



Thanksgiving Day in the United States is a holiday on the fourth Thursday of November. It precedes Black Friday.

■What do people do?

Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal.

The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables.



Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have.

Thanksgiving Day parades are held in some cities and towns on or around Thanksgiving Day.

Some parades or festivities also mark the opening of the Christmas shopping season.

Some people have a four-day weekend so it is a popular time for trips and to visit family and friends.

■Public life

Most government offices, businesses, schools and other organizations are closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Many offices and businesses allow staff to have a four-day weekend so these offices and businesses

are also closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving Day.

Public transit systems do not usually operate on their regular timetables.

Thanksgiving Day it is one of the busiest periods for travel in the USA.

This can cause congestion and overcrowding. Seasonal parades and busy football games can cause disruption to local traffic.