

Holidays 2009-2010

*(Exact dates may vary between traditions and communities within the same religion.
Only first day of multi-day festivals shown.)*

JUDAISM (All Jewish holidays begin at Sundown on the date shown.)

Jewish Year 5770

September 18 Rosh Hashanah (New Year)	January 29 Tu B'Shvat
September 27 Yom Kippur	February 27 Purim
October 2 Sukkot	March 29 Pesach (Passover)
October 10 Simhat Torah	April 18 Yom HaAtzma'ut
December 11 Chanukah (Hanukkah)	May 18 Shavuot

ISLAM (The Islamic calendar is based on sightings of the crescent moon; thus, these dates may vary by one or two days. Holidays begin at Sundown.)

In the year of the Hegira 1430-1431

August 21 Ramadan	December 26 Ashura
September 19 Eid al-Fitr	February 25 Mawlid-al-Nabi (Muhammad's birthday)
November 27 Eid al-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice)	
December 17 Al-Hijra / Muharram (New Year)	

HINDUISM

September 5 Saraswati begins	January 20 Vasant Panchami
September 19 Asuj Navratras begins	February 12 Maha Shivaratri Vrat (fast)
September 28 Dussehra	February 28 Holi begins
October 8 Karva Chauth Vrat (fast)	March 27 Bikarami Samvat
October 17 Diwali (Festival of Lights)	March 24 Rama Navmi (Lord Rama's birthday)
January 14 Makar Sankranti	April 13 Vaisakhi (solar new year)

BUDDHISM

December 8 Bodhi Day (Enlightenment Day)
February 8 Nirvana Day
February 15 Nirvana Day (alternative date)
May 21 Wesak (Buddha Day)

CHINESE NEW YEAR (CONFUCIAN/DAOIST/BUDDHIST) – February 14, 2010

CHRISTIANITY

November 29 Advent begins	March 28 Palm Sunday
December 25 Christmas	April 2 Good Friday
February 16 Mardi Gras	April 4 Easter (Western)
February 17 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)	May 23 Pentecost

EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUALITY

September 22 Autumnal Equinox (Mabon)	March 20 Vernal Equinox (Easter)
October 31 Samhain	May 1 Beltaine
December 21 Winter Solstice (Yule)	June 21 Summer Solstice (Litha)
February 2 Imbolc	August 1 Lughnasadh

USA CIVIL HOLIDAYS

November 26 Thanksgiving Day
January 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 15 Presidents Day
April 22 Earth Day
May 9 Mothers Day