

Religious festivals 2009

Faith	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Buddhist *date uncertain	11/19 Mahayana (New Year) 26* Losar (Tibetan New Year)	8/15 Parinirvana (Nirvana Day)	11* Magha Puja	9-12* Theravada (New Year)	2/9* Wesak (Buddha Day)		7 Asala (Dharma Day) 13-16 Ulambana					8 Bodhi Day
Christian	1 Naming of Jesus 6 Epiphany 6/7 Christmas (Eastern Orthodox, Armenian and Rastafarian)	2 Candlemas 24 Shrove Tuesday 25 Ash Wednesday (First day of Lent)	2 Lent	5 Palm Sunday 10 Good Friday 12 Easter Sunday 19 Easter Sunday (Orthodox)	21 Ascension Day 31 Pentecost/whitsuntide	11 Corpus Christi		6 The Transfiguration 15 Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary	Harvest Festival (local variations)	Harvest Festival (local variations)	1 All Saints Day 2 All Souls Day 29 Advent Sunday	8 Immaculate Conception 24 Christmas Eve 25 Christmas Day
Hindu *dates may vary based on luna calendar	14 Makar Sankrant (Lohr) 31 Vasanta Panchami	23 Mahashivratri	11 Holi	3 Rama Navami 9 Hanuman Jayanti		24 Ratha Yatra		5 Raksha Bandhan 14 Krishna Janmashthami 23 Ganesh Chaturthi	19-27 Navaratri 28 Dussera	17 Diwali		
Jewish *starts previous evening		9 Tu B'shevat	9 Fast of Esther 10 Purim	9 First Sedar Night 9*-16 Passover	29*-30 Shavuot		9 Fast of Tammuz 30* Fast of 9th Av		19*-20 Rosh Hashanah 21 Fast of Gedaliah 28* Yom Kippur	3*-10 Sukkot 11* Simchat Torah		12*-19 Hanukah
Muslim *dates may vary	7 Ashura		9 Milad un Nabi (Birthday of the Prophet Mohammad)				20 Lailat al-Miraj	22 Ramadan (starts)	17 Lailat al-Qadr 21 Eid-UI-Fitr		25-28 Hajj 28 Eid-UI-Adha	18 Al-Hijira

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