

Religious Holidays 2025-2026

Date	Holiday	Affiliated Religion	Description
August			
8/9	Raksha Bandhan	Hindu	Festival honoring the ties between siblings.
8/15	Feast of the Assumption of Mary	Catholic Christian	Commemorates the bodily assumption of Mary, mother of Jesus Christ, into heaven. It is a holy day of obligation in the Roman Catholic Church in the US.
8/14 - 8/15	Arba'een Chehlum *	Muslim (Shi'a)	Observance of the day, forty days after Ashura, when the Shi'a captives returned to Karbala.
8/16	Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	Birthday of Lord Krishna, an incarnation of the God Vishnu.
8/20 - 8/27	Paryusana Parva	Jain	8-day festival, observed by fasting, prayer, meditation and readings of sacred texts.
8/23	End of Safar	Muslim (Shi'a)	Observance of the anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad's death.
8/26	Ganesh Charurthi	Hindu	Birthday of Ganesh, the elephant headed God of Success.
8/27	Samvatsari	Jain	The final day of Paryusana Parva, the Jain festival.
September			
9/1 - 9/30	Green Corn Ceremony	Indigenous American	Celebration of the ripening corn and inauguration of the new year. Different tribes celebrate at different dates.
9/4 - 9/5	Mawlid an-Nabi *	Muslim (Sunni)	Commemoration of the Prophet Muhammad's birthday. (Begins at sunset.)
9/12 - 9/16	Ghambar Paitishem	Zoroastrian	Celebration of the creation of the earth, the summer harvest and the sowing of the winter crop.
9/21	Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos	Orthodox Christian	Celebrated birthday of the Virgin Mary, the God-bearer.
9/22	Mabon	Pagan / Wiccan	Celebration of the autumnal equinox, the equivalences of light and dark, and the fruits of the earth.
9/22 - 9/24	Rosh Hashanah * **	Jewish	Beginning of the Jewish Year and the High Holy Days.
9/22 - 10/2	Navratri	Hindu	Maa Durga puja and 9-night festival of the Goddess in her various forms.
October			
10/1 - 10/2	Yom Kippur * **	Jewish	The Day of Atonement which concludes the High Holidays. (Begins at sundown.)
10/2	Dasara (Vijaya Dashami)	Hindu	Commemoration of Durga's victory over Mahishasura, Rama's victory over Ravana, or the reverence of an aspect of the goddess Devi, depending on the community.
10/6	Autumn Moon Festival	Buddhist / Cultural Chinese	Celebrates the auspicious time of the autumn full moon and the autumnal equinox.
10/6 - 10/13	Sukkot *	Jewish	The Feast of the Tabernacles celebrating the harvest and remembering the desert wandering of the ancient Israelites.
10/12 - 10/16	Ghambar Ayathrem	Zoroastrian	Celebrates the return of the herds and the sowing of the winter crop.
10/13	Indigenous Peoples Day	Indigenous American	Honoring and commemoration of Indigenous American peoples, their cultures and histories.

