

# DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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JAN 6	JAN 6	<p><b>Epiphany/Orthodox Christianity Theophany • Christian</b></p> <p>Celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the world, the visiting of the wise men who acknowledged Jesus as son of God</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Epiphany/Theophany</p>
JAN 7	JAN 7	<p><b>Orthodox Christmas • Orthodox Christian</b></p> <p>A 3-day celebration of the birth of Jesus. Can include fasting on Christmas Eve and Holy Night Supper at the appearance of the first star.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Merry Christmas</p>
JAN 13	JAN 13	<p><b>Lohri • Sikhism</b></p> <p>Mostly celebrated in Northern India, this day marks the end of the short days of winter and the onset of longer days and spring. It is also a time to pray for prosperity and be thankful for harvest, food and joy.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Lohri</p>
JAN 14	JAN 14	<p><b>Orthodox Christian New Year • Orthodox Christian</b></p> <p>This New Year is based on the Julian calendar and can include New Year Day's liturgies at churches. Celebrations include social gatherings.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy New Year</p>
JAN 15	JAN 14	<p><b>Makar • Hinduism</b></p> <p>This day follows the solar calendar and the transitioning of the sun that marks the end of winter. Generally this day includes expressions of gratitude and prayers for a prosperous year; however, it is celebrated in unique ways among the various cultures found in South Asia.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Makar</p>
JAN 17	JAN 6	<p><b>Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti • Sikhism</b></p> <p>This day honours Sikh leader Guru Gobind Singh and marks his birth day. It is a day of reflection on his teachings.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No greeting</p>
JAN 25	JAN 14	<p><b>Mahayana New Year • Buddhism</b></p> <p>For Mahayana Buddhists, the new year is a time for meditation and self reflection. The goal is to find ways to improve and learn from past mistakes.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Mahayana</p>

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FEB 1	FEB 1	<b>Imbolc • Wiccan/Pagan</b> Celebration of the midpoint between winter solstice and spring equinox. It is also a time to celebrate and thank St. Brigid and her promise to bring life back to the land after winter. <b>Common Greetings:</b> No formal greeting but can wish Happy Imbolc
FEB 6	JAN 26	<b>Laylat al-Miraj • Islam</b> Observance to commemorate the miraculous journey of Prophet Muhammad from Makkah to Al Quds and to the heavens. <b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific or traditional greeting.
FEB 8 or 15	FEB 8 or 15	<b>Nirvana Day • Buddhism</b> Commemorating the day of Buddha's passing away and attaining Nirvana. People meditate and visit places of worship. Families and friends also gather for food and exchanging of gifts. Celebrated by Mahayana Buddhists <b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific greetings but can wish people a happy day.
FEB 10	JAN 29	<b>Lunar New Year • Cultural - Asian</b> Holiday celebrated in Asia in a variety of ways according to the diversity of cultures and traditions in Asia. People of Buddhist, Confucist and Daoist traditions celebrate this holiday. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy New Year or Happy Lunar New Year
FEB 12	FEB 12	<b>Darwin Day • Humanist</b> Darwin Day is held annually on February 12, the birthday of Charles Darwin. The holiday honors the life and work of English naturalist Charles Darwin. Also known as International Darwin Day, the day is a celebration of science and humanity. <b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific or traditional greeting.
FEB 14	FEB 2	<b>Vasant Panchami • Hinduism</b> This festival is celebrated by various Dharmic faiths in preparation for the arrival of spring. This festival also includes the worship of Saraswati, goddess of knowledge. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Vasant Panchami
FEB 14	MAR 5	<b>Ash Wednesday • Christian</b> Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent that Christians can observe by praying, fasting, abstaining from meat, and/or using ashes from burned palm leaves to mark one's head. <b>Common Greetings:</b> No formal greeting

