

Holiday	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	Notes
Tisha B' Av (Judaism)*	Sundown Saturday-Sundown Sunday, August 2-3, 2025	Sundown Wednesday-Sundown Thursday, July 22-23, 2026	Sundown Wednesday-Sundown Thursday, August 11-12, 2027	A day of mourning and repentance in remembrance of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date. Jewish students and students, faculty, and staff may be fasting all day.
Sri Krishna Jayanti (Hinduism)	Friday-Saturday, August 15-16, 2025	Thursday-Friday, September 3-4, 2026	Wednesday-Thursday, August 25-26, 2027	Celebrates the birthday of Krishna, especially in South India. Avoid scheduling major academic deadlines on this day, since it is likely that Hindu students will be operating on very little sleep. Some may fast during the first day.
Paryushan Mahaparva (Jainism)	Wednesday-Wednesday, August 20-27, 2025	Tuesday-Tuesday, September 8-15, 2026	Saturday-Saturday, August 28-September 4, 2027	The monarch of Jain festivals celebrating the opportunity to seek forgiveness for one's mistakes. Jain students and students, faculty, and staff may be fasting, 8 day festival.
Rosh Hashanah – First 2 days (Judaism)	Sundown Monday-Sundown Wednesday, September 22-24, 2025	Sundown Friday-Sundown Sunday, September 11-13, 2026	Sundown Friday-Sundown Sunday, October 1-3, 2027	Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year. Rosh Hashanah is the first of the High Holy days or Days of Awe; it is a time of prayer, reflection, and services. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date. If planning an event, provide food accommodation as requested (kosher restrictions apply).
Yom Kippur (Judaism)*	Sundown Wednesday-Sundown Thursday, October 1-2, 2025	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, September 20-21, 2026	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, October 10-11, 2027	Yom Kippur is a complete Sabbath, meaning no work can be performed on this day. It includes a complete fast and solemn services. "Yom Kippur" means "Day of Atonement." Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date. Jewish students and students, faculty, and staff may be fasting all day.
Mawlid al-Nabi (Islam)*	Sundown Thursday-Sundown Friday, September 4-5, 2025	Sundown Tuesday-Sundown Wednesday, August 25-26, 2026	Sundown Saturday-Sundown Sunday, August 14-15, 2027	Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him), c. 570 C.E. Muslim students and students, faculty, and staff may be fasting, and might request time off.
Sukkot (Judaism)	Sundown Monday-Sundown Monday, October 6-13, 2025	Sundown Friday-Sundown Friday, September 25-October 2, 2026	Sundown Friday-Sundown Friday, October 15-22, 2027	This festival begins on the fifth day after Yom Kippur and is one of the most joyous holidays. Sukkot helps commemorate the period in which the children of Israel were wandering in the desert. People live and eat in temporary dwellings during the festival. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on the first two days. Is it traditional to eat all meals in an outdoor sukkah, rather than indoors. If planning an event, provide food accommodation as requested (kosher restrictions apply).
Shemini Atzeret – Simchat Torah (Judaism)	Sundown Monday-Sundown Wednesday, October 13-15, 2025	Sundown Friday-Sundown Sunday, October 2-4, 2026	Sundown Friday-Sundown Sunday, October 22-24, 2027	Eighth and last day of Sukkot. Joyous festival in which the reading of the Torah is completed, and its first book begun again. Symbolized by singing, dancing, and marching around the synagogue with Torah scrolls. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date. If planning an event, provide food accommodation as requested (kosher restrictions apply).
Diwali – Deepavali (Jainism, Sikhism, Hinduism)	Monday, October 20, 2025	Sunday, November 8, 2026	Friday, October 29, 2027	The Festival of Lights commemorates the triumph of the Good over the Evil and Light over Darkness. Hindu students, faculty, and staff will likely request the day off on this date.
Navaratri (Hinduism)*	Monday-Thursday, September 22-October 2, 2025	Thursday-Saturday, October 15-24, 2026	Thursday-Friday, September 30-October 8, 2027	This 9-night celebration is a Festival of the divine mother which honors Durga, wife of Shiva, seeking her blessings. Also observed as a celebration recalling the days of Lord Krishna. Some Hindus will pray and fast, and students, faculty and staff might request time off.
