

Indo-Swiss Intercultural Calendar of Festivals and Holidays 2018

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January	01*	Mon	New Year's Day 2018/Neujahr/Nouvel An (IND/R/CH)
January	05*	Fri	Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday 1666 (IND/R/S)
January	06*	Sat	Epiphany/Heilige Drei Könige/Epiphanie (CH/R/C)
January	14*	Sun	Makar Sankranti / Pongal / Lohri (IND/R/H)
January	22	Mon	Vasant Panchami / Saraswati Puja (IND/R/H)
January	26*	Fri	Indian Republic Day (IND)
January	30*	Tue	Mahatma Gandhi's Death anniversary (IND)
February	08	Thu	Schmutziger Donnerstag in Luzern/Carneval à Lucerne (CH/R)
February	13	Tue	Maha Shivratri (IND/R/H)
February	14*	Wed	Valentine's Day/Valentinstag/Saint Valentin (IND/CH)
February	14	Wed	Ash Wednesday/Aschermittwoch/Les Cendres (CH/R/C)
February	19	Mon	Carnival in Basel/Morgenstreich=Fasnachtsmontag (CH/R)
March	01	Thu	Purim (Y)
March	01	Thu	Hutashani=Holika Dahan=Holi (IND/H)
March	02	Fri	Holi = Dhuleti = Vasantotsav = Spring Time (IND/H)
March	14*	Tue	Sikh New Year: Nanakshahi Calendar 549 (S)
March	18	Sun	Gudi Padva, New Year in Maharashtra; Chaitri Shukladi New Year in South India, Ugadi Telugu New Year, Shalivahan Shaka 1940; New Year in UP and North India; Marwadi New Year 2075; Cheti Chand (IND/R/H)
March	20*	Tue	Jamshedi Navroz: Mazda Fasli New Year 1387 (P/IND) =R
March	25	Sun	Palm Sunday/Palmsonntag/Rameaux (CH/R/C)
March	25	Sun	Summer time begins from 02:00; Add 1hour/Sommerzeit/Heure d'été
March	25	Sun	Ram Navami (IND/R/H)
March	26	Mon	Khordad Sal: Birthday of Zarathustra (P/IND)
March	29	Thu	Mahavir Jayanti (IND/J)
March	30	Fri	Good Friday/Karfreitag/Vendredi Saint (IND/CH/C)
March	31	Sat	Pessach = Passover (Y)
April	01*	Sun	Bank's Holiday - Annual Closing (IND)
April	01	Sun	Easter/Ostern/Pâques (IND/R/CH/C)
April	02	Mon	Easter Monday/Ostermontag/Lundi de Pâques (CH/R/C)
April	14*	Sat	Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti (IND)
April	14	Sat	Tamil New Year, Kaliyuga 5120 (IND/R/CH/H)
April	14*	Sat	Vishu ,New Year in Tulu Calendar, Kerala, Meshadi (IND/R)
April	14*	Sat	Baisakhi in Punjab (IND/R/S)
April	14	Sat	Boisakhadi in Bengal Shatabd 1425 / Behag Bihu Assam (IND/R)
April	16	Mon	Sechseläuten (ZRH)
April	30	Mon	Buddha Jayanti/Vaisakhi Punam (IND/B/H)
May	01*	Tue	Labour Day = May Day/Tag der Arbeit/Fête de travail (IND/CH)
May	10	Thu	Ascension Day/Auffahrt/Ascension (CH/C)
May	13	Sun	Mother's Day/Muttertag/Fête des mères (CH/IND)
May	16	Wed	First Day of Ramzan Month, Fasting begins (IND/CH/R/M)
May	20	Sun	Whitsuntide = Pentecost/Pfingsten/Pentecôte (CH/C)

