

Religious Holidays and Celebrations 2023-2024

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Date	Religious Holiday and Celebration	Tradition
June 16, 2023	Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjan Dev	Sikh
June 28 – 29, 2023 🌙	Eid-UI-Adha	Islam
July 11, 2023	Feast of St. Benedict, Patriarch of Western Monasticism	Catholic Christianity
July 19, 2023 🌙	Islamic Year Begins	Islam
July 26 - 27, 2023 🕎	Tisha B'Av	Jewish
July 28, 2023 🌙	Yaum-al-Arfath	Islam
August 15, 2023	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Catholic Christianity
September 6 - 7, 2023	Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu
September 15 - 17, 2023 🕎	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish
September 19, 2023	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu
September 24 - 25, 2023 🕎	Yom Kippur	Jewish
September 26 - 27, 2023 🌙	Mawlid-al-Nabi	Islam
September 29 - October 6, 2023 🕎	Sukkot	Jewish
October 6 – October, 8 2023 🕎	Shemini Azterot/Simchat Torah	Jewish
October 15 - 24, 2023	Navaratra	Hindu
October 16, 2023	Birth of Bab	Baha'i
October 31, 2023	Reformation Day	Protestant Christianity
November 1, 2023	All Saint's Day	Catholic Christianity
November 12, 2023	Diwali	Hindu
November 27, 2023	Guru Nanak Jayanti (Celebrated)	Sikh
December 7 - 15, 2023 🕎	Hanukkah	Jewish
December 8, 2023	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary	Catholic Christianity
December 8, 2023	Bodhi Day	Buddhist
December 25, 2023	Nativity of the Lord	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
December 26, 2023 – January 1, 2024	Kwanzaa	Cultural

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January 1, 2024	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Catholic Christianity
January 7, 2024	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christianity
January 13, 2024	Lohri	Sikh/Hindu
January 15, 2024	Makar Sankranti	Hindu
January 17, 2024	Guru Gobind Singh Janaynti	Siku
February 10, 2024	Lunar New Year	Cultural
February 14, 2024	Ash Wednesday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
February 15, 2024	Nirvana Day	Buddhist
March 8, 2024	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
March 10 - April 9, 2024 🌙	Ramadan Month	Islam
March 21, 2024	Solemnity of St. Benedict	Catholic Christianity
March 23- March 24, 2024 🕍	Purim	Jewish
March 24, 2024	Palm Sunday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
March 25, 2024	Holi	Hindu
March 28, 2024	Holy Thursday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
March 29, 2024	Good Friday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
March 30, 2024	Holy Saturday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
March 31, 2024	Easter Sunday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 9 – April 10, 2024 🌙	Eid al-Fitr	Islam
April 13, 2024	Baisakhi	Sikh
April 22 - April 30, 2024 🕍	Pesach (Passover)	Jewish
April 28, 2024	Orthodox Palm Sunday	Orthodox Christianity
March 31, 2024	Pascha (Easter)	Orthodox Christianity
May 5 - May 6, 2024 🕍	Yom HaSho'ah	Jewish
May 15, 2024	Buddha Day	Buddhist
May 18, 2024	Ascension of the Lord	Catholic Christianity
May 19, 2024	Pentecost	Catholic/Protestant Christianity

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