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JANUARY

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|  | 1 | Gantan-sai A three-day Shinto festival welcoming the New Year. |
|  | 5 | Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Celebrating the tenth Sikh Guru and founder of the Khalsa. |
|  | | Epiphany Celebrates the visit of the Three Wise Men to Jesus. |
|  | 6 | Chatti Sharif Commemorates the death anniversary of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti, a revered Sufi saint. |
|  | | Christmas Day (celebrated in Ethiopia) Celebrated to align with the Ethiopian calendar. |
|  | 7 | Christmas Day (Eastern Orthodox) Observed by Eastern Orthodox Christians based on the Julian calendar. |
|  | 10 | Asarah B'Tevet A fast commemorating the siege of Jerusalem by King Nebuchadnezzar. |
|  | 13 | Maghi/Lohri A Sikh festival honouring the sacrifice of 40 Sikhs for Guru Gobind Singh, celebrated with bonfires. |
|  | | Mahayana Celebrates the Buddhist New Year. |
|  | 14 | Pongal A Hindu harvest festival in Tamil Nadu thanking the Sun God for a bountiful harvest. |
|  | 15 | Makar Sankranti Marks the Sun's transition from Sagittarius to Capricorn, signalling the end of winter. |
|  | 20 | Birthday of Swami Vivekananda Celebrating the birth of a notable Indian spiritual leader. |
|  | 27 | Lailat al-Miraj An Islamic observance of the Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem. |
| | 29 | Chinese New Year Celebrating the Year of the Snake, an important traditional holiday |

FEBRUARY

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|  | 1 | Imbolc A pagan festival honouring the goddess Brigid and the return of spring. |
|  | | Saraswati Puja A celebration of the Hindu goddess of knowledge, music, and arts. |
|  | 2 | Candlemas Commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple and Mary's purification. |
|  | 3 | Setsubun A Japanese ritual driving away evil spirits. |
|  | | Sri Satguru Ram Singh Ji's Birth Anniversary Celebrating the revered Namdhari Sikh leader. |
|  | 12 | Magha Puja A Buddhist celebration honouring Buddha's teachings. |
|  | 13 | Tu B'Shevat The Jewish "New Year for Trees," celebrating the environment. |
|  | 15 | Parinirvana Celebrating Buddha's final passing into Nirvana. |
|  | 25 | Ayyám-i-Há: A Bahá'í celebration of hospitality and charity before fasting. |
|  | 26 | Maha Shivaratri A Hindu festival dedicated to Lord Shiva, observed with prayers and fasting. |
|  | 28 | Ramadan Start of the Islamic holy month of fasting. |







MARCH

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|  | | St David's Day Celebrates the patron saint of Wales |
|  | 1 | Nineteen Day Fast A Bahá'í period of fasting for spiritual reflection. |
|  | 4 | Shrove Tuesday The day before Lent, marked by feasting on pancakes. |
|  | 5 | Ash Wednesday The first day of Lent, marked by church services. |
|  | | Purim A Jewish festival commemorating deliverance as told in the Book of Esther. |
|  | 13 | Birthday of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Celebrating the Hindu saint and founder of Gaudiya Vaishnavism |
|  | | Holi A Hindu festival celebrating the end of winter. |
|  | 14 | Hola Mohalla A Sikh martial arts festival showcasing community strength. |
|  | 17 | St Patrick's Day Celebrating the patron saint of Ireland. |
|  | | Naw-Rúz The Bahá'í New Year, marking the end of the Nineteen Day Fast. |
|  | 20 | Spring Equinox Celebrating the start of spring in pagan traditions. |
|  | 26 | Khordad Sal A Zoroastrian festival celebrating the birth of their prophet. |
|  | 27 | Laylat al-Qadr The Night of Power, marking the Quran's revelation. |
|  | 29 | Chaitra Navratri A Hindu festival commemorating the creation of the cosmos. |
|  | 30 | Eid al-Fitr Marks the end of Ramadan, celebrated with prayers and festive meals. |

