

# Indo-Swiss Intercultural Calendar of Festivals and Holidays 2019

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January	01*	Tue	New Year's Day 2019/Neujahr/Nouvel An (IND/R/CH)
January05*	Sat		Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday 1666 (IND/R/S)
January06*	Sun		Epiphany/Heilige Drei Könige/Epiphanie (CH/R/C)
January 14*	Mon		Makar Sankranti / Pongal / Lohri (IND/R/H)
January26*	Sat		Indian Republic Day (IND)
January30*	Wed		Mahatma Gandhi's Death anniversary (IND)
<b>February</b>	10	Sun	Vasant Panchami / Saraswati Puja (IND/R/H)
February	14*	Thu	Valentine's Day/Valentinstag/Saint Valentin (IND/CH)
February	28	Thu	Schmutziger Donnerstag in Luzern/Carneval à Lucerne (CH/R)
<b>March</b>	04	Mon	Maha Shivratri (IND/R/H)
March	06	Wed	Ash Wednesday/Aschermittwoch/Les Cendres (CH/R/C)
March	11	Mon	Carnival in Basel/Morgenstreich = Fasnachtsmontag (CH/R)
March	14*	Thu	Sikh New Year: Nanakshahi Calendar 550 (S)
March	19	Tue	Hutashani=Holika Dahan=Holi (IND/H)
March	20	Wed	Holi = Dhuleti = Vasantotsav = Spring Time (IND/H)
March	20*	Wed	Jamshedi Navroz: Mazda Fasli New Year 1388 (P/IND/R)
March	21	Thu	Purim (Y)
March	31	Sun	Summer time begins from 02:00; Add 1 hour/Sommerzeit/Heure d'été
<b>April</b>	01*	Mon	Bank Holiday – Annual Closing (IND)
April	06	Sat	Gudi Padva, New Year in Maharashtra; Chaitri Shukladi New Year in South India, Ugadi Telugu and Kannada New Year, Shalivahan Shaka 1941; New Year in UP and North India; Marwadi New Year 2076; Cheti Chand (IND/R/H)
April	08	Mon	Sechseläuten (ZRH)
April	14	Sun	Ram Navami (IND/R/H)
April	14	Sun	Palm Sunday/Palmsonntag/Rameaux (CH/R/C)
April	14*	Sun	Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti (IND)
April	14	Sun	Tamil New Year, Kaliyuga 5121 (IND/R/CH/H)
April	14*	Sun	Vishu ,New Year in Tulu Calendar, Kerala, Meshadi (IND/R)
April	14*	Sun	Baisakhi in Punjab (IND/R/S)
April	14	Sun	Boisakhadi in Bengal Shatabd 1426 / Behag Bihu Assam (IND/R)
April	17	Wed	Mahavir Jayanti (IND/J)
April	19	Fri	Good Friday/Karfreitag/Vendredi Saint (IND/CH/C)
April	19	Fri	Hanuman Jayanti _ Chaitri Purnima (IND/R/H)
April	20	Sat	Pessach = Passover (Y)
April	21	Sun	Easter/Ostern/Pâques (IND/R/CH/C)
April	22	Mon	Easter Monday/Ostermontag/Lundi de Pâques (CH/R/C)
<b>May</b>	01*	Wed	Labour Day = May Day/Tag der Arbeit/Fête de travail (IND/CH)
May	06	Mon	First Day of Ramzan Month, Fasting begins (IND/CH/R/M)
May	12	Sun	Mother's Day/Muttertag/Fête des mères (CH/IND)
May	18	Sat	Buddha Jayanti/Vaisakhi Punam/Vesak (IND/B/H)
May	30	Thu	Ascension Day/Auffahrt/Ascension (CH/C)
<b>June</b>	05	Wed	Id-ul-Fitr = Ramazan Id = End of Ramzan month (IND/M)
June	09	Sun	Whitsuntide = Pentecost/Pfingsten/Pentecôte (CH/C)
June	10	Mon	Whit Monday = Pentacost Monday/Pfingstmontag/Lundi de Pentecôte
June	20	Thu	Corpus Christi/Fronleichnam/Fête-Dieu (CH/C/R)
<b>July</b>	04	Thu	Rath Yatra (IND/R/H)
July	16	Tue	Guru Purnima (IND/H/B)
<b>August</b>	01*	Thu	Swiss National Day/Nationalfeiertag/Fête nationale (CH)
August 05	Mon		Nag Panchami (IND/R/H)
August 11	Sun		Id-ul-Adha = Id-ul-Zuha = Id El Hajj = Bakr Id (IND/M)

