



Faith, Belief and Cultural Calendar 2019



	Secular Days
	UK Bank Holidays
	Christian - all traditions unless stated
	Eastern Orthodox Christian

	Jain
	Pagan
	Hindu

	Bahá'í
	Zoroastrian/Persian
	Chinese/Taoist

	Sikh
	Rastafarian
	Japanese/Shinto

	Jewish
	Muslim
	Buddhist
	Other

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
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† dates when people of certain faiths may be unavailable

	Secular Days
25 Jan	Burn's Night
27 Jan	Holocaust Memorial Day
14 Feb	Valentine's Day
1 Mar	St. David's Day
8 Mar	International Women's Day
17 Mar	St. Patrick's Day
18 Mar	Sign Language Week starts
20 Mar	International Day of Happiness
31 Mar	Mother's Day
23 Apr	St. George's Day
6 May	Deaf Awareness Week starts
13 May	Mental Health Awareness Week starts
16 Jun	Father's Day
7 Jul	Pride (London)
1 Oct	Black History Month starts
31 Oct	Halloween
5 Nov	Bonfire Night
10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
11 Nov	Armistice Day
19 Nov	International Men's Day
30 Nov	St. Andrew's Day
1 Dec	World AIDS Day
3 Dec	International Day for People with Disabilities
31 Dec	New Year's Eve/Hogmanay

	UK Bank Holidays
1 Jan	New Year's Day
2 Jan	New Year Holiday (Scotland only)
18 Mar	St. Patrick's Day (N.Ireland only)
19 Apr	Good Friday
22 Apr	Easter Monday (not Scotland)
6 May	May Day
27 May	Late May Bank Holiday
2 Jul	Battle of the Boyne (N.Ireland only)
5 Aug	August Bank Holiday (Scotland only)
26 Aug	August Bank Holiday (not Scotland)
2 Dec	St Andrew's Day (Scotland only)
25 Dec	Christmas Day
26 Dec	Boxing Day

	Rastafarian
6 Jan	Ceremonial Birthday of Haile Selassie
21 Apr	Groundation Day
23 Jul	Birthday of Haile Selassie
17 Aug	Marcus Garvey's birthday
2 Nov	Crowning of Emperor Selassie

	Christian - all traditions unless stated
6 Jan	Epiphany
5 Mar	Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
6 Mar	Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)
14 Apr	Palm Sunday, Holy Week starts
18 Apr	Maundy Thursday (end of Lent)
19 Apr	Good Friday
19 Apr	Lord's Evening Meal (Jehovah's Witness)
21 Apr	Easter Sunday
30 May	Ascension of Jesus (Roman Catholic)
9 Jun	Pentecost
20 Jun	Corpus Christi (Roman Catholic)
15 Aug	Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Roman Catholic)
1 Nov	All Saints' Day (Roman Catholic)
9 Dec	Immaculate Conception (Roman Catholic)
25 Dec	Christmas
31 Dec	Watch Night (Pentecostal)

	Eastern Orthodox Christian
1 Jan	Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
7 Jan	Nativity of the Lord (Orthodox Christmas)
19 Jan	Theophany
15 Feb	Presentation of the Lord
11 Mar	Start of Great Lent
7 Apr	Annunciation
21 Apr	Palm Sunday/Start of Holy Week/end of Great Lent
26 April	Holy Friday
28 Apr	Pascha
6 Jun	Ascension
16 Jun	Pentecost
19 Aug	Transfiguration of the Lord
28 Aug	Dormition of the Theotokos
21 Sep	Nativity of the Theotokos
27 Sep	Elevation of the Holy Cross
4 Dec	Presentation of the Theotokos

	Pagan
1 Feb	Imbolc
20 Mar	Ostara
1 May	Beltane
24 Jun	Litha
1 Aug	Lughnasadh
21 Sep	Mabon
31 Oct	Samhain
22 Dec-2 Jan	Yule

	Hindu
15-19 Jan	Makar Sankranti
4 Mar	Maha Shivaratri
20-21 Mar	Holi
14 Apr	Rama Navami
15 Aug	Raksha Bandhana
24 Aug	Krishna Janmashtami
2 Sep	Ganesha Chaturthi
29 Sep-8 Oct	Navratri
7 Oct	Dussehra
27 Oct	Diwali

