

Lucky and Unlucky Numbers around the World

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Numerology is an ancient system unlocking and understand the influences of numbers to help a person become the captain of their own life. It is a system that claims nothing in your life is random, everything happens for a reason. Understanding numerology might help guide you to a more prosperous life in every aspect. Numerologists claim they can prepare you for circumstances that are heading in your direction and assist you in making the right decisions for the most positive outcome. Numerologists teach that the choices you make and the actions you take all have a Numerology equation. By use of ancient, unique formulas numerology analyses names and numbers to calculate probable events that can happen to YOU.



Lucky Numbers

The concept of lucky numbers is something that knows no borders. The nature of lucky number itself is very subjective, and some countries are more apt to hold numbers closer to their collective hearts than others. Consequently, it's important to remember that the origins of lucky numbers are much more regional than you would expect. Countries like China have had a long history of working with numbers and record keeping, and much of that tradition has persisted up until today. In Europe, the Roman Empire had a similar reputation for control through the use of numbers and records and the end result is a lasting effect on the countries that were once within the Empire's sphere of influence.

China

In China, they have had a long relationship with numbers and with trying to control or forecast one's destiny. In China, certain numbers have a specific sound that signifies similarities with characters in the language, such as the number 3 sounding like the character for birth, or the number six sounding like the word for flow or work. It goes even further in China, with certain numbers looking like a word that represents a positive object as in the number zero having the same ending as the word for money.

You can see this number represented in advertisements all over the country and found on the walls of many gambling establishments. Two is a number that is a very positive in China, and this is a sentiment shared throughout the massive nation.

America

In the USA, the status of the lucky number has never really been in question, as it has been a part of all the cultures that make up the brilliant patchwork of the country. Many of the old world superstitions that came with the immigrants from Europe and Asia, including the superstition concerning the number 13, and the popularity of numerology in the country, are imported. Recently, there has been some examples of the establishment of newer numbers with their own American grown background, such as the number 39. This number comes from the Judeo-Christian mysticism that has become a part of the culture and is based on the idea that is a number sent down by the angels to guide people through their lives.

Japan

Another example of how countries have developed their own history of lucky number is founded in spiritualism. A prime example of spiritualism and numerology is found in Japan where the Buddhist and Shinto religions have created a long list of numbers that that are believed to have significance. For example the numbers 8 & 6 which are seen throughout the country in temple architecture.

LUCKY NUMBERS IN EUROPE

Number 7

The main lucky number throughout all of Europe is without a doubt the number 7. It is a number that is rarely seen as anything but a good omen in western culture with many famous royal personalities throughout history crediting it with being the number that controlled destiny. Countries like the UK, France, Netherlands, Germany, Portugal, Spain Austria, and Norway all have a special affection for the number that seems to cross-cultural lines and even religious lines as the countries with more of a rich pagan heritage have attached positive feeling to the number.

Number 13

One of the strange outliers in the global consensus that 13 is a bad omen is found in Italy. To the Italians, the number thirteen is seen in many different places in the society, from the markets to the gambling houses; to the churches, cathedrals, and monasteries. The number is considered to be lucky because of its connection to St. Anthony, a person who is commonly regarded as the patron saint of lost items and lost people. The faithful often pray to the saint for the location of things like lost keys, but they also pray for him and use his number as a charm to bring themselves good luck and good fortune.

Number 4

The Number 4 is a number that doesn't often come up when you are listing off lucky numbers unless you are talking about two particular countries. In Germany, the number represents good luck attributed to unity and idea of balance. In Ireland, the number is linked to the four leaf clover and good luck. Some consider it a number that is linked to St Patrick's Day especially in modern times as it has the history connected to the four leaf clover and St. Patrick's Day has become blended with this symbol.

Number 9

Norway is still very closely linked to its pagan past. In many regards, gnomes and trolls are very much still a concern and in some circles flat out accepted as fact. So it is no surprise that since the number nine is linked to Norwegian mythology, the people of Norway treat it as something of a sacred number and a number that brings good fortune. This tradition is an example of pagan roots, finding their way into modern society.

