

# happy Cultural Planner 2023

	Secular Days		Hindu		Rastafarian
	UK Bank Holidays		Bahá'í		Japanese / Shinto
	Christian		Zoroastrian / Persian		Jewish
	Jain		Chinese / Taoist		Muslim
	Neo Pagan / Wiccan		Sikh		Buddhist
					Other

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Dates when people of certain faiths may be unavailable
 Sabbath each Saturday
 Clocks change

Find out about each festival & download for free at [www.happy.co.uk/culturalplanner](http://www.happy.co.uk/culturalplanner)

Bahai	
26-Feb	☉ ☽ <b>Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)</b>
01-Mar	☉ ☽ <b>Ayyám-i-Há end</b>
02-Mar	F <b>Feast of Ala (Start of Nineteen Day Fast)</b>
21-Mar	☉ ☽ Naw-Rúz
21-Apr	☉ ☽ <b>Ridván</b> (1st, 9th, 12th are holy days)
24-May	☉ ☽ Declaration of the Báb
29-May	☉ ☽ Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh
10-Jul	☉ ☽ Martyrdom of the Báb
16-Oct	☉ ☽ Birth of the Báb
17-Oct	☉ ☽ <b>Birth of Bahá'u'lláh</b>

Buddhist Mahayana (M) Theraveda (Th) Tibet (T) (A) Generally celebrated on the nearest w/e in UK	
15-Feb	<b>Nehan-e/Nirvana Day (M)</b>
07-Mar	Cho Trul Duchon (T) (Full Moon)
21-Mar	<b>Higan-e (M)</b>
05-May	AL <b>Vesak – Buddha Day (A)</b>
26-May	<b>Buddha's Birthday</b>
04-Jun	<b>Saka Dawa (T) (Full Moon)</b>
03-Jul	<b>Asala - Dharma Day</b>
22-Sep	<b>Higan-e (M)</b>
28-Oct	Kathina (TH) (Full Moon)
04-Dec	Lhabab Duchon (T) (Full Moon)
08-Dec	<b>Jodo-e/Rohatsu/Bodhi Day (M)</b>

Chinese / Taoist	
21-Jan	<b>Lunar New Year's Eve/Start of Spring Golden Week</b>
22-Jan	<b>Lunar New Year - Rabbit</b>
05-Feb	Yuan Xiao (Lantern Festival)
21-Feb	Zhonghe (Blue Dragon Festival)
05-Apr	Qingming (Tomb Sweeping Day)
22-Jun	Duanwu (Double 5th/Dragon Boat Festival)
22-Aug	Qixi (Double 7th or Chinese Valentine's Day)
30-Aug	Zhongyuan (Hungry Ghost) Festival
01-Oct	Start of Autumn Golden Week
23-Oct	Chongyang (Double Ninth) Festival
22-Dec	Dongzhi Festival (Winter Solstice)

Hindu	
<b>Respect</b> Majority are lacto-vegetarian/vegan. Sunrise to sunset fasts are common.	
14-Jan	F Makar Sankranti/Pongal (4 days)
18-Feb	F Maha Shivaratri
07-Mar	F <b>Holi</b>
30-Mar	F Rama Navami
05-Apr	F Hanuman Jayanti
14-Apr	F Hindu New Year
30-Aug	F <b>Rakhi/Raksha Bandhan</b>
07-Sep	F ☽ Krishna Janmashtami
18-Sep	F Ganesha Chaturthi
15-Oct	F Navartri (9 days)
23-Oct	F <b>Dussehra (India) Dashain (Nepal)</b>
12-Nov	F AL <b>Deepawali/Diwali (5 days-last 2 fasts)</b>

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Jain Depends on location This list for London	
19-Jan	Meru Trayodashi
06-Mar	<b>Phalguna Chaumasi Chaudas</b>
15-Mar	Varshitapa Arambha
03-Apr	<b>Mahavir Jayanti</b>
22-Apr	Varshitapa Parana
02-Jul	Ashadha Chaumasi Chaudas
11-Sep	F AL <b>Paryushan (9 day fast, final day festival)</b>
19-Sep	Samvatsari Parva
12-Nov	Lakshmi Puja
14-Nov	<b>Gujarati New Year</b>
26-Nov	Kartika Chaumasi Chaudas
27-Nov	<b>Kartika Ratha Yatra</b>

