A GUIDE TO SOME OF THE DAYS OF RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE 2026

JANUARY

1	Solemnity of Mary(Holy Mother of God)	Catholic
1	Baptism of the Lord	Certain Orthodox Christian
1	New Year's Day	Christian, Hindu
1-3	Shigatsu/Gantan (as (New Year)	Shinto
2	Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord and Presentation in the Temple	Maronite and other Christian
3	Makagawa New Year	Indigenous
5	Eve of Feast of Holy Nativity and Theophany of Jesus Christ	Armenian Orthodox
5	Prakash Sri Guru Gobin Singji Ji	Sikh
6	Feast of Holy Nativity/Christmas Eve	Certain Orthodox Christian
6	Christmas Day/Nativity of Christ	Armenian Orthodox
7	Holy Epiphany/Baptism of Jesus/Theophany	Maronite and other Christian
7	Christmas Day/Holy Nativity of Our Lord/Feast of Lights/Feast of the Nativity	Coptic/Ethiopian Orthodox/Eritrean Orthodox
7	Holy Apostle, Protoevangelist and Archdeacon Stephen Sri Stephen's Day/Boxing Day	Syrian, Syrian and other Christian
8	Orthodox New Year	Certain Orthodox Christian
14	Waqa'a - Lohi-Mao Waqa'a Wa'ulun	Indigenous
14	The Circumcision Feast	Coptic/Orthodox Christian
14	Orthodox New Year	Certain Orthodox Christian
17	Makar Sankranti/Pongal	Hindu
19	Night of Isra' and Mi'raj (27 Rajab) Laylat al-Mi'raj	Islam
19	St Anthony the Great	Maronite and other Christian
19	The Holy Epiphany/Solemn of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ	Coptic/Certain Orthodox Christian
19	Epiphany/Theophany	Certain Orthodox Christian
20	Feast of the Wedding of Cana of Galilee	Coptic/Orthodox Christian
23	Vasant Panchami	Hindu
24	St Sava Day, First Archbishop of Serbia	Serbian Orthodox
26	Sri Ganesh the Sacrifice	Hindu

FEBRUARY

1-2	Imbolc	Pagan - Northern Hemisphere
1-2	Lughnasadh	Pagan - Southern Hemisphere
2	Presentation of the Lord in the Temple and St. Simeon	Maronite, Syrian Orthodox and other Christian
2	Tu B'Shevat	Jewish
2-4	Jonah's Shroud/Lent Fasting	Coptic, Syrian Orthodox
3	Shemini Atzeret (beginning of sunset)	Jewish
3	The Night of Gift of Shar'abani/Lailat al-Barakah	Islam
3	Jonah's Shroud/Feast	Coptic, Syrian Orthodox
5	St Tarasius	Serbian Orthodox
6	St Maron Day	Maronite Catholic
7	Anniversary of Balmond Bishop Day	Maronite Catholic
15	Parinirvana of Buddha Shakyamuni/Nirvana Day	Buddhist Mahayana
15	The Meeting of our Lord and Saviour Jesus in the Temple/Our Lord Jesus Christ entering the sanctuary	Coptic, Orthodox Christian
15	Recognition Day Australia (Inauguration of church in Australia in 1893)	Church of Scientology
16-18	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
17	Holy Great Fast/Lent	Coptic, Orthodox Christian
18	Ash Wednesday	Maronite Catholic and other Christian
18	Shrove Sunday/Pancake Day	Christian
17	Lunar New Year/Tet festival	Buddhist, Mahayanist, Confucian, Taoist, Shinto, Vietnamese, Korean, Singaporean, Malaysian, Chinese, Cambodian, Taiwan
17	Losar/Tibetan, Sojiba, Lhosar/Bhutanese & Sherpa New Year	Buddhist (Vajrayana)/ Bon/Nepal Bhotia
19	Ramadan begins	Islam
19	Ash Wednesday/Lent begins	Christian
19-21	Beginning of the Lunar Lent (Forgiveness Monday)	Bahai, Maronite, Syrian Orthodox and other Christian

