

happy Cultural Planner 2021

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

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

Find out about each festival & download for free at www.happy.co.uk/culturalplanner



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Secular Days

25-Jan	Burn's Night
27-Jan	Holocaust Memorial Day
14-Feb	Valentine's Day
16-Feb	Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
01-Mar	St. David's Day
08-Mar	International Women's Day
13-19 Mar	Sign Language Week
14-Mar	Mothers' Day
17-Mar	St. Patrick's Day
20-Mar	International Day of Happiness
22-Apr	Stephen Lawrence Day
23-Apr	St. George's Day
02-May	Deaf Awareness Week (UK)
18-23 May	Mental Health Awareness Week
22-Jun	Fathers' Day
22-Jun	Windrush Day
01-Jun	Pride Month
01-Oct	Black History Month
31-Oct	Halloween
05-Nov	Bonfire Night
11-Nov	Armistice Day
14-Nov	Remembrance Sunday
30-Nov	St. Andrew's Day
01-Dec	World AIDS Day
03-Dec	International Day for People with Disabilities
25-Dec	Kwanzaa (African Diaspora)
31-Dec	New Year's Eve/ Hogmanay

£ UK Bank Holidays

01-Jan	New Year's Day
04-Jan	New Year Holiday (Scot only) ©
17-Mar	St Patrick's Day (NI only)
02-Apr	Good Friday
05-Apr	Easter Monday (not Scot)
03-May	Early May Bank Holiday
31-May	Spring Bank Holiday
12-Jul	Battle of the Boyne (NI only)
02-Aug	August Bank Holiday (Scot only)
30-Aug	August Bank Holiday (not Scot)
30-Nov	St Andrew's Day (Scot only)
27-Dec	Christmas Day ©
28-Dec	Boxing Day ©

Japanese/Shinto

A selection of major / well-known festivals. Numerous regional festivals inc. Golden Weeks. Dates & significance may vary by region.

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

Chinese Spring & Autumn Golden Week Hols vary by region

12-Feb	Chinese New Year: Ox
26-Feb	Yuan Xiao (Lantern Festival)
14-Mar	Zhonghe (Blue Dragon Festival)
05-Apr	Qing Ming Jie (Tomb Sweeping Day)
14-Jun	Duanwu (Double 5th/Dragon Boat Festival)
14-Aug	Qixi (Double 7th or Chinese Valentine's Day)
22-Aug	Zhongyuan (Hungry Ghost) Festival
14-Oct	Chongyang (Double Ninth) Festival
21-Dec	Dongzhi Festival (Winter Solstice)

Bahai

20-Jan	World Religion Day
25-Feb	☉ ☽ Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)
28-Feb	☉ ☽ Ayyám-i-Há end
01-Mar	F Feast of Ala (Start of Nineteen Day Fast)
20-Mar	☉ ☽ Naw-Rúz
20-Apr	☉ ☽ Ridvan
	☉ ☽ (1st, 9th, 12th are holy days)
23-May	☉ ☽ Declaration of the Bab
28-May	☉ ☽ Ascension of Baha'u'llah
09-Jul	☉ ☽ Martyrdom of the Bab
06-Nov	☉ ☽ Twin Holy Birthdays (2 days)

Buddhist Mahayana (M) Theraveda (Th) Tibet (T)

(A) Generally celebrated on the nearest w/e in UK

15-Feb	Nehan-e/Nirvana Day (M)
21-Mar	Higan-e (M)
28-Mar	Cho Trul Duchen (T)
08-Apr	Hana Matsuri (M)
26-May	AL Vesak (A)
24-Jun	Saka Dawa (T)
24-Jul	Dhammacakka Day (Th) Chor Khor Duchen (T)
21-Sep	Higan-e (M)
20-Oct	Kathina (TH)
19-Nov	Lha Bab Duchen (T)
08-Dec	Jodo-e/Rohatsu/Bodhi Day (M)

Hindu

15-Jan	F Makar Sankranti/Pongal (4 days)
11-Mar	F Maha Shivaratri
29-Mar	F ☽ Holi
14-Apr	F Hindu New Year
21-Apr	F Rama Navami
27-Apr	F Hanuman Jayanti
22-Aug	F Rakhi/Raksha Bandhan
30-Aug	F Krishna Janmashtami
10-Sep	F Ganesha Chaturthi
07-Oct	F Navartri (9 days)
15-Oct	F Dussehra (India) Dashain (Nepal)
04-Nov	AL F Deepawali/Diwali (5 days - last 2 fasts)