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10/13 - 10/15	Shemini Atzeret *	Jewish	Conclusion of Sukkot, the Feast of the Booths. (Begins at sundown.)
10/14 - 10/15	Simchat Torah *	Jewish	Rejoicing of the Law, festival which concludes the annual public reading of the Torah and begins the next cycle.
10/20	Installation of the Guru Granth Sahib	Sikh	Commemoration of the bestowal of Guruship onto the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh Holy Scriptures.
10/20	Diwali	Hindu	Festival of Lights celebrating the victory of the light over the dark.
10/22	Birth of the Bab	Baha'i	Anniversary of the birth of the Bab, the prophet and leader of the Baha'i faith.
10/23	Birth of the Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	Birthday of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i faith.
10/31	Samhain	Pagan / Wiccan	Festival honoring the dead, endings and new beginnings.
10/31	Reformation Day	Protestant Christian	Celebration of the beginning of the Reformation.
November			
11/1	All Saint's Day	Protestant Christian / Catholic Christian	Commemoration of the lives of the saints.
11/2	All Souls Day	Catholic Christian	Day of prayer for the dead.
11/5	Birth of Guru Nanak	Sikh	Celebration of Guru Nanak's birthday, founder and first Guru of Sikhism.
11/11	Lhabab Duchen	Buddhist	The Buddha's Descent festival remembers the Buddha's coming to earth to begin his teachings.
11/15	Shichi-go-san	Shinto	Rite of passage for children entering into middle childhood.
11/23	Niinamesai	Shinto	Harvest festival of thanksgiving.
11/24	Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day	Sikh	Day commemorating the martyrdom of the ninth Sikh Guru.
11/25	Day of the Covenant	Baha'i	Celebration of the appointment of Baha'u'llah's son 'Abdu'l-Baha as the Center of the Covenant.
11/27	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha	Baha'i	Holiday marking the passing of 'Abdu'l-Baha.
11/30	First Sunday of Advent	Christian	Beginning of season celebrating the nativity of Jesus.
December			
12/1	Srimad Bhagavad Gita Jayanti	Hindu	Holiday remembering Lord Krishna's revelation of the Bhagavad Gita to Prince Arjuna.
12/8	Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddhist	Celebration in remembrance of the historical Buddha achieving enlightenment.
12/8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Catholic Christian	Commemorates the conception of the Virgin Mary without sin.
12/12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Catholic Christian	Commemoration of the Virgin Mary's appearance to Juan Diego in 1531.

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12/13	Wiladat Bibi Zainab bint Ali	Muslim (Shi'a)	Observance of the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad's granddaughter Zainab bint Ali.
12/14 - 12/22	Hanukkah *	Jewish	8-day festival of lights remembering the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem. (Begins at sundown.)
12/20 - 12/22	Fatemiyeh	Muslim (Shi'a)	Remembrance of the martyrdom of Fatima, the Prophet Muhammad's daughter and mother of Imam Hussein.
12/21	Yule	Pagan / Wiccan	Celebration of the winter solstice.
12/23	Birthday of Joseph Smith	Mormon	Birthday celebration of Joseph Smith, central prophet in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
12/25	Christmas **	Protestant Christian / Catholic Christian	Holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus.
12/26	Kwanzaa	Pan-African	Annual celebration of African-American culture and spirituality.
12/26	Zartosht No-Diso	Zoroastrian	Commemoration of the death of Zarathustra.
12/31 - 1/4	Ghambar Maidyarem	Zoroastrian	Mid-winter festival.

January (2026)

1/1	Oshogatsu	Shinto	Celebration of and preparation for the new year.
1/3	Wiladat Imam Ali	Muslim (Shi'a)	Birthday celebration of the Imam Ali ibn Abu Talib.
1/5	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji	Sikh	Commemoration of the birth of the tenth guru, Guru Gobind Singh. (Some celebrate 1/17.)
1/6	Epiphany	Protestant Christian / Catholic Christian	Holiday signifying the revelation of God the Son in Jesus Christ.
1/7	Christmas **	Orthodox Christian	Holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus. (Orthodox churches use a different calendar to determine the timing of the holiday.)
1/14	Maghi (Lohri)	Sikh	Commemoration of the battle of the Pure Ones (Chali Mukte) who protected Guru Gobind Singh from the Mughal army.
1/14	Makara Sankranti	Hindu	Observance honoring Surya, the solar deity, marking new beginnings.
1/17	Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti	Sikh	Honoring the birth of Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth and final human guru of Sikhism.
1/27	Lailat al Miraj	Muslim	Celebration in remembrance of the Prophet Muhammad's nighttime journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and ascension to heaven. (Begins at sundown.)
1/29	Chinese New Year	Buddhist / Daoist / Confucian	Celebration marking the beginning of the Year of the Snake.
1/30	Sadeh	Zoroastrianism	Gatherings to celebrate the 50 days and 50 nights left in Spring.