Birth of the Báb (Baha'i)	Sundown Saturday-Sundown Sunday, November 1-2, 2025	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, November 1-2, 2026	Sundown Monday-Sundown Tuesday, November 1-2, 2027	Anniversary of the birth of one of the twin prophet founders of the Baha'i faith. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date. Baha'i students, faculty, and staff suspend work on this day and will likely request to have this day off.
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Baha'i)	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, November 2-3, 2025	Sundown Monday-Sundown Tuesday, November 2-3, 2026	Sundown Tuesday-Sundown Wednesday, November 2-3, 2027	Bahá'u'llah is the Messenger of God. His teachings create the foundation of the Baha'i practice which is the unity of people of all races and backgrounds. The day includes prayers, a feast, and music. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date. Baha'i students, faculty, and staff suspend work on this day and will likely request to have this day off.
Bodhi Day – Rohatsu (Buddhist)	Monday, December 8, 2025	Tuesday, December 8, 2026	Wednesday, December 8, 2027	Also known as Awakening, Rohatsu is the celebration of the enlightenment of the Buddha. A candle is lit every evening for thirty days, symbolic of enlightenment.
Hanukkah – Chanukah (Judaism)	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, December 14-22, 2025	Sundown Friday-Sundown Saturday, December 4-12, 2026	Sundown Friday-Sundown Saturday, December 24-January 1, 2027	Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days and nights of candle lighting. In Hebrew, the word "Hanukkah" means "dedication," and it commemorates the re-dedication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E. Academics and work permitted. Provide food accommodation as requested (kosher restrictions apply—potato pancakes, doughnuts or other fried food is customary).
Christmas (Christianity; RC, P, O)	Thursday, December 25, 2025	Friday, December 25, 2026	Saturday, December 25, 2027	Christmas is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. Christmas is preceded by 40 days of spiritual preparation called Advent. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date. Christian students, faculty, and staff will likely request to have this day off.
Lailat al Miraj (Islam)	Sundown Thursday-Friday, January 15-16, 2026	Sundown Tuesday-Wednesday, January 5-6, 2027	Sundown Wednesday-Thursday, December 13-14, 2028	Observance of Muhammad's (Peace be upon Him) night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and his ascension to heaven.
Kwanzaa (African American)	Friday-Thursday, December 26-January 1, 2026	Saturday-Friday, December 26-January 1, 2027	Sunday-Saturday, December 26-January 1, 2028	Seven-day spiritual celebration of African American values and traditions and their continued vitality. "Kwanzaa" is Swahili and means "first fruits of the harvest". Students, faculty, and staff might request time off. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on these dates.
Nirvana Day (Buddhist, Jain)	Sunday, February 15, 2026	Monday, February 15, 2027	Tuesday, February 15, 2028	Festival commemorating Buddha's death at 80 when he attained Nirvana – the state at which all desires and afflictions are gone, and the cycle of death and rebirth ends.
Lunar New Year (Pan-Asian traditions including Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism and some Christian communities)	Tuesday, February 17, 2026	Sunday, February 7, 2027	Wednesday, January 26, 2028	The Lunar New Year remains the most important social and economic holiday in much of Asia. The holiday is a time to honor household and heavenly deities as well as ancestors and includes feasting together as a family. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities on this date. Asian students, faculty, and staff may request this day off.
Ramadan Begins (Islam) *	Sundown Tuesday-Sundown Wednesday, February 17-March 18, 2026	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, February 7-March 8, 2027	Sundown Thursday-Sundown Friday, January 27-February 25, 2028	Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and lasts for thirty days. It is the Islamic month of fasting from sex, drinking, eating, and smoking during daylight hours. The purpose of Ramadan is to rededicate oneself to God through patience, faith, and submission. Avoid scheduling major academic deadlines during this time. Be sensitive to the fact that students and students, faculty, and staff celebrating Ramadan will be fasting during the day (continuously for 30 days) and will likely have less stamina as a result. If planning an evening event, provide food accommodations if requested (Islamic dietary restrictions apply).
Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins (Christianity; RC, P)	Wednesday, February 18, 2026	Wednesday, February 10, 2027	Wednesday, March 1, 2028	In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the season of Lent, 40 days of preparation for Easter. Many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, and spiritual discipline. Food accommodation as requested.