Japanese/Shinto	
01-Jan	<b>Gantan-sai/Oshōgatsu (New Year's Day)</b>
01-Jan	Hatsumode (First Shrine Visits of the year)
15-Jan	Dōsojin (Fire Festival)
03-Feb	Setsebun Sai (Bean Scattering/Spring Festival)
08-Apr	Hana-Matsuri (Flower Festival)
29-Apr	<b>Shōwa no Hi (Emperor Hirohito's Birthday)</b>
05-May	<b>Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day)</b>
13-Aug	<b>Obon - Festival of Souls (3 days)</b>
18-Sep	Keirō no Hi (Respect for the Aged Day)
31-Dec	<b>Ōmisoka (New Year's Eve)</b>

Muslim	
<b>Respect</b> Halal meat	
18-Feb	☽ Isra and Mi'raj
22-Mar	F ☽ <b>Ramadan begins (30 days)</b>
17-Apr	F ☽ Laylatul Qadr (Night of Power)
22-Apr	AL ☽ <b>Eid al Fitr - Ramadan ends</b>
29-Jun	AL ☽ Eid al Adha
19-Jul	F ☽ Muharram (29 days) (New Year)
28-Jul	F ☽ Ashura
27-Sep	AL ☽ Milad un Nabi (Mawlid)

Zoroastrian Fasli calendar Dates may vary in Parsi or other Indian Communities	
24-Jan	☽ <b>Sadeh</b>
11-Mar	☽ Frawardigan (split into two 5 day halves)
16-Mar	☽ Frawardigan (split into two 5 day halves)
20-Mar	AL ☽ Nouruz
26-Mar	☽ Khordad Sal
26-Dec	☽ Zartosht No Diso

Jewish	
<b>Respect</b> Kosher	
07-Mar	☽ <b>Purim</b>
06-Apr	☉ ☽ <b>Pesach / Passover (8 days)</b> No work permitted first two and last two days. Work permitted other days with restrictions.
26-May	☉ ☽ Shavuot (2 days)
27-Jul	F ☽ Tish'a B'Av   3 wks. Fast on 1st & last days
16-Sep	☉ ☽ <b>Rosh Hashanah (2 days)</b>
25-Sep	☉ ☽ <b>Yom Kippur</b>
30-Sep	☉ ☽ <b>Sukkot (7 days)</b> No work permitted 1st & 2nd day. Work permitted last 2 days with restrictions.
07-Oct	☉ ☽ <b>Shemini Atzeret (2 days)</b>
08-Dec	☽ Chanukah (8 days)

Christian — Western, Roman Catholic & most Protestant	
<b>Respect</b> 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)	
22-Feb	F Ash Wednesday* (start of Lent, end 6 April)
02-Apr	Palm Sunday, Holy Week starts
07-Apr	<b>Good Friday*</b>
09-Apr	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
28-May	<b>Pentecost*</b>
25-Dec	R <b>Christmas Day</b>
31-Dec	Watch Night (Pentecosta, not RC)

Christian — Eastern Orthodox	
<b>Respect</b> Many strict fasts - Great Lent most observed	
07-Jan	AL Nativity of the Lord (Orthodox Christmas)
09-Jan	Replacement Day
27-Feb	F Start of Great Lent (ends Pascha)
02-Apr	<b>Palm Sunday / Start of Holy week</b>
07-Apr	AL <b>Holy Friday</b>
08-Apr	<b>Pascha (Orthodox Easter)</b>
28-May	<b>Pentecost / Trinity Sunday</b>

Jehovah's Witness	
04-Apr	Lord's Evening Meal

Church of Jesus Christ & Latter Day Saints (Mormon)	
<b>Respect</b> No coffee / tea / alcohol. No work on Sundays	
24-Jul	<b>Pioneer Day</b>

