

	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

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☼ Bahai	
26-Feb	☉ ☽ Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)
29-Feb	☉ ☽ Ayyám-i-Há end
1-19 Mar	F Feast of Ala (Start of Nineteen Day Fast)
20-Mar	☉ ☽ Naw-Rúz
20-Apr	☉ ☽ 1st Day of Ridvan
28-Apr	☉ ☽ 9th Day of Ridvan
01-May	☉ ☽ 12th Day of Ridvan
23-May	☉ ☽ Declaration of the Báb
28-May	☉ ☽ Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh
9-Jul	☉ ☽ Martyrdom of the Báb
2-Nov	☉ ☽ Birth of the Báb
3-Nov	☉ ☽ Birth of Bahá'u'lláh

☸ Buddhist Mahayana (M) Theraveda (Th) Tibet (T) (A) Generally celebrated on the nearest w/e in UK	
25-Jan	Mahayana New Year (M)
15-Feb	Nehan-e/Nirvana Day (M)
24-Feb	Cho Trul Duchen (T) (Full Moon)
3-Mar	Hana Matsuri (M)
21-Mar	Higan-e (M)
23-May	AL Vesak / Buddha Day (A)
23-May	Saka Dawa (T) (Full Moon)
21-Jul	Dhammacakka Day (Th) Chor Khor Duchen(T)
22-Sep	Higan-e (M)
17-Oct	Kathina (TH) (Full Moon)
22-Nov	Lhabab Duchen (T) (Full Moon)
08-Dec	Jodo-e/Rohatsu/Bodhi Day (M)

☸ Hindu	
Respect Majority are lacto-vegetarian/vegan. Sunrise to sunset fasts are common.	
15-Jan	F Makar Sankranti/Pongal (4 days)
8-Mar	F Maha Shivaratri
25-Mar	F ☽ Holi
14-Apr	F Hindu New Year
16-Apr	F Rama Navami
23-Apr	F Hanuman Jayanti
19-Aug	F Rakhi/Raksha Bandhan
26-Aug	F ☽ Krishna Janmashtami
6-Sep	F Ganesh Chaturthi
3-Oct	F Navratri (9 days)
12-Oct	F Dussehra (India) Dashain (Nepal)
31-Oct	F AL Deepawali/Diwali (5 days to the last 2 fasts)

✝ Christian — Western, Roman Catholic & most Protestant	
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).	
14-Feb	F Ash Wednesday* (start of Lent, end 6 April)
24-Mar	Palm Sunday (Holy Week starts)
29-Mar	Good Friday*
31-Mar	Easter Sunday
19-May	Pentecost*
25-Dec	R Christmas Day
31-Dec	Watch Night (Pentecosta, not RC)

✝ Christian — Eastern Orthodox	
Respect Many strict fasts-Great Lent most observed	
7-Jan	AL Nativity of the Lord (Orthodox Christmas)
8-Jan	Replacement Day
18-Mar	F Start of Great Lent (ends Pascha)
28-Apr	Palm Sunday (Holy Week starts)
3-May	AL Holy Friday
5-May	Pascha (Orthodox Easter)
23-Jun	Pentecost / Trinity Sunday

✝ Jehovah's Witness	
28-Mar	Lord's Evening Meal

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

✝ Aladura	
22-Aug	F Grand Finale of Tabieorar Period (end of 13 days of fasting)

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

☽ Neo Pagan / Wiccan	
2-Feb	☽ Imbolc
21-Mar	Ostara
1-May	Beltane
20-Jun	Litha (Midsummer's Day)
1-Aug	Lughnasadh
21-Sep	Mabon (9 days)
1st Nov	☽ Samhain
21-Dec	Yule (12 days)

☯ Chinese / Taoist Spring & Autumn Golden Week Holidays vary by region	
21-Jan	Start of Spring Golden Week
10-Feb	Chinese New Year (Dragon)
24-Feb	Yuan Xiao (Lantern Festival)
11-Mar	Zhonghe (Blue Dragon Festival)
4-Apr	Qingming (Tomb Sweeping Day)
10-Jun	Duanwu (Double 5th/Dragon Boat Festival)
10-Aug	Qixi (Double 7th or Chinese Valentine's Day)
18-Aug	Zhongyuan (Hungry Ghost) Festival
17-Sep	Mid-Autumn (Mooncake) Festival
01-Oct	Start of Autumn Golden Week
11-Oct	Chongyang (Double Ninth) Festival
21-Dec	Dongzhi Festival (Winter Solstice)