APRIL

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|  | 6 | Ram Navami Celebrating the birth of Lord Rama. |
|  | 8 | Hanamatsuri A festival celebrating the birthday of Shakyamuni. |
|  | 10 | Mahavir Jayanti Celebrating the birth of Lord Mahavira, known for non-violence. |
|  | 11 | Hanuman Jayanti Celebrating the birth of Hanuman, the Monkey God. |
|  | 12 | Passover Celebrating the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. |
|  | 13 | Palm Sunday Marks the start of Holy Week, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. |
|  | 14 | Vaisakhi A major Sikh festival celebrating the Khalsa's formation. |
|  | 17 | Maundy Thursday Commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus. |
|  | 18 | Good Friday Commemorating Jesus' crucifixion. |
|  | | Easter Sunday Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. |
|  | 20 | Easter Day (Orthodox Christianity) Celebrated by Eastern Orthodox Christians. |
|  | 21 | First Day of Ridván A Bahá'í festival celebrating Bahá'u'lláh's prophethood. |
|  | 23 | St George's Day Celebrating the patron Saint of England. |
|  | 29 | Ninth Day of Ridván Celebrating Bahá'u'lláh's family joining him during Ridván. |
|  | 30 | Akshaya Tritiya An auspicious day in the Hindu calendar for new beginnings. |

MAY


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|  | 1 | Beltane A pagan celebration marking the beginning of summer. |
|  | 2 | Twelfth Day of Ridván Marks the conclusion of the Ridván festival. |
|  | 5 | Buddha's Birthday Honouring Siddhartha Gautama's birth. |
|  | 12 | Vesak Celebrating the enlightenment of the Buddha. |
|  | 16 | Lag Ba'Omer A Jewish holiday marking the end of a plague among Rabbi Akiva's students. |
|  | 23 | Declaration of the Báb Celebrating the Báb's announcement in the Bahá'í faith. |
|  | 28 | Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh Commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's passing. |
|  | 29 | Ascension Day Marks Jesus Christ's ascension into Heaven. |

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JUNE

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|  | 1 | Shavuot (1-3) Celebrating the giving of the Torah and the first harvest. |
|  | 4 | Hajj The annual pilgrimage to Makkah, a major Islamic obligation. |
|  | 5 | Yawm Arafat A day of repentance during Hajj. |
|  | 6 | Eid al-Adha Marks the sacrifice made by Prophet Abraham (PBUH). |
|  | 8 | Pentecost/Whitsun A Christian celebration of the Holy Spirit's appearance. |
|  | 16 | Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Commemorating the first Sikh martyr. |
|  | 19 | Corpus Christi Celebrating the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. |
|  | 21 | World Humanist Day Promoting the values of humanism. |
|  | 24 | Midsummer's Day A pagan celebration of the sun's power. |
|  | 25 | Al-Hijra The first day of Muharram and the Islamic New Year. |
|  | 27 | Jagannath Rath Yatra A public procession dedicated to Lord Jagannath. |
|  | 29 | Feast of Saints Peter & Paul Celebrating the martyrdom of these apostles. |


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| JULY | |
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|  | 5 Ashura An Islamic observance of Moses's salvation and Imam Hussein's martyrdom. |
|  | 8 Martyrdom of the Báb A Bahá'í observance marking the Báb's execution. |
|  | Guru Purnima Day Honouring spiritual teachers. |
|  | 10 Asalha-Dharma Day Commemorating the Buddha's first sermon. |
|  | 23 Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I A holy day for Rastafarians. |

| AUGUST | |
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|  | 1 Lughnasadh A pagan festival marking the harvest season. |
|  | 2 Tisha B'Av A Jewish day of mourning for the destruction of the Temples. |
|  | 9 Raksha Bandhan A Hindu festival celebrating sibling bonds. |
|  | 13 Obon Festival A Japanese festival honouring ancestors. |
|  | Janmashtami Celebrating the birth of Lord Krishna. |
|  | 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary A Catholic feast celebrating Mary's assumption into heaven. |
|  | 26 Ganesh Chaturthi A Hindu festival commemorating Lord Ganesha's birth. |
|  | 28 Samvatsari A Jain festival known as the "Day of Forgiveness." |