LUCKY NUMBERS IN JAPAN

- As a country that has a reputation for being able to keep solid records, Japan has always been a culture defined by the roles that numbers play in the country. Also, there is a prevalent gambling culture and devoted to the power and auspicious possibility with certain numbers being the mark of bravery and of possessing a bit of the gamblers spirit as numbers. The name of numbers and the role that they can play in the way people live their lives is sure to have some inclusion in numerical superstitions.
- **8 & 6**
- In Japanese culture numbers and number combinations often hold some sort of specific cultural significance. Two good examples of that are the numbers 8 and 6, arguably the two luckiest numbers in Japan. These numbers can be seen in several different places in Japanese culture and architecture especially in many of the business of spiritual buildings in the country. These numbers are as much sought after as the number 13 is avoided in American culture. The number eight, in particular, is called, “sue-hirogari” that is linked to being increasingly successful.
- **The Number Seven**
- This number is considered very lucky in many cultures outside of Japan. This number has a reputation for being a focal point of good fortune and is an important number in Shinto architecture. This number is considered to be universally lucky amongst all cultures with, seven days in a week, Seven Wonders of the World, seven colors of the spectrum of vision, and seven virtues. But in Japanese culture this rings with more resonance, as one of the best films ever made by a Japanese director, Shichi-nin no Samurai (Seven Samurai) carries the tradition of the lucky number into popular thinking. In social constructs of the culture particularly it is traditional to celebrate the seventh day after a baby has been born and to mourn on the seventh day after a loved one’s death. Also in the Buddhism the number 7 is often associated with reincarnation.
- **The Number 7 is the Chinese Connection**
- There are some shared philosophies in the distinct cultures of Japanese and Chinese numerology with similar attitudes towards the number seven. In several dialects, the number refers is a symbol of togetherness and is lucky in relationships. This belief is something that both cultures share and you can often see it in several different variations throughout the world of dating in Japan today.
- **4 & 9**
- These two numbers both separately and in combination are considered to be significantly bad luck. The reason for this opinion that the 4 (四) is pronounced shi; which is the same as (死) death, an obviously scary prospect, while the number 9 is pronounced (九) ku as in (苦) pain. Consequently, people avoid these numbers every day in Japan, especially gamblers. This belief also explains the particular dislike among the Japanese of the number 13 and Friday the 13th in particular as $4+9=13$, or pain and death equal bad luck.

LUCKY NUMBERS IN THE USA

Lucky Number 7

There is no doubt that you have probably heard that the number seven is a very lucky number, and it's probably because you were speaking to a person from the states. This number has some significance to the spiritual beliefs of many Americans as there is a long history Christian influence in the country and the number 7 is found in many Christian traditions including seven days of creation and the seven deadly sins and then there is the presence of the Seven Wonders of the World. Also, there is a lot of psychological relevance to the prominence of the number to the minds of the citizenry.

The Number 3

The number three has been lucky in America for sometimes, and it does go back to our more puritanical roots, for example when you look at the role of the holy trinity in the lives of the Pilgrims. Of course, it doesn't stop there as the US is a melting pot, and things like the three key points of life (birth, marriage, and death prominent in Chinese culture) have become a part of how many people think of the world. That on top of the importation of the Swedish belief that good things come in threes being popular in northern America, is more than enough proof of how in America even luck can cross borders.

The Enigmatic Number 39

This number has become pretty popular recently in the world of spiritualism and numerology according to people who study the influence of angels in everyday life the number is a direct message from the angels, and it is meant to provide people with guidance. This superstition is why you will commonly see people looking for a bit of divine inspiration will bet on this number when playing roulette. This number is often used in lotteries as well.

Numerology in the US

Today the USA is one of the hubs for people who believe in the power of numerology and the ability of numbers have when it comes to influencing our daily lives. This idea is where a lot of people find their personal lucky numbers. There are numerous resources online for people who are looking to discover their personal lucky numbers, and they often decide to go to psychics or purchase books on the subject to see when a certain number might be most lucky.

The Chinese are one of the most curious nations in the world. They are perhaps the emerging world Super Power right now, and it's fair to say they are light years ahead when it comes to industry and economy. They do have some curious cultural aspects to consider though. Primarily, they have a fascination with lucky and unlucky numbers.