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FEB 24	FEB 13	<p><b>Magha Puja Day</b> (mag-ha pooja) • <b>Buddhism</b></p> <p>Magha Puja Day refers to the worship that takes place on the full moon day of the third lunar month (about the last week of February or early March). The celebration is held to commemorate the day on which Lord Buddha gave “Ovadha Patimokkha” (the Fundamental Teaching) to the assembly of Buddhist monks. Celebrated in South and South East Asia in different cultural ways.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific greetings but can wish people a happy day.</p>
MAR 8	MAR 8	<p><b>International Women’s Day</b> • <b>Humanist</b></p> <p>A global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific or traditional greeting.</p>
MAR 8	FEB 26	<p><b>Mahashivratri</b> • <b>Hinduism</b></p> <p>Maha Shivratri is a major Hindu observance and worship of Lord Shiva. It is a more solemn holiday that includes chanting of prayers and mantras, meditating, and self reflection on virtues like non-violence and honesty.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> We wish everyone observing a meaningful Maha Shivratri</p>
MAR 10	FEB 28	<p><b>First day of Ramadan</b> • <b>Islam</b></p> <p>Ramadan is celebrated worldwide as a month of fasting from sunrise to sunset, prayer, reflection, and community. Ramadan is a time of contemplation, devotion and practice of self-restraint.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Ramadan Mubarak, or Ramadan Kareem, or Happy Ramadan</p>
MAR 19	MAR 20	<p><b>Spring Equinox</b> • <b>Wiccan</b></p> <p>A solar holiday that is also known as Litha celebrates the life-giving strength of the sun. It is celebrated on the longest day of year when the sun is at it’s strongest.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No formal greeting but you can wish people a Happy Equinox</p>
MAR 21	MAR 21	<p><b>Norooz/Nowruz</b> • <b>Zoroastrian, Baha’i, Iranian</b></p> <p>Nowruz is the Iranian New Year, also known as the Persian New Year, which begins on the spring equinox, marking the first day of Farvardin, the first month of the Iranian solar calendar. It is a day celebrated in a secular manner or within faith communities of Baha’i or Zoroastrian.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> “Nowruz Mobarak” (Happy Nowruz). “Eyd e Shoma Mobarak” (Happy Eyd e Nowruz). “Sal e No Mobarak” (Happy New Year)</p>

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MAR 21	MAR 21	<b>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination • International</b> <b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific greetings.
MAR 23	MAR 13	<b>Purim • Judaism</b> Purim is a day of celebration commemorating a story from the Hebrew Bible of the survival of Jewish people from Haman. A day of public celebrations, parades and wearing of costumes and masks. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Purim or Chag Purim Sameach
MAR 24	APR 13	<b>Palm Sunday • Christian</b> Celebrates the day Christ entered Jerusalem where he was greeted by people waving palm branches. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the Holy Week. <b>Common Greetings:</b> No formal greeting but can wish people a Happy Palm Sunday
MAR 25	MAR 14	<b>Holi • Hinduism</b> Festival of Spring or Festival of Colours, this Hindu festival is commonly celebrated with throwing colourful powders, dancing and sharing sweets. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Holi or Wishing you a joyful Holi
MAR 28	APR 17	<b>Maundy Thursday (maan-dee) • Christian</b> Commemorates the Last Supper with Christ and his disciples. This day is part of the Christian Holy Week. <b>Common Greetings:</b> No formal greeting
MAR 29	APR 18	<b>Good Friday • Christian</b> Commemorates the crucifixion of Christ. Can include fasting and prayer as part of the Holy Week. <b>Common Greetings:</b> No formal greeting
MAR 31	APR 20	<b>Easter • Christian</b> Celebrates the resurrection of Christ. It is a joyful day with prayer, and gathering of family and friends for games and festivities. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Easter

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APR 9	MAR 30	<p><b>Eid Al-Fitr (Islam) • Islam</b></p> <p>A major Muslim holiday that celebrates the end of Ramadan with prayer, feasts and family/social gatherings.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Eid or Eid Mubarak</p>
APR 13	APR 14	<p><b>Sikh New Year's Day/Vaisakhi • Sikhism</b></p> <p>This holiday celebrates the solar new year and spring harvest festival. Also commemorates the establishment of the Khalsa under Guru Gobind Singh.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> NHappy Vaisakhi</p>
APR 14	APR 6	<p><b>Ram Navami • Hinduism</b></p> <p>Ram Navami celebrates the birth of Lord Rama - the seventh avatar of Lord Vishnu by reciting/re-enacting stories of Lord Rama, visiting temples, offering prayers and participating in puja ceremonies.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Ram Navami</p>
APR 29	APR 4	<p><b>Chaitra Navapada - Ayambil Oli • Jainism</b></p> <p>Chaitra Navapada - Ayambil Oli is a nine-day festival occurring twice a year. It is a day of reverence of the nine supreme posts in the universe. This observance involves fasting during which only boiled grains can be consumed.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Chaitra</p>
APR - MAY 21-2	APR - MAY 21-2	<p><b>Festival of Ridván (rid-van) • Baha'i</b></p> <p>The Festival of Ridván meaning "the King of Festivals" runs for 12 days to commemorate the 12 days Baha'u'llah spent in the garden of Ridván outside Baghdad. The 1st, 9th and 12th days are holy days on which work is suspended.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Ridvan or wishing you a joyous Festival of Ridvan</p>
APR 21	APR 10	<p><b>Mahavir Jayanti • Jainism</b></p> <p>An important Jain festival that celebrates the birth of Lord Mahavir, a spiritual guide and the founder of Jainism. Celebrations include various rituals and beautiful chariot processions.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Mahavir Jayanti</p>

