is worshipped
6 th April	Day 5 (Panchami)	Mother Skandamata is worshipped
7 th April	Day 6 (Shashti)	Mother Katyayani is worshipped
8 th April	Day 7 (Saptami)	Mother Kalaratri is worshipped
9 th April	Day 8 (Ashtami)	Mother Mahagauri is worshipped
10 th April	Day 9 (Navami)	Mother Siddhidatri is worshipped
11 th April	Day 10 (Dashami)	Vijay Dashami

Ashadha/Gupta Navaratri 2022: is the festival of nine days dedicated to the nine forms of Mother Durga or the three main forms of the Mother viz Mother's Durga, Lakshmi and Sarasvati in the month of Ashadha (June-July).

29th June - 8th July 2022 Ashadha Navaratri is observed over 10 days.

29 th June - 2 nd July	Is dedicated to Mother Durga	
3 rd - 5 th July	Is dedicated to Mother Lakshmi	
6 th - 8 th July	Is dedicated to Mother Sarasvati	
29 th , 30 th June	Day 1 (Pratipada)	Mother Shailputri is worshipped
1 st July	Day 2 (Dwitiya)	Mother Brahmacharini is worshipped
2 nd July	Day 3 (Tritiya)	Mother Chandraghanta is worshipped
3 rd July	Day 4 (Chaturthi)	Mother Kushmanda is worshipped
4 th July	Day 5 (Panchami)	Mother Skandamata is worshipped
5 th July	Day 6 (Shashti)	Mother Katyayani is worshipped
6 th July	Day 7 (Saptami)	Mother Kalaratri is worshipped
7 th July	Day 8 (Ashtami)	Mother Mahagauri is worshipped
8 th July	Day 9 (Navami)	Mother Siddhidatri is worshipped
9 th July	Day 10 (Dashami)	Vijay Dashami

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Sharad Navaratri 2022: This is the most important of the Navaratri. It is simply called Maha Navaratri (the Great Navaratri) and is celebrated in the month of Ashvina. It is celebrated during Sharad (beginning of winter in India, September-October) and is the festival of nine days dedicated to the nine forms of Mother Durga or the three main forms of the Mother viz Mother's Durga, Lakshmi and Sarasvati.

26th September - 4th October Maha (Sharad) Navaratri is observed over 9 days.

26 th - 28 th September	Is dedicated to Mother Durga	
29 th September - 1 st October	Is dedicated to Mother Lakshmi	
2 nd - 4 th October	Is dedicated to Mother Sarasvati	
26 th September	Day 1 (Pratipada)	Navaratri color of the day - WHITE Mother Shailputri is worshipped
27 th September	Day 2 (Dwitiya)	Navaratri color of the day - RED Mother Brahmacharini is worshipped
28 th September	Day 3 (Tritiya)	Navaratri color of the day - ROYAL BLUE Mother Chandraghanta is worshipped
29 th September	Day 4 (Chaturthi)	Navaratri color of the day - YELLOW Mother Kushmanda is worshipped
30 th September	Day 5 (Panchami)	Navaratri color of the day - GREEN Mother Skandamata is worshipped
1 st October	Day 6 (Shashti)	Navaratri color of the day - GREY Mother Katyayani is worshipped

2 nd October	Day 7 (Saptami)	Navaratri color of the day - ORANGE Mother Kalaratri is worshipped
3 rd October	Day 8 (Ashtami)	Navaratri color of the day - PEACOCK GREEN Mother Mahagauri is worshipped
4 th October	Day 9 (Navami)	Navaratri color of the day - PINK Mother Siddhidatri is worshipped
5 th October	Day 10 (Dashami)	Vijay Dashami/Dussehra (DURGA VISARJAN) Color of the day - GREEN OR BROWN

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