

MULTICULTURAL CALENDAR

2023



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JANUARY

7.1. Orthodox Christmas.

22.1. Chinese new year. For many Chinese most important holiday of the year. Vietnamese new year (Tey) is celebrated during the same period of time.

FEBRUARY

18.2. Laylat ul-Isra wa'l-Miraj, Maha Shivaratri (The Lailat al-Mi'raj also known as Shab-e-Mi'raj in Iran, Pakistan, India and Bangladesh, and Miraç Kandili in Turkish, is the Muslim holiday celebrating the Isra and Mi'raj; Maha Shivaratri is a Hindu festival celebrated in honour of the god Shiva.)

MARCH

8.3. Holi. Hindu spring festival. Festival signifies victory of good over evil.

Shab-e-Barat (Turk. Berat Kandili) is one of the major festivals and among the holiest event in Islam when Muslims pray for the dead.

17.3. Saint Patrick's day. Catholic holiday celebrated especially among Irish, Americans and British.

22.3.-20.4. Ramadan. Muslims' month of fasting.

30.3. Rama Navami. Hindu festival that celebrates the birthday of Rama, the seventh avatar of the deity Vishnu.

APRIL

9.4. Easter. For members of eastern Orthodox church this is most important festival of the year. Also for many African Christians this is a very important holiday.

17.4. Orthodox Easter Monday.

18.4. Jom HaŠoa. Holocaust Remembrance Day is a Jewish holiday observed as a day of commemoration for the approximately six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust.

21.-22.4. Eid al-Fitr begins after sunset and marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan.

MAY

5.5. Vesak, Most important day of Buddhist calendar. Day to celebrate birth, enlightenment and death of Gautama Buddha. Day of festival might vary in different Asian countries

JUNE

8.6. Corpus Christi. Catholic festival honoring the body of Jesus. Celebrated among the people of South Europe and Latin Americans.

24.6. John the Baptist's day (Midsummer's Day). The Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church remember John the Baptist on June 24 as the feast day of the birth of Saint John the Baptist.

29.-30.6. Eid al-Adha / Edul Aajha / Eid-e-Qorban. Festival of sacrifice after the act of pilgrimage to Makkah.

JULY

6.-7.7. Eid al-Ghadir. Shia Islam's holiday, day of appointment of the Prophet's successor.

23.7. Day for Rastafarians to celebrate the birth of Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie and equality of all humans also honoring the African cultures.

28.7. Ashura. in Sunni Islam associated with the salvation for Moses and Israelites from Egypt. In Shia Islam it is known as the day of mourning the death of Husayn ibn Ali (a grandson of Prophet Muhammad). (Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Gambia, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Senegal, Somalia.)

SEPTEMBER

18.9. Ganesh Chaturthi. Hindu festival to celebrate birth of god Ganesha.

24.9. Yom Kippur. Jewish day of forgiveness.

27.9. Mawlid Al-Nabi / Mawlid Nabawi. Birth of the Islamic Prophet Muhammad.

OCTOBER

15.10-24.10. Navaratri, Day that start nine days Dashain festival period.

24.10. Vijaya Dashami is closing festival of period. Popular Hindu festival especially in India and Nepal

NOVEMBER

1.11. All Hallows Day. Christian festival to remember those who have passed way. In Latin cultures Día de los Muertos is celebrated on 1st or 2nd of November. In Finland All Hallows Day is situated on a Saturday between 31.10. and 6.11.

12.11. Divali. Hindu festival of light, hope and new beginning

26.11-28.11. Bon om touk. Kambodian water festival.

DECEMBER

7.-15.12. Chanukah / Hanukkah. Jewish festival of light

24.-26.12. Christmas. Christian festival to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.