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APR 22-30	APR 12-30	<p><b>Pesach - Passover • Judaism</b></p> <p>Passover, Pesach or the Festival of Liberation is a major Jewish holiday that celebrates the Exodus from ancient Egypt. This week long celebration includes story telling, lighting candles, and a ritual feast.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Chag Sameach (Happy Holidays) or Chag Pesach Sameach (Happy Passover Holiday)</p>
APR 23	APR 12	<p><b>Hanuman Jayanti • Hinduism</b></p> <p>A major Hindu festival celebrating the birth of the Hanuman, an ardent devotee of Lord Rama. It is celebrated differently in different parts of India and amongst the Indian diaspora around the world by offering prayers, distributing sweets and prasada and chanting devotional hymns.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Hanuman Jayanti</p>
APR 24	APR 13	<p><b>Theravada New Year (theh-ruh-vaa-duh) • Baha'i</b></p> <p>Theravada New Year – Because the beginning is marked by sighting the moon, the actual date is not always predictable (3 days from the first full moon in April). It is celebrated by Theravada Buddhists.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Best wishes for the New Year, Happy Theravada New Year</p>
MAY 1	MAY 1	<p><b>Beltane • Wiccan</b></p> <p>Celebrates the peak of Spring, also called May Day. Fire is involved in the celebrations and celebrates the coming of summer and fertility for the upcoming year.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Beltane or Blessed Beltane</p>
MAY 3	APR 18	<p><b>Orthodox Christian Holy Friday • Christian</b></p> <p>A solemn day of mourning marking the crucifixion of Christ. Can include fasting and prayer and the Passion of Christ in Church</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No greeting</p>
MAY 5	APR 20	<p><b>Pascha (Orthodox Christianity Easter) • Christian</b></p> <p>Day of Easter for Orthodox Christians that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Easter</p>

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MAY 19	JUNE 8	<b>Pentecost • Christian</b> Celebrates the birth of the Christian church and descent of the Holy Spirit among the Apostles of Christ. <b>Common Greetings:</b> No formal greeting
MAY 23	MAY 12	<b>Wesak/Buddha Day • Buddhism</b> Wesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja – is the most important day of the year for Theravada and Tibetan Buddhists that commemorates the birth, awakening and passing away Buddha. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Buddha Purnima (S. Asia), Wishing you joy on Vesak Day, Happy Buddha Day
MAY 29	MAY 29	<b>Birth of Bahá'u'lláh • Baha'i</b> The holiday commemorates the anniversary of the death of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith. Baha'u'llah was seventy-five years old when he passed away on May 29, 1892. <b>Common Greetings:</b> A celebratory greeting for Baha'u'llah's birthday
JUNE 11-13	JUNE 1-3	<b>Shavuot • Judaism</b> Feast of Weeks commemorating the revelation of the Torah on Mount Sinai. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Chag Sameach (Happy Holiday) or Happy Shavuot
JUNE 16	JUNE 6	<b>Eid al-Adha (Islam) • Islam</b> Holiday celebrated at the conclusion of Hajj, it is a 3 day event that involves a specific Eid prayer, sharing of food, meeting with family and parties. Many Muslims will also slaughter a lamb or goat and distribute to the needy in symbolism of Ibrahim's faith. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Eid or Eid Mubarak
JUNE 20	JUNE 20	<b>Summer Solstice • Wiccan</b> A solar holiday that is also known as Litha celebrates the life-giving strength of the sun. It is celebrated on the longest day of year when the sun is at it's strongest. <b>Common Greetings:</b> No formal greeting but you can wish people a Happy Winter Equinox