MARCH

1-19	Kia Ballad Fasting Period	Bahai
2	St John Maron	Maronite Catholic
3	Magha Puja Day/Sangha Day/Great Assembly Day	Buddhist Mahayanist
3-4	Purim	Jewish
3-4	Holi	Hindu
4	Holy Birbalip	Sikh
5	The 40 Martyrs	Maronite Catholic and other Christian
13	Birth of L. Ron Hubbard/Founder of Dianetics and Scientology	Church of Scientology
13-21	Paraseeg/Papa Feast/Paraseeg/Creation of Universe	Mandaean
14	Hanukkah/Rosh Hash'Ana 5766	Jewish
15	Laylatul Al-Qadr/Night of Destiny/Night of Power	Islam
15	The Feast of the appearance of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem	Coptic/Orthodox Christian
15-20	St Joseph	Maronite Catholic and other Christian
16-22	Ostara	Pagan - Northern Hemisphere
18-19	Chaitra Navaratri	Hindu
20	Eid Al Fitr (end of Ramadan)	Islam
20-23	Mabon	Pagan - Southern Hemisphere
21	Naw Ruz/Nowruz/New Year	Bahai
21	Jamshedi Navroz (Zoroastrian New Year in Fash Calendar)	Zoroastrian, Parsian, Kurdish, Sikh, Afghan, Tajik
21	Vernal Equinox Day (in)	Indigenous
21-26	Maulid Al Unsain	Islam
23	Ri Kellga	Maronite Catholic
25	The Annunciation Feast/Feast of Virgin Mary	Maronite, Melkite and other Christian
26	Khordad Sal/Birthday of Lord Zoroastra (Fasel Calendar)	Zoroastrian
27	Ocupa Ashkani	Christian
27	Rama Navami	Hindu
29	Palm Sunday	Christian
30	Mahavir Jayanti/Birth of Lord Mahavira	Jain

APRIL

1	Khe's Week Vosprazd and Chaldean New Year	Assyrian/Chaldean Orthodox and Chaldean Catholic
2	Memorial of Jesus' Death/Lord Leaving Bed	Jehovah's Witness
2	Pesach/Passover (Ancient Greek Orthodox)	Jewish
2	Passover Jewish	Jewish
2	Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday, Institution of the Eucharist and Feast of the Paschal	Christian
2	Covered/Great and Holy Thursday	Christian
3	Good Friday/Holy Great Friday	Christian
4	Lazarus Saturday/Raising of Lazarus	Coptic, Syrian Orthodox
4	Easter Saturday/Holy Saturday, Bright Saturday	Christian
4	Gyeongchung Tonki ceremony	Buddhist Mahayanist
5	Easter Sunday/Resurrection Sunday/Glorious Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord/Holy Pascha	Christian
5	Orthodox Palm Sunday/ Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem/ Lazarus Saturday	Coptic Orthodox Christian
5	Easter Monday, Bright Monday	Christian
6	Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday, Institution of the Eucharist and Feast of the Paschal	Coptic, Syrian Orthodox
6	Orthodox Palm Sunday/ Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem/ Lazarus Saturday	Coptic Orthodox Christian
7	Good Friday/Great Friday	Coptic, Syrian Orthodox
8	Orthodox Easter Sunday/Resurrection/Glorious Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord/Holy Pascha	Coptic Orthodox Christian
8	Orthodox Easter Monday	Coptic Orthodox Christian
10-15	Songkran/Songkran/Chaul Chnam Thmey/Pi Mai/Maha Nyan	Buddhist (Theravada)/ Cambodian, Thai, Lao, Burmese
14	Khalsa Sajna Diwas/ Vaisakhi/Baisakhi	Sikh
14	Holy Friday/Great Friday/Good Friday	Christian
14	Holy Saturday/Great Saturday, Bright Saturday	Christian
15	Orthodox Monthly Thursday/Holy Thursday	Coptic Orthodox Christian
15	Orthodox Good Friday/Holy Friday	Coptic Orthodox Christian
16	Orthodox Holy Saturday	Coptic Orthodox Christian
17	Orthodox Easter Sunday/Pascha/Glorious Feast of the Resurrection	Coptic Orthodox Christian
17	Orthodox Easter Monday	Coptic Orthodox Christian
18-19	Bodhi Day	Buddhist (Theravada)/ Confucianism, Tao, Lao, Shinto
19	Hanamatsuri	Buddhist
19	Caranavas Sun/Red Wednesday/Ten Sal Tazizi New Year	Yezidi
19	Thamar Sunday/ the New Sunday	Coptic/ Orthodox Christian
19	Akshay Tritiya	Hindu
19	New Sunday	Syrian Orthodox
19	First Day of Ridvan (Holy Day)	Bahai
19	St George (Julian calendar)	Certain and other Orthodox
27	Day of Ashkhal Mazal & Ashkhal Mg (Hangman)	Yezidi
29	Eid Al Adha	Islam
29	Ninth Day of Ridvan	Bahai
30 April - 1 May	Beltane	Pagan - Northern Hemisphere

