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Observant followers may wish to take the day off work.

**Hindu**

- **Respect**
  - Majority are lactic-vegetarian/vegan.
  - Sunrise - sunset fasts are common.
  - 14 Jan - Makar Sankranti/Pongal (4 days)
  - 8 Mar - Holi
  - 14 Apr - Rama Navami
  - 14 Apr - Hindu New Year
  - 16 Apr - Hanuman Jayanti
  - 26 Apr - Ganesh Chaturthi
  - 26 Apr - Bhumi Chhath Divas - Diwali (5 days)
  - 24 Apr - Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Jayanti

- **Japanese/Shinto**
  - 1-2 Jan - Gantan-sai/Shiogatsu (New Year's Day)
  - 3-5 Jan - Hatsumode (First Shrine Visits of the year)

- **Christian**
  - Respect Roman Catholic: No meat on Fridays or Ash Weds during Lent (fish allowed), observant RC may wish to take time off on Holy Days of Obligation, especially those marked **(*)** others not shown.
  - 01-Mar F Ash Wednesday* (start of Lent, and 14 April)
  - 14-Apr Palm Sunday, Holy Week starts
  - 15-Apr Good Friday*
  - 21-Apr Easter Sunday
  - 05-Jun Pentecost*
  - 25-Dec Christmas Day
  - 31-Dec Watch Night (Pentecost, not RC)

- **Muslim**
  - **Respect**
  - Halal meat
  - 1-Mar * Iftar and Mid-Ramadhan
  - 23 Apr - Ramadan begins (30 days)
  - 28 Apr - Laylatul Gadir (Night of Power)
  - 05-May Al Eid al Fitr - Ramadan ends
  - 10-Jul Al Eid al Adha
  - 30-Jul Al Muharram (29 days in New Year)
  - 08-Aug Al Ashura
  - 10-Oct Al Milad un Nabi (Mawlid)

- **Other Faiths**
  - Festival starts at sundown or first sightings of moon on the evening before
  - Compensation day if event occurs at weekend (eg UK Bank Hols)
  - Work prohibited by faith

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**Secular Days**

- **25-Jan** Burns Night
- **23-Feb** Holocaust Memorial Day
- **February LGBT History Month
- **02-Mar** St. Valentine’s Day
- **01-Mar** International Women’s Day
- **08-Mar** International Women's Day
- **14-Mar** Buddhist Mahayana (Th) Thais and some Chinese/Filipino/Indian
- **15-Mar** International Women's Day (Th) Buddhist Mahayana

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- **22-Sep** Mabon (9 days)
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**English**

- **26-Jan** World Religion Day
- **02-Feb** Ayyam-i-Ha (intercalary days)
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