	Buddhist - all traditions unless stated
13 Jan	Bodhi Day
2 Feb	Buddha Day (South Korea)
5-7 Feb	Losar (Tibetan New Year)
15 Feb	Nirvana Day (Mahayana)
13-16 Feb	Songkran/Bun Pi Mai (SE Asia)
19 Feb	Magha Puja/Sangha (Thailand, Cambodia, Laos)
20 Feb	Chungsa Choepa (Tibetan)
18 May	Vesak, Buddha Day
26 Nov	Lha Bab Duchan (Tibetan)

	Jewish
21 Jan	Tu B'Shevat
21 Mar	Purim
20-27 Apr	Pesach (Passover) No work permitted on first and last days
	Work permitted April 22-25 with restrictions
3 May	Yom HaShoah
23 May	Lag B'Omer
8-10 Jun	Shavuot
11 Aug	Tish'a B'av
30 Sep	Rosh Hashanah
9 Oct	Yom Kippur
14 Oct	Sukkot (No work permitted Oct 14 & 15)
	Work permitted Oct 16-18 & Oct 20 with restrictions
20 Oct	Hoshanah Rabbah
21 Oct	Shemini Atzeret
22 Oct	Simchat Torah
23-30 Dec	Hanukkah

	Chinese/Taoist
5-10 Feb	Yuan Tuan (New Year~Pig)
19 Feb	Yuan Xiao (Lantern Festival)
8 Mar	Zhonghe (Blue Dragon Festival)
5 Apr	Qing Ming Jie (Tomb Sweeping Day)
7 Jun	Duanwu (Dragon Boat Festival)
7 Jul	Qixi (Double 7th or Chinese Valentines Day)
15 Aug	Zhongyuan (Hungry Ghost Festival)
7 Oct	Chongyang (Double Ninth) Festival
22 Dec	Dongzhi Festival

	Japanese/Shinto
1 Jan	Gantan sai
13 Jan	Rohatsu
15 Jan	Dosojin
3 Feb	Setsuban
8 Apr	Hana Matsuri
29 Apr-5 May	Showa no Hi
15 Aug	Obon
16 Sep	Keiro no Hi
14 Nov	Daijosal
29 Dec-3 Jan	Hatsumode
31 Dec	Omisoaka

	Jain
2 Feb	Meru Trayodashi
20 Mar	Chaumasi Chaudas
17 Apr	Shri Mahavir Jayanti
27 Aug	Paryushana Parvarambha
27 Oct	Diwali

	Bahá'í
26 Feb-1 Mar	Ayyám i Há (Intercalary Days)
21 Mar	Naw Rúz
21 Apr-2 May	Ridván 1st, 9th, 12th are holy days
24 May	Declaration of the Bab
29 May	Ascension of Baha'u'llah
10 Jul	Martyrdom of the Bab
26 Nov	Day of the Covenant
28 Nov	Ascension of Abdu'l Baha
30 Nov	Twin Holy Birthdays

	Sikh
5 Jan	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh
19 Feb	Maghi
14 Apr	Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)
16 Jun	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
20 Oct	Guru Granth Jayanti
11 Nov	Diwali
12 Nov	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Jayanti
24 Nov	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur

	Muslim
3 Apr	Lailat al Miraj
21 Apr	Lailat al Bara'ah
5 May-4 Jun	Ramadan
31 May	Laylat al Qadr
5 Jun	Eid al Fitr ~ Ramadan ends
11 Aug	Waqf al Arafah
12-15 Aug	Eid al Adha
31 Aug-28 Sep	Al Hijra / Muharram
10 Sep	Ashura (Sunni Muslims may fast)
20 Oct	Arba'een
10 Nov	Mawlid an Nabi

	Zoroastrian/Persian
2-20 Feb	Nouruz
16-20 Mar	Frawardigan
21 Mar	Sadeh
27 Mar	Khordad Sal
22 Dec	Shab e Yalda
26 Dec	Zartosht No Diso

* Dates & festivals may vary depending on region/sect/tradition. Some also celebrated as secular festivals
 AL Observant followers may wish to take the day off work
 ● Festival starts at sundown or first sighting of moon on the evening before
 X Work prohibited by faith
 F Fast: sunset-sunset