August 15*	Thu		Indian Independence Day (IND)
August 15*	Thu		Assumption Day/Maria Himmelfahrt/Asomption (CH/R/C)
August 15	Thu		Raksha Bandhan = Nariyeri Purnima (IND/R/H)
August 17	Fri		Pateti, Navroz, Parsi NewYear:Shehanshahi 1389 (IND/R/P)
August 24	Sat		KrishnaJanmashtami (IND/H)
August 25	Sun		Nandmahotsav (IND/H)
August 31	Sat		Moharam Muslim New Year Hizri1441 /Islamisches Neujahr/Nouvel An Islamique (M)
<b>September</b>	02	Mon	Ganesh Chaturthi = Ganesh Sthapana (IND/H)
September	03	Tue	Paryushana Parva: Eighth Day / Samvatsari (J)
September	05	Thu	Jeûne Genevois (C/GVA)
September	09	Mon	Knabenschiessen (ZRH)
September	10	Tue	Onam (IND/R/H)
September	10	Tue	Moharam/Taziya/Roz I Ashura/Mourning Day (M)
September	12	Thu	Anant Chaturdashi = Ganesh Visarjan (IND/H)
September	15	Sun	Federal Day of Prayer/Eidg. Bettag/Jeûne Fédéral (CH/C)
September	28	Sat	Sarva Pitru Shraadhtha, Amavasya (IND/R/H/B)
September	29	Sun	Navaratri starts (IND/H)
September	30	Mon	Rosh ha-Schana, Jewish New Year 5780 (Y)
<b>October</b>	02*	Wed	Gandhi Jayanti (IND/CH)
October	06	Sun	Maha Ashtami = Durgashtami (IND/R/H)
October	08	Tue	Dussehra = Vijaya Dashami (IND/H)
October	09	Wed	Yom Kippur (Y)
October	13	Sun	Sharad Punam = Kojagari Purnima (IND/R)
October	17	Thu	Karva Choth (IND/R)
October	27	Sun	End of Summer Time. At 03:00 reduce 1 hour/Ende Sommerzeit=Beginn Winterzeit/Heure d'hiver (CH)
October	27	Sun	Diwali = Dipawali=Laxmi Puja = Sharada Puja (IND/H/S/J)
October	28	Mon	New Year Vikram Samvat 2076 / Govardhan Puja(IND/R/H)
October	28	Mon	New Year Mahavir Samvat 2546 (J)
October	29	Tue	Bhai Bij = Bhau Duj (IND)
<b>November</b>	01*	Fri	All Saints' Day/Allerheiligen/Le toussaint (CH/R/C)
November	03	Sun	Reformation Day/Reformationstag/Fête de Ref. (CH/R/C)
November	10	Sun	Id-e-Milad = Mevlid/Birthday of Prophet Mohammed, 570 (IND/M)
November	12	Tue	Guru Nanak Jayanti, 1469, Kartik Purnima = Dev Diwali (S)
November	25	Mon	Ziebelmärit in Berne (CH/R)
<b>December</b>	08*	Sun	Immaculate Conception/Maria Empfängnis/Immaculée Conc. (CH/R/C)
December	12*	Thu	Escalade (GVA)
December	24*	Tue	Christmas Eve = Holy Night/Heiliger Abend/la veille de Noël (CH/C)
December	25*	Wed	Christmas Day/Weihnachten/Noël (IND/CH/C)
December	26*	Thu	St. Stephen's Day/Stephanstag/Saint Etienne (CH/C)
December	31*	Tue	New Year's Eve 2019→2020/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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