MAY

1	Bodh Purnima/Buddha Purnima	Hindu
1	Tsechu Day of Mercy	Buddhist
1	Vesak/Visakha Puja/Wesak/Buddha Jayanti Commemoration of Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and Death	Buddhist
3	St Mark's Feast/Martyrdom of St. Mark the Evangelist	Coptic Christian
3	Ascension Day/Feast of Ascension/Christ Ascending/Feast of Ascension	Maronite, Syrian Orthodox and other Christian
3	St Dead of Dersing, the Wonderworker	Ethiopian Orthodox
3-4	Ascension/ Ascension Ascension of Our Lord/Christ Ascension/ Ascension of Jesus	Melkite and other Christian
4	Shavuot/Feast Jewish	Jewish
5	Gahanbar Dahma/Day Dedicated Dagmed/Gahanbar of the Dagmed Dahma/Day Dedicated Dagmed/Gahanbar of the Dagmed	Zoroastrian
8-12	Hajj Days, The first 10 days of Dhu al-Hijjah	Islam
21	Ascension of our Lord into Heaven	Syrian Orthodox
22	Feast of the Ascension/ Ascension of the Lord into Heaven/ Ascension of Christ Jesus	Coptic Orthodox Christian
22-23	Shavuot commemorating the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai	Jewish
24	Declaration of the Bab	Bahai
24	Pentecost/Whitsunday	Melkite and other Christian
24	Eve Carl and Martha, Enlightenment of the Stars	Indigenous
25	National Sorry Day	Indigenous
25	UNO Ascension	Indigenous
27 May - 1 June	National Reconciliation Week	Indigenous
29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah	Bahai
29	The Holy Resurrection Feast/The Feast of our Lord Ascending and Sitting at the Right Hand	Coptic/Orthodox Christian
31	The day of Pentecost	Syrian Orthodox

JUNE

1	Ker Lukh's Ishu Lagh Nawi	Coptic Christian
1	Apostles' Feast	Christian
2	Waka Day	Indigenous
3	Day of Shadow	Indigenous
3	Eve Dagmarian Day Sunnaqata religious order/ Mesir Yezidi Day	Yezidi
5	Rudd Marcus/Commemoration of Marcus	Church of Scientology
16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib/Guru Arjan Martyrdom Shaheed Day Sri Guru Granth Sahib	Sikh
16-17	Al-Yizha: First day of Muharram/Hijrah Year/Islamic New Year 1448	Islam
20-22	Litha	Pagan - Northern Hemisphere
20-22	Yule	Pagan - Southern Hemisphere
24	St John the Baptist Day	Christian
25	Miqad Bire Qadeed	Yezidi
26	Ashura Day/10th of Muharam 1448	Islam
26	Ashura/Martyrdom of Imam Hussein	Shiite Islam
26	Blessed Yezevich the Capuchin	Maronite Catholic
28-29	Jagannath Yatra	Hindu
29	Holy Great Fast Day/Holy Prophet Amos, Holy St Leonce and St Stephen Martyrs	Syrian Orthodox
29	St Peter and St Paul Feast	Christian
29	Feast Apostle Peter	Christian
29	Feast of the St Apostles	Syrian Orthodox