Sikh Nanakshahi Calendar

Respect	Restrictions: Vegan, with some dairy exceptions
12-Jan	AL Lohri
14-Mar	Nanakshahi New Year
29-Mar	Hola Mohalla
14-Apr	AL Vaisakhi
20-Oct	Guru Granth Jayanti
04-Nov	AL Bhandi Chorr Divas - Diwali (5 days)
19-Nov	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Jayanti
24-Nov	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur
30-Nov	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Jayanti
21-Dec	Martyrdom of The Sahibzadas

Muslim

Respect	Halal meat
22-Mar	☽ Lailat al Miraj
24-Apr	F ☽ Ramadan begins (30 days)
19-May	F ☽ Laylat al Qadr (Night of Power)
24-May	☽ Eid al Fitr - Ramadan ends
31-Jul	☽ Eid al Adha
21-Aug	F ☽ Muharram (29 days) (New Year)
30-Aug	F ☽ Ashura
29-Oct	☽ Milad un Nabi

Neo Pagan / Wiccan

01-Feb	Imbolc
20-Mar	Ostara
01-May	☽ Beltane
21-Jun	Litha
01-Aug	Lughnasadh
22-Sep	Mabon
01-Nov	☽ Samhain
21-Dec	Yule (12 days)

Zoroastrian Fasli calendar Dates may vary in Parsi or other Indian Communities

30-Jan	☽ Sadeh
16-Mar	☽ Frawardigan (5 days)
21-Mar	AL ☽ Nouruz
26-Mar	☽ Khordad Sal
26-Dec	☽ Zartosht No Diso

Jewish

Respect	Kosher
26-Feb	☉ ☽ Purim
28-Mar	☉ ☽ Pesach / Passover (8 days)
	No work permitted first & last day. Work permitted other days with restrictions
08-Apr	Yom ha Shoah (Holocaust Memorial)
17-May	☉ ☽ Shavuot (2 days)
18-Jul	☽ Tish'a B'Av for three weeks
	Fast on first and last days
07-Sep	☉ ☽ Rosh Hashanah (2 days)
16-Sep	☉ ☽ Yom Kippur
21-Sep	☉ ☽ Sukkot (7 days)
	No work permitted first & second day. Work permitted last 2 days with restrictions
28-Sep	☉ ☽ Shemini Atzeret
29-Sep	☉ ☽ Simchat Torah
29-Nov	☽ Chanukah (8 days)

Jain Depends on location This list for London

09-Feb	Meru Trayodashi
27-Mar	Phalguna Chaumasi Chaudas
04-Apr	Varshitapa Arambha
25-Apr	Mahavir Jayanti
14-May	Varshitapa Parana
23-Jul	Ashadha Chaumasi Chaudas
03-Sep	F AL Paryushan (9 day fast, final day festival)
11-Sep	Samvatsari Parva
04-Nov	Lakshmi Puja
05-Nov	Gujarati New Year
17-Nov	Kartika Chaumasi Chaudas
18-Nov	Kartika Ratha Yatra

Rastafarian

Respect	Vegetarians/vegans I-tal dietary rules; no salt, alcohol, milk, or coffee
6 Jan	Ceremonial Birthday of Haile Selassie
21 Apr	Groundation Day
23 Jul	Birthday of Haile Selassie
17 Aug	Marcus Garvey's birthday
2 Nov	Crowning of Emperor Selassie

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)
17-Feb	F Ash Wednesday* (start of Lent, ends 3 April)
28-Mar	Palm Sunday, Holy Week starts
02-Apr	Good Friday*
04-Apr	Easter Sunday
23-May	Pentecost*
25-Dec	☽ Christmas Day
31-Dec	Watch Night (Pentecosta, not RC)

Christian — Eastern Orthodox

Respect	Many strict fasts - Great Lent most observed
07-Jan	AL Nativity of the Lord (Orthodox Christmas)
15-Mar	F Start of Great Lent (ends Pascha)
25-Apr	Palm Sunday/ Start of Holy week
30-Apr	AL Holy Friday
02-May	Pascha (Orthodox Easter)
20-Jun	Pentecost / Trinity Sunday

Jehovah's Witness

02-Apr	Lord's Evening Meal
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Church of Jesus Christ & Latter Day Saints (Mormon)

Respect	No coffee / tea / alcohol. No work on Sundays
24-Jul	Pioneer Day

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30-Apr	Grand Finale of Restoration Period
22-Aug	Grand Finale of Tabieorar Period
17-Dec	Grand Finale of Breakthrough Period

Seventh-Day Adventists

Respect	Mostly vegetarian, no pork, shellfish, caffeine or alcohol. No festivals / holy days other than Sabbath - strictly no work
	☉ ☽ Sabbath each Saturday, starts sunset Friday

F Fast: sunrise-sunset T Tibet

M Mahayana A Celebrated by all

TH Theraveda

☽ 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