February

2/1	Imbolc	Pagan / Wiccan	Celebration of the beginning of Spring.
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2/1 - 2/2	Tu B'shevat *	Jewish	Ecological-focused celebration of the New Year of the Trees. (Begins at sundown.)
2/2	Vasant Panchami (Sri Pancami)	Hindu	Festival to honor the advent of Spring, associated with the goddess Saraswati.
2/3	Setsubun	Shinto	Holiday for the end of winter and the beginning of Spring.
2/2 - 2/3	Laylat al-Bara'ah *	Muslim	The Night of Repentance / Forgiveness. (Begins at sundown.)
2/3	Promised Savior Day	Muslim (Shi'a)	Birthday celebration of Imam Mahdi, the promised savior and redeemer of humankind.
2/12	Sangha Day (Magha Puja)	Buddhist	Honoring of the Buddhist community, especially Buddhist monastics.
2/15	Maha Shivararti	Hindu	Celebration of the marriage between Lord Shiva and the Goddess Parvati.
2/15	Parinirvana Day	Buddhist	Commemoration of the day the Buddha died and attained complete Nirvana.
2/18	Losar	Buddhist	The Tibetan New Year.
2/17 - 3/18	Ramadan *	Muslim	The holiest month of the year, a month of fasting to commemorate the revelation of the Qur'an.
2/18	Ash Wednesday	Protestant Christian / Catholic Christian	A day of repentance to mark the beginning of Lent.
2/22	Forgiveness Sunday	Orthodox Christianity	Final day before the beginning of Great Lent.
2/23 - 4/11	Great Lent	Orthodox Christianity	Time of repentance, sacrifice, and preparation for Easter.
2/25 - 3/1	Ayyam-i-Ha * **	Baha'i	Preparation for fasting and period devoted to charity and gift-giving.
March			
3/2 - 3/20	Nineteen-Day Fast	Baha'i	Period of fasting to reinvigorate the soul and prepare for the coming year.
3/2 - 3/3	Purim (Feast of Lots) *	Jewish	Commemoration of the rescue of the ancient Israelites from Persi as recounted in the Book of Esther.
3/4	Holi	Hindu	A joyous spring festival dedicated to the victory of good over evil, light over darkness.
3/11	Martyrdom of Imam Ali ibn Abu Talib	Muslim (Shi'a)	Observance commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Ali ibn Abu Talib, central figure of Shi'ism.
3/14 - 3/16	Hola Mohalla	Sikh	Festival initiated by Guru Gobind Singh, filled with poetry contests and mock battles.
3/15	Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti	Hindu	Celebration of the birthday of Sri Ramakrishna, teacher of Swami Vivekananda.
3/16	Lailat al Qadr	Muslim	The Night of Power, remembering the first revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad.
3/16 - 3/20	Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem	Zoroastrian	Celebration of the creation of humans and the honoring of the dead.
3/19	Eid al-Fitr *	Muslim	Celebration of the end of Ramadan.
3/20	Ostara	Pagan / Wiccan	Celebration of the Vernal Equinox and the equivalence of light and dark.
3/20	Nowruz * **	Baha'i / Zoroastrian	Festival marking the first day of Spring and the renewal of the world. For Zoroastrians, also celebrated the creation of fire which symbolizes righteousness, and the day Zarathustra received his revelation.