May	21	Mon	Whit Monday = Pentacost Monday/Pfingstmontag/Lundi de Pentecôte
May	29	Tue	Vesak (IND/B)
May	31	Thu	Corpus Christi/Fronleichnam/Fête-Dieu (CH/C/R)
June	15	Fri	Id-ul-Fitr = Ramazan Id = End of Ramzan month (IND/M)
July	14	Sat	Rath Yatra (IND/R/H)
July	27	Fri	Guru Purnima (IND/H/B)
August	01*	Wed	Swiss National Day/Nationalfeiertag/Fête nationale (CH)
August	15*	Wed	Indian Independence Day (IND)
August	15*	Wed	Assumption Day/Maria Himmelfahrt/Assomption (CH/R/C)
August	15	Wed	Nag Panchami (IND/R/H)
August	17	Fri	Pateti, Navroz, Parsi NewYear:Shehanshahi 1388 (IND/R/P)
August	22	Wed	Id-ul-Adha = Id-ul-Zuha = Id El Hajj = Bakr Id (IND/M)
August	24	Fri	Onam (IND/R/H)
August	26	Sun	Raksha Bandhan = Nariyeri Purnima (IND/R/H)
September	03	Mon	KrishnaJanmashtami (IND/H)
September	04	Tue	Nandmahotsav (IND/H)
September	06	Thu	Jeûne Genevois (C/GVA)
September	10	Mon	Knabenschiessen (ZRH)
September	10	Mon	Rosh ha-Schana, Jewish New Year 5779 (Y)
September	11	Tue	Moharam Muslim New Year Hizri 1440/Islamisches Neujahr/Nouvel An Islamique (M)
September	13	Thu	Ganesh Chaturthi = Ganesh Sthapana (IND/H)
September	14	Fri	Paryushana Parva: Eighth Day / Samvatsari (J)
September	16	Sun	Federal Day of Prayer/Eidg. Bettag/Jeûne Fédéral (CH/C)
September	19	Wed	Yom Kippur (Y)
September	21	Fri	Moharam/Taziya/Roz I Ashura/Mourning Day (M)
September	23	Sun	Anant Chaturdashi = Ganesh Visarjan (IND/H)
October	02*	Tue	Gandhi Jayanti (IND/CH)
October	08	Mon	Sarva Pitru Shraadtha, Amavasya (IND/R/H/B)
October	10	Wed	Navaratri starts (IND/H)
October	17	Wed	Maha Ashtami = Durgashtami (IND/R/H)
October	19	Fri	Dussehra = Vijaya Dashami (IND/H)
October	24	Wed	Sharad Punam = Kojagari Purnima (IND/R)
October	27	Sat	Karva Choth (IND/R)
October	28	Sun	End of Summer Time. At 03:00 reduce 1 hour/Beginn Winterzeit/ Heure d'hiver (CH)
November	01*	Thu	All Saints' Day/Allerheiligen/Le toussaint (CH/R/C)
November	04	Sun	Reformation Day/Reformationstag/Fête de Ref. (CH/R/C)
November	07	Wed	Diwali = Dipawali=Laxmi Puja = Sharada Puja (IND/H/S/J)
November	08	Thu	New Year Vikram Samvat 2075 / Govardhan Puja(IND/R/H)
November	08	Thu	New Year Mahavir Samvat 2545 (J)
November	09	Fri	Bhai Bij = Bhau Duj (IND)
November	21	Wed	Id-e-Milad = Mevlid/Birthday of Prophet Mohammed, 570 (IND/M)

November	23	Fri	Guru Nanak Jayanti, 1469, Kartik Purnima = Dev Diwali (S)
November	26	Mon	Ziebelmärit in Berne (CH/R)
December	08*	Sat	Immaculate Conception/Maria Empfängnis/Immaculée Conc. (CH/R/C)
December	12*	Wed	Escalade (GVA)
December	24*	Mon	Christmas Eve = Holy Night/Heiliger Abend/la veille de Noël (CH/C)
December	25*	Tue	Christmas Day/Weihnachten/Noël (IND/CH/C)
December	26*	Wed	St. Stephen's Day/Stephanstag/Saint Etienne (CH/C)
December	31*	Mon	New Year's Eve 2018→2019/Silvester/saint-Sylvestre (IND/CH)

(B) Buddhist, (C) Christian, (H) Hindu, (J) Jain, (M) Muslim, (P) Parsi, (S) Sikh, (Y) Yehudi or Jewish,
(R) Regional, (IND) All-India, (CH) Switzerland, (GVA) Geneva, (ZRH) Zurich

* = Same date every year for this festival

NB: Religious dates are subject to regional and institutional variations. Provide ± 1 day

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