Religious Holidays 2026-2027

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09/11/26 to 09/13/26	Rosh Hashanah	Rosh Hashanah is the New Year in Judaism. The biblical name for this holiday is Yom Teruah. Begins sundown 9/11/26.	Judaism
09/20/26 to 09/21/26	Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. It occurs annually on the 10th of Tishrei, corresponding to a date in late September or early October. For traditional Jewish people, it is primarily centered on atonement and repentance. Begins sundown on 9/20/26.	Judaism
09/25/26 to 10/02/26	Sukkot	The seven days of Sukkot—celebrated by dwelling in the sukkah, taking the Four Kinds, and rejoicing. Begins at sundown on 9/25/26 and ends with nightfall on 10/2/26.	Judaism
10/02/26 to 10/04/26	Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah	Ends Sukkot and begins annual reading of Torah. Begins at sundown on 10/2/26 and ends nightfall on 10/4/26.	Judaism
10/16/26	Birth of the Bab	The Birth of the Bab, a holy day in the Bahá'í Faith, is celebrated on October 22, 2025. The Bab was the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith, and this day commemorates his birth.	Baha'i
10/20/26	Dussehra	Also known as Viajayadasami, is one of the biggest festivals of the Hindu religion. This festival takes place at the end of Navaratri. Individuals dedicate this festival to the victory of good over evil.	Hinduism
11/08/26 to 11/09/26	Diwali	Diwali is the Indian “festival of lights,” celebrating the triumph of good over evil. In 2025, Diwali begins on Monday, October 20, with celebrations continuing into Tuesday, October 21.	Hinduism

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11/22/26	Christ the King Sunday	Feast in the liturgical year which emphasises the true kingship of Christ.	Catholic
11/25/26	Day of the Covenant	Bahá'ís celebrate the appointment of 'Abdu'l-Bahá as the Centre of Baha'u'llah's Covenant. It occurs yearly on the 4th day of Speech which coincides with either November 25 or 26 depending on when Naw Ruz falls on that year.	Baha'i
11/27/26	Ascension of the 'Abdu'l-Baha	This day marks the passing of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the son and successor of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith. Observances typically include devotional gatherings and prayer.	Baha'i
12/04/26 to 12/12/26	Chanukah	Chanukah commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. Begins at sundown on 12/4/26 and ends at nightfall on 12/12/26.	Judaism
12/08/26	Bodhi	Bodhi Day commemorates the day Siddhartha Gautama achieved enlightenment.	Buddhism
12/08/26	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary	Celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 8 December, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary on 8 September.	Catholic
12/25/26	Christmas	Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.	Christianity

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01/07/27	Orthodox Christmas	Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.	Eastern Orthodox
03/06/27	Maha Shivratri	Hindu festival celebrated annually to worship the deity Shiva, between February and March. According to the Hindu calendar, the festival is observed on the fourteenth day of the first half of the lunar month of Phalguna.	Hinduism

02/15/27	Parinirvana	Celebrates the day when the Buddha is said to have achieved Parinirvana, or complete Nirvana, upon the death of his physical body.	Buddhism
02/09/27	Shrove Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday is the last day before the fasting period of Lent (for Western Christians), 47 days before Easter Sunday.	Christianity
02/07/27 to 03/08/27	Ramadan	The month of Ramadan marks the period in which the holy Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Importantly, it's also the month in which Muslims practice one of the five pillars of Islam, Sawm, or fasting. Fasting the month of Ramadan is obligatory for every Muslim who has passed the age of puberty and is in good health.	Islam
02/10/27	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday kicks off the Lent season, which prepares for Easter with six weeks of repentance and closeness to God. It comes after Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras, a time for one last round of celebration before Lent begins.	Christianity
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02/10/27 to 03/25/27	Lent	For 40 days, millions of Catholics and members of some other Christian denominations around the world will observe Lent, a solemn time of prayer, fasting, self-denial and giving that leads up to Easter, the day the faithful believe that Jesus Christ was resurrected following his execution by the Romans.	Christianity
03/22/27 to 03/23/27	Purim	Purim celebrates the deliverance of the Jewish people from the Haman in the days of Queen Esther of Persia	Judaism