JULY

1	Coming of the Light	Zoroastrian
1	Asalha Puja - Dharma Day	Buddhist (Theravada)
3	St Thomas Feast/St Thomas The Apostle	Chaldean Catholic
5-6	NAIDOC Week	Indigenous
6	The Fifth Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso's Birthday	Buddhist (Vajrayana)
6	Jehanbar/Jehanbar/Feasting Day Australia, New Zealand/St Sisoette	Church of Scientology
7	Martyrdom of the Bab Day	Bahai
12	The Wesakak brothers	Maronite Catholic
12	The Apostles Feast/Martyrdom of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Feast	Coptic, Syrian Orthodox
12	Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord in the Mountain	Melkite and other Christian
13	Sahra Ko Tabha/Mandaean New Year	Mandaean
14	St Bernard Feast	Maronite Catholic
15	St Charbel's Feast	Maronite Catholic
16	Mar Elias, St Elijah the Prophet	Maronite Catholic
23	Tisha b'Av	Jewish
29	Hyacinthos Pharmites	Maronite Catholic
29	Mid Maronite Martyrs of St Maron	Maronite Catholic

AUGUST

1	Lammas	Pagan - Northern Hemisphere
1	Lughnasadh	Pagan - Southern Hemisphere
1	Beginning of the Fast of the Theotokos Virgin Mary	Melkite and other Christian
1	National Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders Day Observance	Indigenous
6	Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord on the Mountain	Melkite and other Christian
7-8	St Mary's Fast	Syrian Orthodox
13-15	St Mary's Fast	Syrian Orthodox
14	Karbakath Shravan Mass	Hindu
15-16	Obon Festival	Buddhist and Shinto (Japanese)
15	Dormition of Blessed Virgin Mary/St Mary's Ascension/Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul/Commemoration of St Mary/Feast of Dormition	Melkite and other Christian
15	Chamkaura Sahib Day	Sikh
15	Birth of Prophet Muhammad Mawlid an-Nabi/Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi	Islam
26	Onam	Hindu (Kerala)
28	Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu
30	Nawoot/Unopiah Nahnai	Yezidi

SEPTEMBER

1	St Fortunatus Commemoration	Assyrian
1	Indigenous Literacy Day	Indigenous
1-2	Rosh Hashanah/ Rosh Hashanah (Hebrew)/Rosh Ha'shanah (Jewish)	Jewish
4	Krishna Jayanthi/ Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu
5	Birthday of the Bab/Birthday of the Theotokos	Bahai, Syrian Orthodox and other Christian
6	Revelation/Revelation/Unopiah Nahnai	Yezidi
11	The Nazarus Yezed/Cyprus New Year	Coptic Christian
11-12	Rosh Hashanah/Jewish New Year	Jewish
12	Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	Indigenous
13	Audhan's Day	Church of Scientology
14	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Melkite and other Christian
14	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu
15	Samaritan Pass	Jewish
20-23	Ostara	Pagan - Northern Hemisphere
20-23	Mabon	Pagan - Southern Hemisphere
20-21	Yom Kippur Day of Atonement	Jewish
22-24	Ghana Anusarana/ Navratri/Sacrifice Pollution Best "Hungry Ghosts"	Buddhism (Theravada)
26	Avard Chandrabh	Yezidi
27	Sukkot/Succot	Jewish
27	Mawlid	Chilapaw/Christian Orthodox
28	Feast of Consecrating the Church of the Holy Cross Jerusalem	Coptic and other Christian
29	Feast Peleda	Christian

