



21 DAYS OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

February 28
15th day of the first month



Lantern Festival; a full moon. & the end of Chinese New Year. A traditional festival welcoming spring and prayers for rain for agriculture. All shops display lanterns and many types of firecrackers are set off. Families vie to buy the largest number and variety of fireworks. Smoke from exploding fireworks fills the air and there is much noise and laughter as people attend theatricals, outdoor games and sports and special riddle-guessing contests. Round cakes, *yuan xiao*, are eaten on this day.