✋ Jain Depends on location — This list for London	
7-Feb	Meru Trayodashi
23-Mar	Phalguna Chaumasi Chaudas
2-Apr	Varshitapa Arambha
21-Apr	Mahavir Swami Jayanti
10-May	Varshitapa Parana
20-Jul	Ashadha Chaumasi Chaudas
31-Aug	F AL Paryushan (9 day fast, final day festival)
8-Sep	Samvatsari Parva
31-Oct	Lakshmi Puja
2-Nov	Gujarati New Year
14-Nov	Kartika Chaumasi Chaudas
15-Nov	Kartika Ratha Yatra

☸ Japanese/Shinto — A selection of major & well-known festivals. Many regional festivals inc. Golden Weeks. Dates & significance may vary by region.	
1-Jan	Gantan-sai/Oshōgatsu (New Year's Day)
1-Jan	Hatsumode (First Shrine Visits of the year)
15-Jan	Dōsojin (Fire Festival)
3-Feb	Setsebun Sai (Bean Scattering/Spring Festival)
29-Apr	Shōwa no Hi (Emperor Hirohito's Birthday)
5-May	Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day)
8-May	Hana-Matsuri (Flower Festival)
13-Aug	Obon (Festival of Souls, 3 days)
16-Sep	Keirō no Hi (Respect for the Aged Day)
4-Nov	Bunka no Hi (Culture Day)
31-Dec	Ōmisoka (New Year's Eve)

✡ Jewish	
Respect Kosher	
☉ ☽ Sabbath (every Sat — starts sunset Friday)	
24-Mar	☽ Purim
23-Apr	AL ☽ Pesach / Passover (8 days)
☉ on days 1&2, 7&8 Work restriction on other days	
12-Jun	AL ☽ Shavuot (2 days)
23-Jul	F ☽ Tish'a B'Av 3 wks. Fast on 1st & last days
3-Oct	AL ☽ Rosh Hashanah (2 days)
12-Oct	☉ ☽ Yom Kippur (25hr fast)
17-Oct	AL ☽ Sukkot (7 days)
☉ on days 1&2 Work restriction on days 6 & 7	
24-Oct	AL ☽ Shemini Atzeret (2 days)
26-Dec	☽ Chanukah (8 days)

☾ Muslim	
Respect Halal meat	
7-Feb	☽ Isra and Mi'raj (starts in the evening)
11-Mar	F ☽ Ramadan begins (30 days)
6-Apr	F ☽ Laylatul Qadr (Night of Power)
10-Apr	AL ☽ Eid al-Fitr - Ramadan ends
16-Jun	AL ☽ Eid al-Adha
9-Jul	F ☽ Muharram / New Year (29 days)
17-Jul	F ☽ Ashura
15-Sep	AL ☽ Milad un Nabi (Mawlid)

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

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

☸ Sikh Nanakshahi Calendar	
Respect Restrictions:Vegan & some dairy exceptions.	
17-Jan	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh
14-Mar	Nanakshahi New Year
27-Mar	Hola Mohalla (3 days)
14-Apr	AL Vaisakhi (Birth of the Khalsa)
16-Jun	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
20-Oct	Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji
01-Nov	AL Bandi Chhor Divas (Diwali)
15-Nov	Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurburab
24-Nov	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur

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

£ UK Bank Holidays	
1-Jan	New Year's Day
2-Jan	New Year Holiday (Scot only)
18-Mar	St Patrick's Day (NI only)
29-Mar	Good Friday
1-Apr	Easter Monday (not Scot)
6-May	Early May Bank Holiday
27-May	Spring Bank Holiday
12-Jul	Battle of the Boyne (NI only)
5-Aug	August Bank Holiday (Scot only)
26-Aug	August Bank Holiday (not Scot)
02-Dec	St Andrew's Day (Scot only)
25-Dec	Christmas Day
26-Dec	Boxing Day

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

Items in **bold** are major festivals