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JUNE 21	JUNE 21	<p><b>National Indigenous Peoples Day • Indigenous</b></p> <p>This national celebrates the heritage, diverse cultures and histories of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples! It is also a day for learning more about Indigenous communities.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific or traditional greeting.</p>
JUNE 21	JUNE 21	<p><b>World Humanist Day • Humanist</b></p> <p>Originating in 1980, this day is celebrated annually by Humanist chapters around the world in a variety of ways. On this day, people focus on raising awareness of Humanist values and the philosophy behind the movement.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific or traditional greeting.</p>
JULY 6	JUNE 25	<p><b>Islamic New Year • Islam</b></p> <p>Also called the Hijri New Year, follows the lunar calendar that starts from day of migration of Muhammad from Mecca to Madina (approx 622 CE).</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific or traditional greeting.</p>
JULY 16	JULY 5	<p><b>Ashura • Islam</b></p> <p>Sunni Muslims may fast this day to commemorate Moses and the freeing of Jews from Pharaoh. For Shia and other Muslim communities, this marks the day that Muhammad's grandsons were martyred in the Battle of Karbala in Iraq. Many make pilgrimage to Karbala and mark this day with public ceremonies and mourning rituals.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> There are no particular greetings for these days. Days of more serious or sombre reflection</p>
JULY 21	JULY 10	<p><b>Guru Poornima • Jainism/Buddhism/Hinduism</b></p> <p>A day to celebrate and give thanks to spiritual teachers, Gurus, past and present in Dharmic faiths.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Guru Purnima. It's also common for people to express their gratitude for particular Gurus in their lives.</p>
AUG 1	AUG 1	<p><b>Lammas • Wiccan</b></p> <p>A festival of Celtic origin that celebrates mid-summer and the Pagan day of Lammas and is celebrated with a harvest ritual that includes baking cakes and bread and offering thanks for the harvest.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No formal greeting but you can wish people Happy Lammas</p>

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AUG 9	AUG 9	<b>International Day of the World's Indigenous People • Indigenous</b> International Day of the World's Indigenous People is a United Nations day of observance. Learn more about this day and about Indigenous peoples globally at <a href="http://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day">www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day</a> <b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific or traditional greeting.
AUG 12	AUG 2	<b>Tisha B'Av • Judaism</b> A day of fasting and prayer to mourn historic disasters in Jewish history including the destruction of Solomon's Temple. <b>Common Greetings:</b> No greeting
AUG 19	AUG 9	<b>Raksha Bandhan • Hinduism</b> This popular Hindu and South Asian ceremony celebrates the bond between siblings during which sisters tie a rakhi (amulet) around the wrists of their brothers symbolically for their protection and brothers give gifts to their sisters. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Rakhi or Happy Raksha Bandhan
AUG 26	AUG 15	<b>Sri Krishna Jayanti (Krishna Janmashtmi) • Hinduism</b> A 2 day festival celebrating the birthday of Lord Krishna, eighth Hindu avatar of Vishnu. This major Hindu holiday is celebrated by prayers, ceremonies, dance and other festivities. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Janmashtami
AUG 30	AUG 21	<b>Paryushana Parv • Jainism</b> Paryushana-parva is the holiest period of the year for the Shvetambara sect. It includes fasting, worship, and reading the life story of Lord Mahavira from the Kalpasutra. It is celebrated over eight days ending on Samvatsari. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Paryushan Parva, Wishing you a happy and/or blessed Paryushan Parva
SEP 6	AUG 26	<b>Ganesh Chaturthi • Hinduism</b> A major Hindu festival celebrating Lord Ganesha's descent to earth. Idols of Ganesh are created and displayed for ten days after which they are immersed in water to symbolize his return home to the divine. People celebrate with music, dancing, distributing sweets and other festivities. <b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Ganesh Chaturthi or May Lord Ganesh bless you with prosperity and luck.

