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EDUCATION and CELEBRATION

Calendar of Religious Festivals July to December

2023

FAITHS	July	August	September	October	November	December	
BAHA'I	10 Martyrdom of the Bab			16 The Birth of the Bab 17 The Birth of Baha'u'llah	26 Day of the Covenant 28 Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá		
BUDDHIST	3 Asalha Puja / Dhamma Day 6 Birth Dalai Lama	13-15 Obon	23 Higan	28 Anapanasati Day	28 Loy Kratong	8 Bodhi Day	
CHINESE		22 Herd Boy and Weaver Girl 30 Hungry Ghost Festival	28 Confucius' Birthday 29 Rabbit in the Moon Festival	23 Double Ninth Festival			
CHRISTIAN		6 Transfiguration [3] 15 Blessed Virgin Mary 15 Assumption of the B. Virgin Mary [RC] 15 Dormition [3] (Julian) 15 Dormition of the Mother of God [3]	Harvest Festival [Date Varies] 2 Indiction of Church Year [3]	Harvest Festival [Date Varies] 31 All Hallows Eve	1 All Saints' Day 2 All Souls' Day 30 St Andrew	3 Advent Sunday 8 Immaculate Conception [RC] 24 Christmas Eve 25 Christmas Day	
HINDU		30/31 Raksha Bandhan	6/7 Janam Ashtami / Krishna Jayanti 18/19 Ganesh Chaturthi	2 Gandhi Jayanti 15-23 Navaratri 21 Saraswati Puja 22 Durgashtami 22-24 Durga Puja 23 Dussehra	12 Divali / Deepavali		
JAIN		23-30 Paryushan Parva 30 Raksha Bandhan	19 Samvatsari		12 Divali / Deepavali 13 Mahavir Nirvana		
JAPANESE	13-15 O-Bon (Japan)	13-15 O-Bon (Tokyo)	20-26 Higan 23 Shūbun No HI		15 Shichi-Go-San	31 Omisoka	
JEWISH [1]	27 Tisha B'Av		16-17 Rosh Hashanah 25 Yom Kippur 30 - 8 Oct Sukkot	7 Shemini Atzeret 8 Simchat Torah		8-15 Hanukah	
MUSLIM [2]	1 End of Hajj 7 Eid-ul-Ghadir (Shi'a) 19 Al-Hijra [622CE] [1445 AH] 28 Ashura			27 Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad [Milad un Nabi]			
RASTAFARIAN	23 Birthday of Haile Selassie I		12 Ethiopian New Year's Day		2 Anniversary of the Crowning of Haile Selassie I		
SIKH			1 Installation of the Guru Granth Sahib in the Harmandir Sahib in Amritsar	20 Conferring of Guruship on the Guru Granth Sahib in 1708 CE 24 Divali /Bandi Chhor Divas	8 Birthday Guru Nanak 24 Martyrdom Guru Tegh Bahadur	21 Martyrdom Sahibzada Ajit Singh & Sahibzada Jujhar Singh 26 Martyrdom Sahibzada Zorawar Singh & Sahibzada Fateh Singh	
ZOROASTRIAN [PARSEE]	1 Jashn-e-Tirgan [IZ] 7-16 Fravardigan [K] 17 Navroze [K] 22 Khordad Sal [K]	6-15 Fravardigan / Muktad [S] 16 Navroze [S] 21 Khordad Sal [S]	3 Fravardin Mah Parab [S]	1 Jashn-e-Mehergan [IZ]		26 Zaratosht-no-Diso [IZ]	
PAGAN / DRUID [4]		1 Lammas / Lughnasadh	23 Autumn Equinox [Mabon / Alban Elued]	31 Hallowe'en 31 Winter Nights 31 Samhain / Samhuinn		22 Yule [Wiccan] 22 Winter Solstice Alban Arthan / Alban Arthuan	
Some Other Notable Dates			29 Michaelmas	8-15 Interfaith Week of Prayer for World Peace	12 Remembrance Sunday 12-19 Interfaith Week 30 St Andrew's Day	10 Human Rights Day 31 Hogmanay	
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(*) Indicates some uncertainty about the date.
[1] Jewish Festivals commence, like Shabbat, at sunset on the evening of the day prior to the date shown.
[2] Muslim Festivals begin in the evening before the Gregorian dates shown in this calendar.
[3] Indicates a festival celebrated in the Orthodox tradition of the Christian church.
[4] All Baha'i and certain Druid and Pagan festivals also commence in the evening.
[5] IZ, K and S denote three Zoroastrian Calendars: Iranian Zoroastrian, Kadmi and Shahenshai

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