Much of this stems from what the spelling of the number resembles compared to certain words. Luck and good fortune are core pillars of Chinese culture and society, and it's important to consider that these play a role in the numbers they deem as being lucky or unlucky.

We all know that the number 8 is considered to be lucky in Chinese culture, but you might not have thought about the number 6. There are a fair few lucky numbers in Chinese culture, but 6 is considered to be one of the luckiest. The reason 6 is considered to be a lucky number in China is because the word 'Six' sounds virtually identical to the word for 'Luck' sound really similar.

There are a lot of things like this in Eastern culture, and pronunciation is very important in determining meaning. In fact, in China, when people choose phone numbers and licence plate numbers, many of them will opt for as many sixes as they possibly can. And there is thought to be a custom in some areas of China where people getting married will receive monetary values such as 6,666 as gifts.

Funnily enough, there are also differences between the culture we have here in the West and Chinese culture. And numbers have different meanings depending on the culture they are in. A good example of this is that the number 666 has very negative connotations in Western culture. It is linked with evil and thought to be the number of the devil. However, in Chinese culture 666 is thought of as being one of the luckiest numbers there is.

The number six generally represents fluidity and good blessings. It means everything will go smoothly, and that people will have a lucky and happy life. There is a lot of superstition behind this, but superstition plays a really big role in Chinese culture.

In China, numerology and numbers have always been very significant within their culture. Traditionally, certain numbers are associated with good and bad fortune, and lucky numbers play a tremendous role in their day to day lives. They take into consideration numbers when looking at things such as the number of a house they might be interested in buying, numbers used in telephone numbers, setting dates for occasions such as a wedding or christening and so on.

The number 8 is one of the most fortunate numbers in Chinese culture. This is because of the way the pronunciation of the word sounds. The number 8 is said as 'Ba,' which sounds incredibly close to the word 'Fa,' which means fortune. Because of this link, it is believed that the number 8 has many positive attributes related to it, including success in life, prosperity, and high social status. Because of this, it's a popular number with a lot of businessmen who want to make a lot of money at work and valuable connections that will influence their position at work.

In addition to this, a lot of Chinese people like to favor the number 8 in other ways. They like to buy apartments on the eighth floor of buildings, they like to pay more for a number plate or phone number with the number eight in and so on. Every number has its own unique meaning within Chinese culture, with a mixture of both 'good' and 'bad' numbers, but the number eight is definitely the most fortunate and favored number of them all. If you're born on the 8th, 18th or 28th of a month, you can almost guarantee that you're going to live a brilliant life...according to the Chinese, anyway!



26
INDIA

Many Indian disasters happened on the 26th day of the month, leading some to believe that it is an unlucky number. Additionally, the sum of 2 and 6 is 8, which is believed to bring bad luck and destruction.

17
ITALY

In Roman numerals, 17 is XVII, which can be rearranged to make VIXI – the Latin for “I lived”. It was commonly written on Roman tombstones, so the number 17 is considered unlucky and seen as a symbol of death.

4
CHINA

In China, the number 4 is considered to be unlucky because the Chinese word for “four” sounds almost identical to the word for “death”. Often, floors with the number 4 are omitted from Chinese buildings, so you go from floor 39 to 50.

THE WHEEL OF
UNLUCKY
NUMBERS
(around the world)

9
JAPAN

The Japanese word for the number 9 sounds similar to the word for “torture”. This has led airlines and hospitals to omit the number 9 to avoid bad luck.

30
GERMANY

In Germany, a man who is not married by his 30th birthday is unlucky and, traditionally, was made to sweep the city hall until a single woman kissed him and released him from his curse.

13
VARIOUS

Many countries believe 13 brings bad luck, and fear of the number even has its own name – triskaidekaphobia!

Good luck, bad luck. Significant Chinese numbers.

- 4** Sounds like the word “die” – unlucky.
- 6** Lucky. In Mandarin, sounds like “flow” – everything will go smoothly.
- 8** Sounds like “prosperity” – in other words, good luck.
- 9** Resembles “long-lasting” and is linked to longevity and eternity.
- 14** Bad luck. Sounds like “wants to die”.