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SEP 8-17	AUG-SEP 28-6	<p><b>Dashalakshani Parv • Jainism</b></p> <p>In these 10 days, people focus on the 10 virtues of Jain teachings and reflect on the self including thoughts, actions and speech.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No traditional or common greeting</p>
SEP 15	SEP 4	<p><b>Mawlid al-Nabiy • Islam</b></p> <p>Mawlid al-Nabiy is celebrated in Muslim communities as the birthday of their prophet, Muhammad.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific greetings but can wish people a happy day. Or Happy Mawlid al Nabiy</p>
SEP 22	SEP 22	<p><b>Fall Equinox • Wiccan</b></p> <p>A time of thanksgiving and sharing of harvest celebrated in the Pagan community</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No formal greeting but you can wish people a Happy Fall Equinox</p>
SEP 30	SEP 30	<p><b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation • Indigenous</b></p> <p>The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a federal statutory holiday that falls on the same day as Orange Shirt Day, September 30th. This day is in honour of the lost children and survivors of residential schools.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific or traditional greeting.</p>
OCT 2-4	SEP 22-23	<p><b>Rosh Hashanah • Judaism</b></p> <p>Rosh Hashanah commemorates the creation of the world and marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a 10-day period of introspection and repentance that culminates in the Yom Kippur holiday, also known as the Day of Atonement.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Shanah tovah (good year)</p>
OCT 3-12	SEP-OCT 22-1	<p><b>Navaratri begins (9-night festival, Hinduism) • Hinduism</b></p> <p>A major Hindu holiday, Navaratri (nine nights) celebrates the victory of good and divine feminine power. Hindu communities globally celebrate this holiday in unique cultural and regional ways. Stories of divine feminine power also vary according to region and Hindu traditions.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Navaratri</p>

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OCT <b>11</b>	SEP <b>29</b>	<p><b>Ashwina Navapada - Ayambil Oli • Jainism</b></p> <p>Ashwina Navapada - Ayambil Oli is a nine-day festival occurring twice a year, in which Jains revere the Nav-pads, “nine-posts,” the nine supreme posts in the universe. This involves a special type of fasting.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No traditional or common greeting</p>
OCT <b>11</b>	OCT <b>2</b>	<p><b>Yom Kippur • Judaism</b></p> <p>Yom Kippur-the Day of Atonement is considered the most important holiday in the Jewish faith. It marks the culmination of the 10 Days of Awe, a period of introspection and repentance that follows Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. According to tradition, it is on Yom Kippur that God decides each person’s fate, so Jews are encouraged to make amends and ask forgiveness for sins committed during the past year. The holiday is observed with a 25-hour fast and a special religious service. Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah are known as Judaism’s “High Holy Days.”</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> ‘May you be sealed in the Book of Life’.</p>
OCT <b>12</b>	OCT <b>2</b>	<p><b>Dussehra • Hinduism</b></p> <p>Dussehra honours the battle between Lord Rama and Ravana symbolizing the victory of good over evil. Also called Dasara or Vijayadashami, this festival is celebrated in many ways among Hindu communities.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Dussehra</p>
OCT <b>16-23</b>	OCT <b>6-13</b>	<p><b>Sukkot • Judaism</b></p> <p>Feast of Tabernacles/Shelters. Commemorates the years Jews survived in the desert with God’s protection. It is traditionally celebrated by building a Sukkah, a temporary hut, where meals and other rituals are held. It is a holiday of joy and thanksgiving.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Sukkot or Chag Sameach (Happy Holiday)</p>
OCT <b>20</b>	OCT <b>20</b>	<p><b>Inaugural installation of the Adi Granth, the first rendition of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib in the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Punjab in 1604 • Sikhism</b></p> <p>Each year, the Sikh community commemorates the inaugural installation of the Adi Granth, the first rendition of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib in the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Punjab in 1604. Today, the Sri Guru Granth Sahib is considered the primary scripture of the Sikh community and is regarded as the final, sovereign and eternal Guru.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No greeting</p>