£ UK Bank Holidays	
02-Jan	New Year's Day ☉
03-Jan	New Year Holiday (S cot only) ☉
17-Mar	St. Patrick's Day (NI only)
07-Apr	Good Friday
10-Apr	Easter Monday (not Scot)
01-May	Early May Bank Holiday
29-May	Spring Bank Holiday

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22-Aug	F <b>Grand Finale of Tabieorar Period</b> (end of 13 days of fasting)

Seventh-Day Adventists	
<b>Respect</b> - Mostly vegetarian, no pork, shellfish, caffeine, alcohol. No festivals/holy days other than Sabbath. Strictly no work.	
☉ ☽ <b>Sabbath</b> (every Sat — starts sunset Friday)	

Secular Days	
15-Jan	World Religion Day
25-Jan	Burns Night
27-Jan	Holocaust Memorial Day
February	LGBT History Month
14-Feb	Valentine's Day
21-Feb	Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
01-Mar	St. David's Day
08-Mar	International Women's Day
13-19 Mar	British Sign Language Week
17-Mar	St Patrick's Day
19-Mar	Mothers' Day
20-Mar	International Day of Happiness
26-Mar	Clocks Go Forward
22-Apr	Stephen Lawrence Day
23-Apr	St. George's Day
01-May	Deaf Awareness Week (UK)
08-May	Coronation of King Charles III
13-May	Mental Health Awareness Week
18-Jun	Fathers' Day
22-Jun	Windrush Day
October	Black History Month
29-Oct	Clocks Go Back
31-Oct	Halloween
05-Nov	Bonfire Night
11-Nov	Armistice Day
12-Nov	Remembrance Sunday
30-Nov	St. Andrew's Day
01-Dec	World AIDS Day
03-Dec	International Day for People with Disabilities
26-Dec	Kwanzaa (African Diaspora) – 1 week
31-Dec	New Year's Eve / Hogmanay

Neo Pagan / Wiccan	
02-Feb	☽ Imbolc
20-Mar	Ostara
01-May	<b>Beltane</b>
24-Jun	Litha (Midsummer's Day)
01-Aug	Lughnasadh
21-Sep	Mabon (9 days)
01-Nov	☽ <b>Samhain</b>
22-Dec	Yule (12 days)

Rastafarian	
<b>Respect</b> - Vegetarians/vegans I-tal dietary rules; no salt, alcohol, milk, or coffee	
07-Jan	<b>Ethiopian Christmas</b>
21 Apr	<b>Groundation Day</b>
16-Jul	<b>Ethiopian Constitution Day</b>
23 Jul	<b>Birthday of Haile Selassie</b>
17 Aug	<b>Marcus Garvey's birthday</b>
11-Sep	<b>Ethiopian New Year's Day</b>
2 Nov	<b>Crowning of Emperor Selassie</b>

Sikh Nanakshahi Calendar	
<b>Respect</b> Restrictions: Vegan & some dairy exceptions.	
05-Jan	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh
11-Mar	<b>Hola Mohalla (3 days)</b>
14-Mar	Nanakshahi New Year
14-Mar	AL <b>Vaisakhi (Birth of the Khalsa)</b>
16-Jun	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
01-Sep	<b>Guru Granth Sahib</b>
12-Oct	AL <b>Bhandi Chhor Divas (Diwali)</b>
20-Oct	<b>Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji</b>
24-Nov	<b>Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur</b>
27-Nov	<b>Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurburab</b>
24-Dec	<b>Saka Sirhind (2 days)</b>

☞ Dates & festivals may vary depending on region/sect/tradition. Some also celebrated as secular festivals

AL Observant followers may wish to take the day off work

☽ Festival starts at sundown or first sighting of moon on the evening before

☉ Compensation day if event occurs at weekend (eg UK Bank Hols)

☉ Work prohibited by faith

F Fast: sunrise-sunset

M Mahayana

TH Theraveda

T Tibet

A Celebrated by all

Items in **bold** are major festivals

