

Celebrate Ganesh Visarjan

Festival Dates: Between August and September



Ganesh Visarjan or Ganesh-Utsav begins on Ganesha Chaturthi, which is celebrated for 10 days. On the eleventh day – Ganesh Visarjan happens when the statue of Lord Ganesha is immersed into a water body, preferably in a river, lake or the sea. Lord Vinayaka or Ganesh Ji or Ganpati Ji, is the darling of the masses. This festival brings people of all religion, caste and creed together.

While this festival is celebrated all over India, it is grandest and most elaborate in Maharashtra. In Mumbai, Ganesh Visarjan is performed under the guidance of Ganpati Mandals. Lalbaugcha Raja is the most famous and biggest Sarvajanik Ganapati, kept at Lalbaug, a prominent locality in Mumbai during Ganesh Chaturthi festival.

After the final offering of coconuts, flowers and sweets, the statues of Lord Ganesha are taken to the water body through the street procession with much fanfare. Thousands of devotees join the procession and fill the whole atmosphere with chanting of Lord Ganesha - "Ganapati Bappa Morya" and "Ganesh Maharaj Ki, Jai" are few of the famous slogans which are chanted throughout the procession.

The idol is immersed on the auspicious day of Ganesh Visarjan. The street procession is accompanied with Dhol, Tasha and the other traditional instruments. Ganesh Visarjan continues throughout the night till the next morning. There are four main locations in Mumbai where the Ganesh statues get immersed. The largest and most famous Ganesh statues are immersed at Chowpatty on Marine Drive in South Mumbai.

