

Indo-Swiss Multicultural Calendar of Festivals, Holy Days and Holidays 2026

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January	01*	Thu	New Year's Day 2026/Neujahr/Nouvel An (IND/R/CH)
January	02*	Fri	Berthold's Day/Berchtoldstag/Jour de Saint-Berthold (R/C/CH)
January	05*	Mon	Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday 1666 (IND/R/S)
January	06*	Tue	Epiphany/Dreikönigstag/Epiphanie (CH/R/C)
January	14	Wed	Makar Sankranti / Pongal / Lohri (IND/R/H)
January	23	Fri	Vasant Panchami / Saraswati Puja (IND/R/H)
January	26*	Mon	76 th Indian Republic Day (IND)
January	30*	Fri	Mahatma Gandhi's Death anniversary (IND)
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February	14*	Sat	Valentine's Day (CH)
February	15	Sun	Maha Shivratri (IND/R/H)
February	18	Wed	Ash Wednesday/Aschermittwoch/Les Cendres (CH/R/C)
February	19	Thu	First Day of Ramzan Month, Fasting begins (IND/CH/R/M)
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March	03	Tue	Purim (Y)
March	03	Tue	Hutashani=Holika Dahan=Holi (IND/H)
March	04	Wed	Holi=Dhuleti=Vasantotsav = Spring Time (IND)
March	14*	Sat	Sikh New Year: 557 Nanakshahi Calendar from 1470 (S)
March	19	Thu	Gudi Padva, New Year in Maharashtra; Chaitri Shukladi New Year in South India, Ugadi Telugu and Kannada New Year, Shalivahan Shaka 1948; New Year in UP and North India; Cheti Chand (IND/R/H)
March	21	Sat	Id-ul-Fitr=Ramazan Id=End of Ramzan month (IND/M)
March	20*	Fri	Jamshedi Navroz: Fasli New Year 1395 (P/IND/R)
March	26	Thu	Ram Navmi (IND/R/H) ODER 27.?
March	29	Sun	Palm Sunday/Palmsonntag/Rameaux (CH/R/C)
March	29	Sun	Summer time begins from 02:00; Add 1 hour / Sommerzeit/Heure d'été
March	31	Thu	Mahavir Jayanti, 24 th Tirthankar b. 599 B.C. (IND/J)
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April	02	Thu	Hanuman Jayanti - Chaitri Purnima (IND/R/H)
April	02	Thu	Pessach=Passover (Y)
April	03	Fri	Good Friday/Karfreitag/Vendredi Saint (IND/CH/C)
April	05	Sun	Easter/Ostern/Pâques (IND/R/CH/C)
April	06	Mon	Easter Monday/Ostermontag/Lundi de Pâques (CH/R/C)
April	14*	Tue	Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti (IND)
April	14*	Tue	Vishu, New Year in Tulu Calendar, Kerala, Tamil New Year 2059; Meshadi, Bohag Bihu in Assam; Baisakhi in Punjab; Boisakhadi in Bengal Shatabd 1433(IND/R)
April	20	Mon	Sechseläuten (CH/R/ZRH)

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May	01*	Fri	Labour Day=May Day/Tag der Arbeit/Fête de travail (IND/CH)
May	01	Fri	Buddha Jayanti/Vaisakhi Punam/Vesak (IND/B/H)
May	10	Sun	Mother's Day/Muttertag/Fête des mères (CH/IND)
May	14	Thu	Ascension Day/Auffahrt/Ascension (CH/C)
May	24	Sun	Whitsuntide = Pentecost/Pfingsten/Pentecôte (CH/C)
May	25	Mon	Whit Monday=Pentacost Monday/Pfingstmontag/Lundi de Pentecôte
May	27	Wed	Id-ul-Adha=Id-ul-Zuha=Id El Hajj=Bakr Id (IND/M)

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June	04	Thu	Corpus Christi/Fronleichnam/Fête-Dieu (CH/C/R)
June	16	Tue	1 st Moharam Islamic New Year Hizri1448 /Islamisches Neujahr/Nouvel Ans Islamique (M)
June	26	Fri	10 th Moharam/Taziya/Roz I Ashura/Mourning Day (M)

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July	16	Thu	Rath Yatra (IND/R/H)
July	29	Wed	Guru Purnima (IND/H/B)

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August	01*	Sat	Swiss National Day/Nationalfeiertag/Fête nationale (CH)
August	15*	Sat	80th Indian Independence Day (IND)
August	15*	Sat	Assumption Day/Maria Himmelfahrt/l'Assomption (CH/R/C)
August	28	Fri	Raksha Bandhan / Nariyeri Purnima (IND/R/H)
August	17	Mon	Nag Panchami (IND/R/H)
August	16	Sun	Navroz, Parsi NewYear: Shehanshahi 1393 (IND/R/P)
August	26	Wed	Onam (IND/R/H)
August	26	Wed	Id-e-Milad=Mevlid=Maulid an-Nabi/Birthday of Prophet Mohammed, 570 (IND/M)

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September	04	Fri	Krishna Janmashtami (IND/H)
September	08	Tue	Paryushana Parva starts (IND/J)
September	11	Fri	Rosh ha-Schanah, Jewish New Year 5787 (Y)
September	14	Mon	Ganesh Chaturthi=Ganesh Sthapana (IND/H)
September	15	Tue	Paryushana Parva Eighth Day = Samvatsari (IND/J)
September	20	Sun	Federal Day of Prayer/Eidg. Bettag/Jeûne Fédéral (CH/C)
September	20	Sun	Yom Kippur (Y)
September	25	Fri	Anant Chaturdashi = Ganesh Visarjan (IND/H)

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October	02*	Fri	Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti (IND)
October	10	Sat	Sarva Pitru Shraadhtha, Amavasya (IND/R/H/B)
October	11	Sun	Navaratri 1 st day (IND/H)
October	20	Tue	Dussehra=Vijaya Dashami (IND/H)
October	25	Sun	Sharad Punam=Kojagari Purnima (IND/R)

October	25	Sun	End of Summer time. At 03:00 reduce 1 hour/Ende Sommerzeit=Beginn der Winterzeit/ Heure d'hiver (CH)
October	29	Thu	Karva Chauth (IND/R)
October	31	Sat	Reformation Day/Reformationstag/Fête de Ref. (CH/R/C)

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November	01*	Sun	All Saints' Day/Allerheiligen/Le Toussaint (CH/R/C)
November	08	Sun	Diwali=Deepawali=Laxmi Puja; Sharada Puja (IND/H/S/J)
November	09	Mon	New Year Vikram Samvat 2083/ Govardhan Puja (IND/R/H)
November	09	Mon	New Year Mahavir Jain Samvat 2553 (J)
November	10	Tue	Bhai Bij=Bhau Duj (IND)
November	24	Tue	Guru Nanak Jayanti, 1469, Kartik Purnima = Dev Diwali

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December	08*	Tue	Immaculate Conception/Maria Empfängnis/Immaculée Conc. (CH/R/C)
December	24*	Thu	Christmas Eve=Holy Night/Heiliger Abend/la veille de Noël (CH/C)
December	25*	Fri	Christmas Day/Weihnachten/Noël (IND/CH/C)
December	26*	Sat	St. Stephen's Day/Stephanstag/Saint Etienne (CH/C)
December	31*	Thu	New Year's Eve 2026→2027/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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