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Clean Monday – Great Lent Begins (Christianity; O)	Monday-Saturday, February 23-April 11, 2026	Monday-Saturday, March 15-April 24, 2027	Monday-Saturday, February 28-April 8, 2028	The time of preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of Christ (Pascha) in the Greek Orthodox Church. Name refers to leaving behind sinful attitudes and non-fasting foods. <i>Students and students, faculty, and staff may be fasting.</i>
‘Alá’ (Bahá’í)	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Friday, March 1-20, 2026	Sundown Monday-Sundown Saturday, March 1-20, 2027	Sundown Wednesday-Sundown Monday, March 1-20, 2028	The month preceding the Bahá’í new year, with a period of fasting and spiritual preparation. <i>Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities on the date. Bahá’ís students, faculty, and staff may be fasting.</i>
Purim (Judaism)	Sundown Monday-Sundown Wednesday, March 2-4, 2026	Sundown Monday-Sundown Wednesday, March 22-24, 2027	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, March 12-13, 2028	This holiday celebrates a time when Jewish people in Persia were saved from destruction. It is customary to hear the reading of the Book of Esther, eat, drink, and be joyful, give gifts of food and drink and gifts to charity, and hold carnival-like celebrations. <i>Purim is not subject to the restrictions on work that affect some other holidays; provide food accommodations if requested (kosher restrictions apply).</i>
Holi – Festival of Colors (Hinduism)	Tuesday, March 3, 2026	Monday, March 22, 2027	Saturday, March 11, 2028	This springtime festival of colors includes music, dancing, laughter, and teasing. It is a fun-filled, joyous celebration.
Hola Mohalla (Sikhism)	Friday-Sunday, March 14-16, 2025	Wednesday-Friday, March 4-6, 2026	Tuesday-Thursday, March 23-25, 2027	A day to commemorate the valor and bravery of the Sikhs. This 3-day festival consists of mock battles, music and poetry reading.
Eid al-Fitr (Islam)	Sundown Thursday-Sundown Friday, March 19-20, 2026	Sundown Tuesday-Sundown Wednesday, March 9-10, 2027	Sundown Saturday-Sundown Sunday, February 26-27, 2028	Eid al Fitr is a festival of thanksgiving for enjoying the month of Ramadan. It involves wearing the finest clothing, saying prayers, and fostering understanding with other religions. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date. Students, faculty, and staff will likely ask to take a vacation day on this day, and that request should be granted if at all possible. If planning an evening event, provide food accommodations if requested (Islamic dietary restrictions apply).
Naw-Rúz (Bahá’í)	Sundown Saturday-Sundown Sunday, March 21-22, 2026	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, March 21-22, 2027	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, March 19-20, 2028	The New Year celebrates the love relationship between the Creator and the creation, in the material world. This holiday marks the end of the annual 19-Day Fast and is one of the nine holy days of the year when work is suspended, and children are exempted from attending school.
Palm Sunday (Christianity; RC, P, O)	Sunday, March 29, 2026	Sunday, March 21, 2027	Sunday, April 9, 2028	A celebration that recalls the event in Christian scripture of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey and being greeted by people waving palm branches. <i>Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events and activities. Orthodox Christian students, faculty, and staff that work on Sundays may ask for this day off.</i>
Mahavira-Jayanti (Jainism)	Tuesday, March 31, 2026	Monday, April 19, 2027	Friday, April 7, 2028	Festival honoring Lord Mahavira on the founder’s birthday. Shrines are visited and teachings are reviewed and reflected upon. <i>Jain students, faculty and staff might request time off.</i>
Passover – Pesach (Judaism)	Sundown Wednesday-Sundown Thursday, April 1-9, 2026	Sundown Wednesday-Sundown Thursday, April 21-29, 2027	Sundown Monday-Sundown Tuesday, April 10-18, 2028	Pesach (or Passover) commemorates the Exodus from Egypt and the Holy One passing over the Jewish homes when the first-born Egyptians were slain. <i>First two and last two days are full holidays with restrictions. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events and activities on the first two and last two days of the holiday. Food accommodation as requested throughout the holiday (kosher restrictions apply—the use of leavening is prohibited so, for example, matzah is eaten in place of bread.)</i>
Good Friday (Christianity; RC, P)*	Friday, April 3, 2026	Friday, March 26, 2027	Friday, April 14, 2028	On this solemn day, Christians commemorate the passion, or suffering, and death on the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many Christians spend this day in fasting, prayer, repentance, and meditation on the agony and suffering of Christ on the cross. <i>Provide food accommodation as requested. Meat (fish not considered meat) is prohibited during meals for many.</i>
