

Religious Celebrations Calendar

This is not a comprehensive list but represents dates of note to consider.

January

Christianity: Epiphany (6 January)

Judaism: Tu BiShvat

Lunar New Year: late January–mid February – considered the end of winter in the traditional Lunar calendar

February

Paganism: Imbolc (first day of Celtic spring, 1 February)

March

Alawites, Alevis, Baha'is, Bektashis, Zoroastrians, and most Shi'a Muslims: Nowruz (spring equinox, typically 21 March), originally Iranian New Year

Hinduism: Holi (honouring Vishnu)

Judaism: Purim

April

Judaism: Passover (late March or April)

Christianity: Easter (typically in April, but sometimes in March or May); Good Friday (Friday preceding Easter Sunday)

Hinduism: Rama Navami (birth of the god Rama); Hanuman Jayanti (typically a week later, birth of Hanuman); Gangaur (victory of Goddess Mahagauri)

Islam: Ramadan (month-long holy time in the ninth month of Islamic calendar, falls late April – late May in 2020), Id-ul-Fitr (festival at the end of Ramadan).

May

Judaism: Yom HaShoah; Yom HaZikaron; HaAtzmaut; Lag BaOmer

Paganism: May Day (May 1)

June

Judaism: Shavuot (typically June, sometimes in May or July)

Hinduism: Ratha Yatra (procession of Vishnu)

July

Hinduism: Guru Purnima (honoring teachers); Devshayani Ekadashi (solemnity of the repose of Vishnu)

August

Judaism: Tishah B'Av

Hinduism: Raksha Bandhan (festival of filial love); Krishna Janmashtami (birth of Krishna)

Islam: Eid-Al-Adha (21st August)

September

Judaism: Rosh Hashanah (usually September, sometimes early October); Yom Kippur (late September, early October); Sukkot (sometimes late September, usually October)

Hinduism: Ganesha Chaturthi (birth of Ganesha); Anant Chaturdashi (Vaishnava celebration of Adishesha)

Secular: Labor Day/Labour Day: first Monday of September (US/Canada)

October

Judaism: Simchat Torah

Hinduism: Navratri (conquest of Goddess Durga); Gandhi Jayanti (birth of Mahatma Gandhi, 2 October); Diwali (mid-October–mid-November); Kartik Purnima ("Diwali of the Gods" Vishnu, Kartikeya and Goddess Ganga)

Paganism: Samhain (first day of Celtic winter and New Year's Day, 31 October–1 November)

November

Hinduism: Diwali (mid-October–mid-November)

December

Buddhism: Bodhi Day (Day of Enlightenment, 8 December)

Christianity: Advent (four Sundays before Christmas Day); Christmas Eve/Day (24/25 December);

Hinduism: Pancha Ganapati (modern festival, honoring Ganesha, 21-25 December)

Judaism: Hanukkah (between late November – early January)

Paganism: Yule (late December – early January); Yalda (Winter Solstice, turning point, 21 December)