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OCT 23	OCT 13	<p><b>Shemini Atzeret • Judaism</b></p> <p>Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah Celebrate the conclusion Jewish festival of Sukkot and the reading of the Torah. This is joyous time spent in family and community.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Chag Sameach (Happy Holidays)</p>
OCT 31	OCT 20	<p><b>Bandi Chhor Divas • Sikhism</b></p> <p>A Sikh celebration for the release of Guru Hargobind and other innocent followers from prison in the 1600s. Falling on the same day as Diwali, this day is also celebrated with lights and fireworks.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Bandi Chhor Divas</p>
OCT 31	OCT 20	<p><b>Diwali • Hinduism</b></p> <p>Diwali, Deepvali, or the Festival of Lights is a major holiday observed by Hindu, Jain, Sikh and some Buddhist communities. It is celebrated with lights, gifts, feasts and fireworks to celebrate knowledge over ignorance and good over evil. Diwali is also an opportunity to do a deep clean of the home in preparation of welcoming Goddess Lakshmi who is said to walk through homes blessing devotees with prosperity.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Diwali</p>
OCT 31	OCT 31	<p><b>Samhain • Wiccan/Pagan</b></p> <p>Samhain (pronounced SAH-win or SOW-in) marks the Celtic New Year, the end of summer, and the end of the harvest season.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No formal greeting but one can wish people a “Happy Samhain!”</p>
NOV 1	NOV 1	<p><b>All Saints Day • Christian</b></p> <p>All Saints Day also known as the Feast of all Saints is a day for Christian and Roman Catholic believers to honour Saints in their history. This day is observed and celebrated in different cultural ways around the world.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy All Saints Day or Happy All Souls Day</p>
NOV 1	OCT 21	<p><b>Mahavir Nirvan • Jainism</b></p> <p>A significant day that commemorates the 24th Jain Tirthankar (spiritual teacher) attaining Nirvana. This is a joyful day filled with festivities and homes are decorated with lights to symbolize knowledge and bliss.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Mahavir Nirvan Divas</p>

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NOV 1-5	NOV 1-5	<p><b>Treaties recognition week • Indigenous</b></p> <p>Treaties Recognition Week is recognized annually with events to learn about and honour the treaties between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific or traditional greeting.</p>
NOV 7	NOV 7	<p><b>Inuit Day • Indigenous</b></p> <p>International Inuit Day celebrates the rich history and culture of Inuit communities in Arctic regions of the world.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific or traditional greeting.</p>
NOV 15	NOV 5	<p><b>Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurburab • Sikhism</b></p> <p>Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as Gurburab or Prakash Utsav, is the day the Sikh community commemorates the birth of the first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev. It is a day of reflection on the teachings of Sikhism.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No greeting</p>
DEC 6	DEC 6	<p><b>National Day of Remembrance and Action of Violence against Women • National</b></p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No greeting</p>
DEC 21	DEC 21	<p><b>Yalda • Zoroastrian</b></p> <p>A celebration of the winter solstice, gradual lengthening of day and good over evil.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Shabe Yalda Mobarak or Happy Yalda</p>
DEC 21	DEC 21	<p><b>Yule • Wiccan</b></p> <p>Winter festival that welcomes during which people can give thanks for the past and welcome the future.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Yule or Blessed Yule</p>
DEC 23	DEC 23	<p><b>Human Light Day • Humanist</b></p> <p>HumanLight is a Humanist holiday celebrated annually on 23 December. HumanLight was first celebrated in 2001, and was created to provide a specifically Humanist celebration during the western world's holiday season.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No specific or traditional greeting.</p>

# DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Please note that dates may vary, sometimes significantly depending on the type of calendar a community is following. Please also note that communities within traditions are diverse and will observe days differently.

2024	2025	
DEC 25	DEC 25	<p><b>Christmas • Christian</b></p> <p>A religious and cultural holiday. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as birthday of Jesus with gift giving and other festivities.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Merry Christmas</p>
DEC-JAN 25-2	DEC 14-22	<p><b>Hanukkah • Judaism</b></p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Hanukkah or Chag Hanukkah Sameach</p>
DEC 26	DEC 26	<p><b>Kwanzaa (kwaan-zuh) • Cultural - African-American</b></p> <p>Holiday. Kwanzaa is a 7 day holiday celebrating African Heritage and African American culture. from December 26 to January 1 each year. Kwanzaa celebrates culture, family, and community through communal feasts, drumming, dance.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> Happy Kwanzaa or “Heri za Kwanzaa!” (Swahili for “Happy Kwanzaa!”)</p>
DEC 26	DEC 26	<p><b>Zartosht no deeso • Zoroastrian</b></p> <p>Death of Prophet Zarathustra, the founder of the Zoroastrian faith is observed by attending the temple or spent in remembrance of the teachings of the faith.</p> <p><b>Common Greetings:</b> No greeting</p>