

2009 Festivals and events calendar



Baha'i



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Janiism



Judaism



Paganism



Rastafarianism



Shinto



Sikhism



Taoism



Zoroastrianism

January

- 1 New Years Day (Christian)
- Gantan-Sai (Shinto) New Year
- 1-3 Ganjitsu (Japanese New Year)
- 5 Guru Govind's Singh Ji's birthday (Sikh)
- 6 Epiphany (Christian)
- 7 Eastern Orthodox Christmas (Christian)
- 14 Makar Sankrant/Lohri (Hindu)
- 15 Al Hijra Muharram (last day) (Islam)
- 25 Burns Night (Scotland)
- 26 Yuan Tan – New Year (Chinese)
- 27 Holocaust Memorial Day
- Losar (Tibetan New Year)
- 31 Guru Har Rai Ji's Birthday (Sikh)
- Vasant Panchmi (Hindu)

February

- 15 Parinirvana/ Nirvana (Buddhist)
- 23 Maha Shivratri (Hindu)
- 24 Shrove Tuesday (Christian)
- 25 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) (Christian)

March

- 1 St.Davids Day (Christian)
- 8 International Womens Day
- 9 Commonwealth Day
- Milad Un Nabi (Islam) (Birthday of the prophet Mohammed)
- 11 Holi (Hindu)
- Hola Moholla (Sikh)

March continued

- 17 St Patricks Day (Christian)
- 21 Naw-ruz (Baha'i New Year)

April

- 3 Ram Navmi (Hindu)
- 4-6 Festival of Pure Brightness (Chinese)
- 5 Palm Sunday (Christian)
- 7 Mahavira Jayanti (Jainism)
- 9 Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)
- Passover (First day) (Judaism)
- 10 Good Friday (Christian)
- 12 Easter Sunday (Christian)
- 13 Baisakhi (Hindu & Sikh)
- 21 Feast of Ridvan (Baha'i)
- 23 St.Georges Day (Christian)

May

- 1 Beltaine (Pagan)
- 2 Wesak (Buddhist)
- 17 International Day Against Homophobia
- 25 Luton Carnival
- 29 Shavuot (Judaism)

June

- 5 World Environment Day
- 11 Corpus Christie (Christian)
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 21 Litha (Pagan-Summer solstice)

July

- 9 Martyrdom of The Bab (Baha'i)
- 23 Birthday of Emperor Haille Sellassie (Rastafarian)

August

- 2 Luton Mela
- 5 Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)
- 14 Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)
- 17 Marcus Garvey's Birthday (Rastafarian)
- Paryushana (Jainism)
- 22 First Day of Ramadan (Islam)
- 23 Ganesh Chaturhti (Hindu)

September

- 19 Navaratri (Hindu)
- Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)
- 21 International Day of Peace
- Eid Al Fitr (Islam)
- 28 Yom Kippur (Judaism)

October

- 1 International Day of Older people
- 17 Diwali (Hindu)
- 24 United Nations Day
- 31 Samhain (Pagan-Halloween)

November

- 12 Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
- 13 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (Sikh)
- 28 Eid - al Adha (Islam)
- 30 St. Andrews Day (Christian)

December

- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 10 U.N International Human Rights Day
- 12 Hanukkah (Judaism)
- 18 Al Hijra Muharram (First day) (Islam)
- 21 Yule (Pagan)
- 25 Christmas (Christian)

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