OCTOBER

1	Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)	Jewish
4	Simchat Torah (Day of Celebrating the Torah)	Jewish
4	Feast of pilgrimage to Cape Cheyah	Yezidi
7	Anniversary of the International Association of Scientologists	Church of Scientology
7	Kathina and Pavarana	Buddhist (Theravada)
12	Sarai/Pre Sarai/Anniversary Pre Sarai	Mandaean
16-18	Shandiyan/Kahnam Nawroz	Mandaean
17	Alexandria Martyr Pantaenus the Saint, St Pateba	Syrian Orthodox
17-18	Mawlid Al Unsain	Islam
18	Kings Anniversary/Sagmaran	Mandaean
25	Shamdi/Ashkani Parvanan	Yezidi
26	Karun Chaoh	Hindu
27	Sukkot	Pagan - Northern Hemisphere
27	Ostara	Pagan - Southern Hemisphere
31	Samhain (various colors of light against darkness) Samhain/Samhain/Samhain	Pagan - Northern Hemisphere

NOVEMBER

1	All Saints' Day	Christian
1	Ecclesiastical New Year	Syrian Orthodox
1	Alva Ashkani	Yezidi
2	All Souls' Day	Christian
3	Shemhaqoshim/Shemaras	Mandaean
7	Chesh Ansuk/Ansuk	Chaldean
8	Deepavali/Diwali/Naraka Chaturdasi/Diwali/Deepavali/Naraka Chaturdasi	Hindu/Sikh
8	Holy and Glorious Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gushter of Thessalonica	Melkite and other Christian
15	Gorakhan Puja/Jorakhan Darshan	Hindu
15	Birth of Ian Gain	Church of Scientology
18	Khe Day/Khe Tha/Khe/Khe/Khe Phoria	Yezidi
21	Birth of Baha'u'llah	Bahai
22	Yulai Vrash	Yezidi
22	Entrance of the Archangel Michael and other Bodiless Powers of St Archangel Michael	Orthodox and other Christian
23	Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple	Melkite and other Christian
24	Eve Diwali	Hindu
24	Kartik Purnima/Kartika Kartika/Kartika Eve	Hindu
24	Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji Sahib	Sikh
24	Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib	Sikh
27	Nativity Fasting period The Holy Nativity Fast	Syrian Orthodox
29	Day of the Covenant	Bahai
29	Nativity Fasting period	Syrian Orthodox
30	Beginning of the Nativity/Lunar Lent	Melkite and other Christian

DECEMBER

2	Hanukkah/Chanukah/Festival of Lights	Jewish
2	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary	Christian
3	Saint Ambrose Christ's Day	Macedonian Orthodox
8	Bodhi Day	Buddhist
10	Beginning of the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord	Melkite and other Christian
13	St Nehemiah	Syrian Orthodox
15-22	The Holy Nativity Fast	Syrian Orthodox
17	Capra Nagum/Cut Pea Feast of Eve	Yezidi
18	Yezidi Eid Feast	Yezidi
19	Saint Maqar the Macedonian of Mount Lycon/St Nicolas Day and Saint Ambrose Christ's Day	Serbian and other Christian
21	Ahmad Dhagah Day	Yezidi
21	Winter Solstice	Pagan - Northern Hemisphere
21	Yule	Pagan - Southern Hemisphere
25	Christmas Day/Birth of Our Lord The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Catholic, Anglican, Uniting, Lutheran, Protestant, Orthodox
25	Christmas Day/Christ Jesus's birthday	Zoroastrian
25	Solemnity of Holy Nativity/Feast of the Nativity	Syrian Orthodox
26	Frasass Is Mary/Glorification of God St Mary	Maronite Catholic
26	St Stephen's Day	Maronite Catholic
27	Martyrdom of the Christian of Nathalaya	Syrian Orthodox
28	The Holocaust of the Magi	Maronite Catholic
29	Holy Innocents of Bethlehem	Maronite Catholic
30	Hagahna New Year/Tekna Christ/Jesus/Jesus	Buddhist - Hagahna

Notes:

1. Ethnic descriptions prevailing religions (e.g. Armenian Orthodox, Chaldean Catholic) are not intended to be exclusive of other ethnic groups who may also adhere to the religion. Only significant holidays of the above religions are listed. Lunar dates are based on Gregorian calendar.
2. Shemaras and Shemaras Day may also be spelled as one word or have some of the dates listed above, subject to local customs.
3. Jewish and Bahai holy days commence at sunset the previous day listed.