02/21/27	Magha Puja	Celebrates a gathering that was held between the Buddha and 1,250 of his first disciples, which, according to tradition, preceded the custom of periodic recitation of discipline by monks. On the day, Buddhists celebrate the creation of an ideal and exemplary community, which is why it is sometimes called Saṅgha Day	Buddhism
03/22/27	Holi	Holi is a traditional Hindu festival that is celebrated each year to welcome the season of spring and the victory of good over evil. During this time communities come together to celebrate unity, with people from all cultures and backgrounds joining in the festivities.	Hinduism
03/06/27	Laylat al Qadr	One of the most important and sacred nights in the Islamic calendar. It is also referred to as the Night of Power or the Night of Decree. While the month of Ramadan is most widely known as the month that the Qur'an was first revealed to humankind, the Night of Power describes the exact night that the Qur'an was revealed to Prophet Muhammad.	Islam
03/10/27	Eid al-Fitr	Also known as the "Festival of Breaking the Fast," Eid al-fitr is an occasion to celebrate the end of Ramadan (the fasting month).	Islam

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03/21/27	Naw-Ruz	The Bahá'í New Year and one of their nine holy days. It is observed on the vernal equinox, traditionally around March 21, and marks the start of the Bahá'í calendar year. The date is fixed as March 21 for Bahá'ís outside the Middle East, but those who celebrate culturally may observe it on the exact date of the equinox.	Baha'i

04/21/27 to 04/29/27	Passover	Passover (Pesach) celebrates the deliverance of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt.	Judaism
04/12/27	Theravada	This marks the beginning of the Buddhist New Year and is celebrated with various traditions, including prayers, temple visits, and water blessings.	Buddhism
03/26/27	Good Friday	Good Friday, also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday, the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, or Friday of the Passion of the Lord, is a solemn Christian holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.	Christianity
03/28/27	Easter	Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, is a Christian festival and cultural holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans	Christianity
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04/14/27	Vaisakhi	It is seen as a spring harvest celebration primarily in Punjab and Northern India.	Sikh
04/20/27	1st day of Ridvan	Marks the start of the twelve-day Festival of Ridván (“Paradise” in Arabic), commemorating Bahá’u’lláh’s declaration of His mission as a Messenger of God in the Garden of Ridván near Baghdad.	Baha'i

04/28/27	9th day of Ridvan	On the ninth day after Baha'u'llah reached the Ridvan garden, when the Tigris River had receded sufficiently from its spring flood stage, Baha'u'llah's family and many other followers could finally cross the river by boat to join him in that Garden of Paradise. As a result, Baha'is celebrate the Ninth Day of Ridvan each year because it commemorates the unity of the human family and the great joy of Baha'u'llah's declaration.	Baha'i
05/20/27	Vesak	Major Buddhist holiday commemorating the birth, enlightenment, and death of Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha, on the same day.	Buddhist
05/01/27	12th day of Ridvan	During Baha'u'llah's stay in Baghdad's Garden of Ridván in 1863, the 12th day of Ridván was the final day he spent there. The Prophetic Mission of Baha'u'llah was first announced to His followers during this period. Even though Ridván is a joyful occasion, the 12th day of the festival was a day of sorrow for those who had to remain in the garden after his departure.	Baha'i
06/10/27 to 06/12/27	Shavuot	Shavuot marks the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. Begins sundown on 6/10/27.	Judaism
05/22/27	Declaration of the Bab	The Bab heralded the arrival of Baha'ullah and was co-founder of the Baha'i faith. He first declared his mission in Persia in 1844. He inaugurated the Baha'i calendar which is numbered from the year of this declaration.	Baha'i

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05/29/27	Ascension of Baha'u'llah	This marks the passing of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith, in 1892.	Baha'i
05/27/27	Corpus Christi	The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a liturgical solemnity celebrating the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist; the feast is observed by the Latin Church, in addition to certain Western Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglican churches	Catholic

06/04/27	Sacred Heart of Jesus	This feast day always falls within the octave of Corpus Christi, which is 19 days after Pentecost Sunday. It marks a time of honoring the heart of Jesus Christ, a symbol of his love for humanity	Catholic
06/15/27	Ashura	Ashura is a day of commemoration in Islam. It occurs annually on the tenth of Muharram, the first month of the Islamic calendar. For Sunni Muslims, Ashura marks the parting of the Red Sea by Moses and the salvation of the Israelites.	Islam
07/10/27	Martyrdom of the Bab	Commemorates the execution of the Báb by a firing squad in Tabriz, Persia (now Iran) in 1850. Bahá'ís observe this day with readings, prayers, and reflection, often refraining from work to participate in gatherings.	Baha'i
07/01/27	Asala Dharma	Buddhist celebration commemorating the day when the Buddha delivered his first sermon at Sarnath in Uttar Pradesh, India. It falls on the first full moon of the eighth lunar month.	Buddhism
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