Easter (Christianity; RC, P)	Sunday, April 5, 2026	Sunday, March 28, 2027	Sunday, April 16, 2028	Easter is the central feast in the Christian liturgical year and includes a joyous celebration of Mass or a Service of Christ’s Resurrection. <i>Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events and activities. Christian students, faculty, and staff that work on Sundays may ask for this day off.</i>
Holy Friday (Christianity; O)*	Friday, April 10, 2026	Friday, April 30, 2027	Friday, April 14, 2028	A strict day of fasting and liturgy with a reading of 12 sections from the gospels celebrating the Passion of Christ. <i>This is a strict day of fasting for many Greek Orthodox Christians in the United States. It is suggested to avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities.</i>
Easter/Pascha (Christianity; O)	Sunday, April 12, 2026	Sunday, May 2, 2027	Sunday, April 16, 2028	The resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated with this feast in the Orthodox Christian church. It recognizes Christ’s power over death and the gift to Christians of restoration, transformation, and life everlasting. <i>Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Orthodox Christian students, faculty, and staff that work on Suns may ask for this day off.</i>
Vaisakhi (Sikhism)	Tuesday April 14, 2026	Wednesday, April 14, 2027	4/13/2028	This Anniversary of the birth of the Khalsa – on this day in 1699, guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Guru, removed the clerical system from Sikhism. This reaffirmed the direct connection between Sikhs and the Divine. <i>Sikh students, faculty and staff might request time off.</i>
Yom HaSho’ah (Judaism)	Sundown Monday-Sundown Tuesday, April 13-14, 2026	Sundown Monday-Sundown Tuesday, May 3-4, 2027	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, April 23-24, 2028	Yom HaShoah, or “Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and Heroism,” commemorates the victims of the Holocaust, the racial purity measures in German-controlled Europe during World War II.
Ridván (1st day) of Most Great Festival (Bahá’í)	Tuesday-Saturday, April 21-May 2, 2026	Wednesday-Sunday, April 21-May 2, 2027	Sundown Wednesday-Sundown Monday, April 20-May 1, 2028	Commemorates the declaration of Baha’u’llah to his followers in 1863. Work is suspended for the 1st, 9th, and 12th day. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events and activities on the 1st day, 9th day, and 12th day of Ridván as work is suspended for Baha’is.
Yom HaZikaron	Sundown Monday-Sundown Tuesday, April 20-21, 2026	Sundown Monday-Sundown Tuesday, May 10-11, 2027	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, April 3-May 1, 2028	Yom HaZikaron is the day of national remembrance in Israel to commemorate all the soldiers and people who lost their lives during the struggle to defend the State of Israel. On this day we mourn and remember our fallen soldiers and all lives lost by terror.
Declaration of the Báb (Bahá’í)	Sundown Saturday-Sundown Sunday, May 23-24, 2026	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, May 23-24, 2027	Sundown Monday-Sundown Tuesday, May 23-24, 2028	This day recognizes the declaration in 1844 by Ali Muhammad that he was the anticipated “Coming One” of all religions. Work is suspended on this day. <i>Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Work is suspended for Baha’is.</i>
Shavuot (Judaism)	Sundown Thursday-Sundown Saturday, May 21-23, 2026	Sundown Thursday-Sundown Saturday, June 10-12, 2027	Sundown Tuesday-Sundown Thursday, May 30-Jun 1, 2028	Festival of Weeks; celebrates harvest of first fruits and commemorates the giving of the Torah and Commandments at Mt’ Sinai. <i>Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events and activities on the first two and last two days of the holiday. Provide food accommodation as requested. (Kosher restrictions apply—although it is customary to eat dairy).</i>
Ascension of Baha’u’lláh (Bahá’í)	Thursday-Friday, May 28-29, 2026	Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, 2027	Sunday-Monday, May 28-29, 2028	A commemoration of the death of Baha’u’llah. <i>Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Work is suspended for Baha’is.</i>
Eid al-Adha (Islam)	Sundown Tuesday-Sundown Wednesday, May 26-27, 2026	Sundown Sunday-Sundown Monday, May 16-17, 2027	Sundown Thursday-Sundown Friday, May 4-5, 2028	Eid al Adha, also called the Feast of Sacrifice, celebrates the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son to God. It also commemorates the end of the Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca. <i>Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities on the first day. If planning an evening event, provide food accommodations if requested (Islamic dietary restrictions apply). Date details: Lunar calendars vary based on region and practice.</i>
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