| SEPTEMBER | |
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|  | 1 First Reading of Guru Granth Sahib Commemorates the first installation of the Sikh scripture. |
|  | 4 Mawlid un Nabi An Islamic observance of the Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) birth. |
|  | 11 Enkutatash The Ethiopian New Year with prayers and processions. |
|  | 21 Mahalaya Marks the beginning of Navratri, invoking Goddess Durga. |
|  | Navratri Nine nights of devotion to Goddess Durga. |
|  | 22 Rosh Hashanah The Jewish New Year, marking the start of repentance. |
|  | Autumn Equinox A pagan tradition celebrating day and night balance. |

| OCTOBER | |
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|  | 1 Yom Kippur The holiest Jewish day, marked by a 25-hour fast for atonement. |
|  | 3 Gyarvi Sharif Commemorates the death anniversary of Abdul Qadir Jilani, a revered Sufi saint. |
|  | 6 Sukkot Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, celebrating harvest and the wilderness journey. |
|  | 13 Shemini Atzeret Closing festival after Sukkot, focused on prayers for rain. |
|  | 15 Simchat Torah Marks the end and start of the Torah reading cycle. |
|  | Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Day Celebrates Guru Gobind Singh Ji passing the Guruship to the Holy Scriptures. |
|  | 20 Diwali Hindu Festival of Lights, symbolising the triumph of light. |
|  | Lakshmi Puja Significant day of Diwali, worshipping Goddess Lakshmi. |
|  | 21 Bandi Chhor Divas A Sikh celebration of the peaceful release of 52 kings and princes by Guru Hargobind |
|  | 22 Birth of the Báb Celebrates the Báb's birthday, forerunner of the Bahá'í faith. |
|  | 23 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh Honours the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, co-founder of Bahá'í. |
|  | 28 Durga Puja-Dussehra Culmination of Navratri, celebrating Goddess Durga's victory |
|  | 31 Samhain Pagan festival marking the end of harvest and beginning of winter. |


| NOVEMBER | |
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|  | 1 All Saints Day Honours all saints in Christian history. |
|  | 2 All Souls Day Commemorates the faithful departed, especially loved ones. |
|  | 5 Guru Nanak Gururab Celebrates the birth of Guru Nanak, Sikhism's founder. |
| | 11 Inter Faith Week (11-18) Promotes understanding and cooperation among faiths. |
|  | 15 Shichi-Go-San Shinto festival celebrating children's growth and well-being. |
|  | 23 Solemnity of Christ the King Catholic festival recognising Jesus as sovereign. |
|  | 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Commemorates the 9th Sikh Guru's sacrifice for religious freedom. |
|  | 25 Day of the Covenant Celebrates `Abdu'l-Bahá's appointment in Bahá'í faith. |
|  | 27 Ascension of `Abdu'l-Bahá Commemorates Abdu'l-Bahá's death. |
|  | Saint Andrew's Day Feast day for Scotland's patron saint. |
|  | 30 Advent Sunday Marks the start of the Advent season, preparing for Jesus' birth. |

| DECEMBER | |
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|  | Bodhi Day Commemorates Siddhartha Gautama's enlightenment under the Bodhi tree. |
|  | 8 Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic feast celebrating Mary's conception without original sin. |
|  | 10 Human Rights Day Marks the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the UN. |
|  | 15 Hanukkah An eight-day festival celebrating the rededication of Jerusalem's Second Temple and the miracle of the menorah. |
|  | 21 Yule Pagan festival marking the winter solstice and the rebirth of the sun. |
|  | Birthday of Holy Mother Sarada Devi Commemorates the birthday of the Hindu mystic and companion of Sri Ramakrishna. |
|  | 22 Geeta Jayanti Celebrates the birthday of the Bhagavad Gita, recording Lord Krishna's teachings. |
|  | 24 Christmas Eve Preparation time for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. |
|  | 25 Christmas Day Celebrates Jesus' birth with gifts, festive meals, and religious services. |

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