We each have our own, individual lucky numbers. It's usually tied to our birthdays or a significant date. But one number is considered ubiquitous in being generally a lucky number. The humble number seven is a prime number, just one of five in the base 10 counting system. Why is it considered so lucky? And how is it considered lucky?

Number Seven in Modern Culture

Number seven has permeated our culture more than we might realise. "Listicle" type web articles often use the number seven. It doesn't have the roundness of 5 or 10, but something about the number makes this type of article very popular. Perhaps it is because of some of the following reasons. It appears so often in popular and ancient culture, and not always in a good sense. It is, however, always prominent in one way or another.

In Ancient Britain

It seems that the number seven was a popular lucky number in Ireland as far as the British Isles were concerned. The epic hero Cúchulainn finds the number seven crops up in every aspect of his life. He receives his first weapon at age seven and fights in his first battle. At his death, his son is seven years old. That's not all though; Cúchulainn has seven fingers on each hand and seven toes on each foot. It is also claimed (bizarrely) that he has seven pupils in each eye!

In Japanese Culture

The most compelling reason for the idea that lucky seven originated outside of Europe, are the seven ancient gods of Japan. The Seven Lucky Gods of Hotei, Jurōjin, Fukurokuju, Bishamonten, Benzaiten, Daikokuten of Ebisu are believed to have come from ancient Hindu gods, from Taoism and from Buddhism. That is an enormous geographical area from take influence. As Europe interacted with these cultures in the ancient world, it's also possible that Europe originally got their ideas from the Far East.

Christian Belief

The number seven repeats itself in Christian scripture. God is said to have created the world in just seven days. Prior to the flood, Noah is commanded to bring seven pairs of every “clean” animal onto the Ark. Jericho’s walls fell on the seventh day and there are Seven Pillars in the House of Wisdom. In the New Testament, Jesus drove seven demons out of Mary Magdalene. Yet in amongst all this, the number seven is not just a positive symbol. There are seven deadly sins, for example and many curses are repeated seven-fold.

Islamic Belief

As an Abrahamic religion, we should not be surprised that we also see the use of seven in Islamic belief. The world has seven layers and the heavens are also seven in number (echoing the seven heavens seen elsewhere). Similarly, there are also seven layers to hell as there are in Judaism and Christianity. This is much less surprising compared to the Far East considering the geographic area of origin for Islam, Judaism and Christianity all being roughly the same.

Neopaganism

Perhaps adopting some elements of Far East mysticism, some elements of Christianity and ancient Europe, neo-pagans also celebrate seven as a “good” number. They believe there are seven chakra points on the body

In Chinese culture, the number four is seriously unlucky. The Chinese word for "four" sounds tonally almost the exact same as the word for "death", which has led to it being one of the most omitted numbers in Chinese society. Similar to how the 13th floor is left off of elevators in Western culture, the fourth floor and in some cases all floors with the number four are left out of Chinese buildings. That means you'll go straight from floor 39 to floor 50. Ironically though, the 54th level is left on many buildings because five is tonally similar to the word "not" and combining it with four is considered lucky because it sounds like "no death".



- ❖ The Italians foolishly think that 17 is unlucky, and they are very superstitious concerning it
- ❖ Part of the reason that Italians do not like 17 comes from their Latin culture
- ❖ In fact ,17 is written XVII in Roman numerals, which is the anagram of VIXI, which means "I lived", i.e. "I am dead“
- ❖ In Italy, buildings do not have a 17th floor, hotels do not have a room 17, and Alitalia planes do not have a seat 17
- ❖ When Renault marketed its R17 and wanted to export it to Italy, it had to be renamed "Renault 177“



A combination of numerology and tragic events has led to 26 being considered an unlucky number in India. The numerology side of that is that the number 8 is considered the harbinger of destruction, and what do 2 and 6 add up to?

