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# THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CHINESE NEW YEAR

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The third of the 12 Chinese Zodiac signs, the Tiger represents bravery, confidence, and strength. The Water Tiger refers to the five elements (fire, earth, metal, water, and wood) that rotates around the animal signs – meaning the 2022 Tiger might be less aggressive and more open minded.

One major element of the festival is honoring relatives who have passed and visiting loved ones. Around 2.9 billion domestic trips are taken to visit families.

On the final day of celebrations when the full moon arrives, people gather outside to gaze at the moon and send up lanterns decorated with lucky symbols. This symbolizes a smooth future and wishing families well in the coming year.



Gift-giving is customary, with elders giving small amounts of money to children in red envelopes for luck and households exchanging food gifts. Gold jewelry is also popular with high demand affecting the gold price worldwide, known as the Love Trade.

Bright red and the face of a dragon serve as symbols of good fortune and, in combination with loud noises and firecrackers, are believed to scare away evil spirits. People adorn their homes and entire cities with red decorations to bring forth prosperity.