

Religious Holidays and Celebrations 2024-2025

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Date	Religious Holiday and Celebration	Tradition
June 11 – June 13, 2024 ☞	Shavuot	Judaism
June 15, 2024 🌙	Yawm-al-Arafah	Islam
June 16, 2024	Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjan Dev	Sikhism
June 16 - June 17, 2024	Eid-al-Adha	Islam
July 6, 2024	Islamic Year Begins	Islam
August 12 – August 13, 2024 ☞	Tisha B'Av	Judaism
August 15, 2024	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Catholic Christianity
August 26 – August 27, 2024	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
September 7, 2024	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism
September 14 – September 15, 2024	Mawlid-al-Nabi	Islam
October 2 – October 4, 2024 ☞	Rosh Hashanah	Judaism
October 3 – October 12, 2024	Navaratri	Hinduism
October 11 – October 12, 2024 ☞	Yom Kippur	Judaism
October 16 – October 23, 2024 ☞	Sukkot	Judaism
October 23 – October 25, 2024 ☞	Shemini Atzerot/Simchat Torah	Judaism
October 31, 2024	Reformation Day	Protestant Christianity
October 31 - November 1, 2024	Diwali	Hinduism
November 1, 2024	All Saints Day	Christianity
November 2, 2024	Birth of the Bab	Baha'i
November 15, 2024	Guru Nanak Jayanti (Celebrated)	Sikhism
December 8, 2024	Bodhi Day	Buddhism
December 8, 2024	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary	Catholic Christianity
December 25, 2024	Nativity of the Lord	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
December 25, 2024 – January 2, 2025 ☞	Hanukkah	Judaism
December 26, 2024 – January 1, 2025	Kwanzaa	African American Culture

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January 1, 2025	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Catholic Christianity
January 6, 2025	Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti	Sikhism
January 7, 2025	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christianity
January 13, 2025	Lohri	Sikhism/Hinduism
January 14, 2025	Makar Sankranti	Hinduism
February 15, 2025	Nirvana Day	Buddhism
February 26, 2025	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism
February 28 – March 30, 2025	Ramadan	Islam
March 5, 2025	Ash Wednesday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
March 13- March 14, 2025 🌙	Purim	Judaism
March 14, 2025	Holi	Hinduism
March 30 – March 31, 2025	Eid al-Fitr	Islam
April 12 - April 20, 2025 🌙	Pesach (Passover)	Judaism
April 13, 2025	Palm Sunday	Orthodox/Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 14, 2025	Baisakhi	Sikhism
April 17, 2025	Holy Thursday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 18 2025	Good Friday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 19, 2025	Holy Saturday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 20, 2025	Easter (Pascha) Sunday	Catholic/Orthodox/Protestant Christianity
April 23 – April 24, 2025 🌙	Yom HaShoah	Judaism
May 12, 2025	Vesak	Buddhism
May 29, 2025	Ascension of the Lord	Catholic Christianity
June 8, 2025	Pentecost	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
July 11, 2025	Solemnity of St. Benedict	Catholic Christianity

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