No one can be sure so we must be cautious and assume it is 8. number. Combine that bulletproof reasoning with the fact that an earthquake, a tsunami, and several different terrorist attacks all happened on the 26th day of different month within a 15 year span and it all adds up to people believing 26 is an unlucky



You're probably saying "I didn't know that 191 was unlucky in the United States", and that's because you were living in simple, unassuming bliss. Now I can inform you of something that will cause you fear for the rest of your life. Congratulations! 191 is a number that is specifically considered unlucky in U.S. aviation. Five separate flights with the flight number 191 have all crashed with different degrees of notoriety. The largest of which was the 1979 American Airlines Flight 191 that crashed at Chicago's O'Hare Airport killing all 258 passengers on board, the 13 crew members on the plane, and two people on the ground. It is the deadliest aviation accident to occur in the U.S. Then, in 1985, Delta Airlines Flight 191 crashed outside of Dallas/Fort Worth International and killed 136 of the 152 passengers, 11 crew members, and one person on the ground. Most airlines retire flight numbers because of crashed planes, which is why to this day, there are no Delta or American Airlines flights numbered 191. So be sure to check your boarding passes from now until the end of time.

Lucky and Unlucky Numbers

AROUND THE WORLD

Every culture is characterised by a particular numerical symbolism which often differs from that of other regions. The reasons are usually cultural or religious traditions and legends passed down through time, but are still present in society today and are perceived as having some lucky or unlucky power.

Common unlucky 13

Biblical connotations: 13 people at the last supper, thirteen members of a historic witch coven.
Hotel and apartments often are missing room or floor number 13.
UK, USA, France, Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Sweden and Norway.

Lucky
7 - heavenly number, god created the universe in seven days, the week has got seven days, seven wonders of ancient world, seven ancient planets, seven deadly sins.



UK, USA, FRANCE
NETHERLANDS

7 13

Lucky
9 - sacred number according to Norse mythology



NORWAY

9 13

SWEDEN

3 13

Lucky
3 - a famous saying says that "all good things come in group of three"

RUSSIA
Lucky **Unlucky**
ODD EVEN

JAPAN and KOREA

8 4=9



Lucky
8 - the kanji for 8 (八) and the kanji for 'prosper, wealth' (富) are pronounced in the same way, 'hachi'.

Unlucky
4 - the number 4 is pronounced like 'death'. The kanji of four (四) and the kanji of death (死) are in fact pronounced in the same way, 'shi'.

9 - can also be pronounced as 'ku', which means suffering

Lucky
4 - the number of leaves in a Clover leaf



GERMANY

4 13

ITALY

3=13 17



Lucky
3 - considered as the 'perfect number'. The triangle is an indestructible shape. Also biblical connotation: Trinity, Father, son, holy spirit. 13 unlike other countries, the number 13 is considered being a lucky number. It's the number of the saint Of naples, st. Anthony. Although in the north of Italy some people see it as an unlucky number.

SPAIN

15 13

Lucky
15 - often considered lucky in Many spanish-speaking countries

CHINA

8=9 4=7

Lucky
8 - same reason as Japanese. Rather than mark a price for a good/service at \$99, it's common to see prices like \$98 or \$98. Summer olympics in Beijing were scheduled To open on 8/8/08 at 8:08:08pm. 9 number of the emperor.

Unlucky
4 - same reason as Japanese. 7 ghostly and spiritual number. The seventh month of The chinese calendar is also called the "ghost month". During the month, the gates Of hell are said to be open so ghosts and spirits are permitted to visit the living realms.

Numbers In Religion

Some numbers are sacred in religions.

Number three, four, seven, ten and twelve are a numbers of significance in many religions.

The Trinity Jesus rose on the third day, Jesus preached the gospel for three years are all examples of number three in Christianity.

In the Bible we have four Evangelists and four horsemen of the Apocalypse. In Buddhism there are four sights and four noble truths.

In Islam number seven is important; seven heavens, seven times around the Kaaba, seven verses in the first sura are some examples of this numbers importance.

Number seven in Judaism shows up a lot in happy occasions such as weddings as well as sad occasions as sitting Shivah.

Number seven is a repeating number in the Book of Revelation.

Number ten is found in the Ten Commandments, the Ten Gurus, the Ten Avatars of Vishnu, and the Sevirot, and so on.

Number twelve shows up in the twelve tribes, twelve Apostles, twelve Imams.

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