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3/26	Birthday of Prophet Zarathustra (Khordad Sal)	Zoroastrian	Anniversary of the Prophet Zarathustra or Zoroaster, founder of the Zoroastrian faith.
3/26	Rama Navami	Hindu	Birthday celebration of Prince Rama, avatar of Vishnu.
3/29	Palm Sunday	Protestant Christian / Catholic Christian / Orthodox Christian	Commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, beginning Holy Week leading up to Easter (Pascha).
3/31	Mahavir Jayanthi	Jain	Celebration of the birth of Mahavira, the founder of Jainism.
April			
4/1 - 4/9	Passover * **	Jewish	Celebration of the liberation of the ancient Israelites from bondage in Egypt.
4/2	Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)	Protestant Christian / Catholic Christian / Orthodox Christian	Commemoration of the Eucharist's institution at the Last Supper.
4/3	Good Friday (Holy Friday) **	Protestant Christian / Catholic Christian / Orthodox Christian	Remembrance of the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ at Calvary.
4/5	Easter Sunday (Pascha) **	Protestant Christian / Catholic Christian / Orthodox Christian	Most holy day in the Christian calendar, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
4/6	Anniversary of the Founding of the Church	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	Annual World General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, held on the day believed to be the actual date of Jesus' birth.
4/13 - 4/14	Yom Ha'shoah *	Jewish	Holocaust Memorial Day.
4/14	Vaisakhi	Sikh	Remembrance of the establishment of the Khalsa, the Sikh community, by Guru Gobind Singh.
4/14	Baisakhi	Hindu	Agricultural festival celebrating the harvest, held on the first day of the solar year.
4/20 - 5/2	Ridvan * **	Baha'i	Festival over 12 days remembering the declaration of mission by Baha'u'llah.
4/30 - 5/4	Ghambar Maidyozarem	Zoroastrian	Festival celebrating the creation of the sky and the harvesting of the winter crop.
May			
5/1	Beltane	Pagan / Wiccan	The final yearly festival of fertility.
5/5	Lag B'Omer	Jewish	Commemoration of the passing of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, an important Jewish mystic.
5/14	Ascension of Jesus	Protestant Christian / Catholic Christian / Orthodox Christian	Celebration of the Jesus' ascension into heaven and enthronement as universal sovereign.
5/21 - 5/23	Shavuot *	Jewish	Feast of Weeks, marking the end of the seven weeks following Pesach and commemoration of the Ten Commandments being given to Moses. (Begins at sundown.)
5/23 - 5/24	Declaration of the Bab *	Baha'i	Remembrance of the day when the Bab announced his identity.

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5/24	Pentecost	Protestant Christian / Catholic Christian / Orthodox Christian	Commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus, remembered as the birthday of the Christian church.
5/24	Buddha Day (Vesak)	Buddhist	A celebration of the birth, enlightenment, and attainment of parinirvana of the Buddha.
5/25 - 5/26	Waqf al Arafa (Hajj) *	Muslim	Observance during Hajj when pilgrims pray for forgiveness. (Begins at sundown.)
5/26 - 5/27	Eid al-Adha * **	Muslim	Remembrance of Ibrahim's near sacrifice of his son Ishmael to God.
5/28 - 5/29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah *	Baha'i	Anniversary of the death of the founder of the Baha'i faith.
June			
6/3 - 6/4	Eid al-Ghadir	Muslim (Shi'a)	Observance of the day Imam Ali ibn Abu Talib was appointed by the Prophet Muhammad to complete the message of Islam.
6/16 - 6/17	First of Muharram (Hijra) *	Muslim	First day of the Islamic year, commemorating the Hijra of the Prophet Muhammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina. (Begins at sundown.)
6/18	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikh	Commemoration of the death of the fifth Guru, Guru Arjan Dev, at the hands of the Mughal Empire.
6/21	Litha	Pagan / Wiccan	Celebration of the Summer solstice, the longest day and the blessings of the light.
6/25 - 6/26	Ashura * **	Muslim (Shi'a)	Remembrance of the martyrdom of Hussein, grandson of the Prophet and leader of the Shi'a, at Karbala.
6/27	Martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his Brother Hyrum	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	Holiday remembering the assassination of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother while incarcerated.
6/29 - 7/3	Ghambar Maidyoshem	Zoroastrian	Celebration of the harvesting of grain and the creation of water.
July			
7/9	Martyrdom of the Bab	Baha'i	Day commemorating the day the Bab was executed.
7/22 - 7/23	Tisha B'Av	Jewish	Commemoration of the destruction of the Jewish Temple.
7/24	Pioneer Day	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	Celebration remembering the arrival of Brigham Young and settles into Salt Lake City.

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