

### Religious Holidays and Celebrations 2025-2026

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Date	Religious Holiday and Celebration	Tradition
June 1 – June 3, 2025 🌙	Shavout	Jewish
June 5, 2025 🌙	Yaum-al-Arfath	Islam
June 16, 2025	Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjan Dev	Sikh
June 6 - June 7, 2025 🌙	Eid al-Adha	Islam
June 25, 2025 🌙	Islamic Year Begins	Islam
August 2 – August 3, 2025 🌙	Tisha B'Av	Jewish
August 15, 2025	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Catholic Christianity
August 16, 2025	Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu
August 26 – August 27, 2025	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu
September 4 – September 5, 2025 🌙	Mawlid-al-Nabi	Islam
September 22 – September 24, 2025 🌙	Rosh Hashannah	Jewish
September 22,, 2025	Navaratra	Hindu
October 1 – October 2, 2025 🌙	Yom Kippur	Jewish
October 6 – October 13, 2025 🌙	Sukkot	Jewish
October 13 – October 15, 2025 🌙	Shemini Azterot/Simchat Torah	Jewish
October 31, 2025	Reformation Day	Protestant Christianity
November 1, 2025	All Saint's Day	Catholic Christianity
October 20, 2025	Diwali	Hindu
October 22, 2025	Birth of Bab	Baha'i
November 5, 2025	Guru Nanak Jayanti (Celebrated)	Sikh
December 8, 2025	Bodhi Day	Buddhist
December 8, 2025	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary	Catholic Christianity
December 25, 2025	Nativity of the Lord	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
December 14, 2024 – December 22, 2025 🌙	Hanukkah	Jewish
December 26, 2024 – January 1, 2026	Kwanzaa	Cultural

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January 1, 2026	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Catholic Christianity
January 6, 2026	Guru Gobind Singh Janaynti	Siku
January 7, 2026	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christianity
January 13, 2026	Lohri	Sikh/Hindu
January 14, 2026	Makar Sankranti	Hindu
February 17., 2026	Lunar New Year	Cultural
February 15, 2026	Nirvana Day	Buddhist
February 15 – February 16, 2026	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
February 17 – March 18, 2026 🌙	Ramadan Month	Islam
February 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
March 2- March 3, 2026 🗡️	Purim	Jewish
March 4, 2026	Holi	Hindu
March 19 – March 20, 2026 🌙	Eid al-Fitr	Islam
April 1 - April 9, 2026 🗡️	Pesach (Passover)	Jewish
March 29, 2026	Palm Sunday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 5, 2026	Orthodox Palm Sunday	Orthodox Christianity
April 14, 2026	Baisakhi	Sikh
April 2, 2026	Holy Thursday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 3, 2026	Good Friday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 4, 2026	Holy Saturday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 12, 2026	Pascha (Easter)	Orthodox Christianity
April 13 – April 14, 2026 🗡️	Yom HaSho'ah	Jewish
May 24, 2026	Buddha Day	Buddhist
May 14, 2026	Ascension of the Lord	Catholic Christianity

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