

This calendar lists religious and national holidays and observances that involve special days and observances or work restrictions. The listings are not exhaustive, nor do they represent all religious traditions in the Interfaith Action community. Every effort has been made to ensure that this information is accurate. If we have missed an important date in your faith tradition, please let us know.

**JUDAISM**

In Judaism, life is marked by numerous special days. The Torah lists the following sacred days: the Sabbath; the three pilgrimages: Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot; and the two High Holy Days: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Judaism developed additional significant days from the time of the destruction of the Second Temple to modern times. Sabbath for Jews is known as Shabbat and runs between Friday and Saturday evenings.

**ISLAM**

There are two major Islamic holidays: Eid-ul-Fitr, "Festival of Fast-Breaking," which marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting, and Eid-ul-Adha, "Festival of Sacrifice," which is celebrated during the Hajj. In addition, a few other celebrations are recognized in the Muslim community that vary across cultures, as well as across sects of Islam. Mawlid an-Nabi celebrates Prophet Muhammad's birthday. Muslims are required to offer five prayers daily and have a special day for congregational prayer on Fridays.

**HINDUISM**

As in most ancient religions, many of the Hindu holidays are based on the cycle of nature. They mark the change of seasons, celebrate the harvest, and encourage fertility of the land. Others are dedicated to a particular deity, such as Shiva or Ganesha. Still other popular holidays commemorate events in the lives of Rama or Krishna. There is no set day for worship in Hinduism. Worship is less formal than some other religions.

**CHRISTIANITY**

The most important Christian holidays are Easter, which celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection, and Christmas, which commemorates the birth of Jesus. The 40 days prior to Easter, starting with Ash Wednesday and excluding Sundays, form the Lenten season, which is a time of fasting and repentance. There are numerous Christian feasts throughout the year. Pentecost Sunday celebrates the gift of Holy Spirit. Christians generally celebrate Sabbath on Sunday, a practice that began after Biblical accounts of Jesus' resurrection.

**BUDDHISM**

Buddhism celebrates many holidays and festivals, most of which commemorate important events in the life of the Buddha or various Bodhisattvas. The date of the holidays are based on the lunar calendar and often differ by country and tradition. Buddhists do not observe a weekly holy day. Some Buddhists, however, observe Uposatha, or a day of resting.

**BAHA'I**

There are nine annual Bahá'í holy days plus an annual fast. With the exception of New Year, Bahá'í holidays commemorate major events in the lives of the founders of the Bahá'í faith. On holy days, Bahá'ís do not work. The annual fast takes place during the Bahá'í month of Ailá, which immediately precedes the Bahá'í new year. Bahá'ís observe a feast that occurs once in each 19-day Bahá'í month. There are 19 feast celebrations each year.



# 2020 Interfaith and national holidays

● Baha'i ● Buddhism ● Christianity ● Hinduism ● Islam ● Judaism ● National Holidays

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## 2020 HOLIDAYS

Jan 1	New Year's Day	Jul 29	Hajj (ends Aug 2)*
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jul 30	Day of Arafat*
Feb 15	Buddha's Death	Jul 31	Eid al-Adha*
Feb 17	President's Day	Aug 22	Muharram (New Year)*
Feb 26	Ash Wednesday	Aug 22	Ganesh Chaturti
Mar 10	Holi	Aug 29	Ashura*
Mar 20	Naw-Ruz (New Year)*	Sep 7	Labor Day
Apr 8	Buddha's Birthday	Sep 19-20	Rosh Hashana*
Apr 9-10	First and Second Day of Passover*	Sep 28	Yom Kippur*
Apr 10	Good Friday	Oct 3-4	Sukkot*
Apr 12	Easter	Oct 10	Shemini Atzeret*
Apr 15-16	Seventh and Eighth Day of Passover*	Oct 11	Simchat Torah*
Apr 20	First Day of Ridvan*	Oct 12	Indigenous Peoples' Day
Apr 24	Ramadan (ends May 23)*	Oct 17	Navratri (ends Oct 24)
Apr 28	Ninth Day of Ridvan*	Oct 18-19	Twin Births of the Bab and Baha'u'llah (respectively)*
May 1	Twelfth Day of Ridvan*	Oct 25	Dussehra
May 23	Declaration of the Bab*	Oct 29	Mawlid an-Nabi*
May 24	Eid al-Fitr*	Nov 14	Diwali
May 25	Memorial Day	Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day
May 28	Ascension of the Baha'u'llah*	Dec 8	Buddha's Enlightenment
May 29-30	Shavuot*	Dec 25	Christmas
May 31	Pentecost Sunday		
Jul 4	Independence Day		
Jul 9	Martyrdom of the Bab*		

\* Holidays begin at sundown the day before