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Jan. 1  Feast Day of St. Basil – Greek Orthodox
Jan. 1  Gantan-sai (New Year) – Shinto
Jan. 1  Mary, Mother of God – Roman Catholic
Jan. 1  New Year Celebration – SGI Buddhist
Jan. 2-4 Mahayana New Year (date varies by location/custom) – Buddhist
Jan. 5  Guru Gobind Singh Birthday Celebration – Sikh
Jan. 6  Epiphany Day (The Baptism of Jesus Christ) – Christian, Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic
Jan. 7  Orthodox Christmas – Julian Calendar Observance
Jan. 13 Maghi - Sikh
Jan. 14 Makara Sankranti / Pongal – Hare Krishna, Hindu
Jan. 14 Orthodox Christian New Year – Julian Calendar Observance
Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 19 Timkat – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
Jan. 21 World Religion Day – Baha’i
Jan. 30-31 Tu BiShvat – Jewish

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Feb. 1-7 World Interfaith Harmony Week
Feb. 2 Imbolc – Lughnassad – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern Hemispheres
Feb. 3 Setsebun Sai – Shinto
Feb. 4 Four Chaplains Sunday - Interfaith
Feb. 8 Nirvana Day (date varies by location/custom) – Buddhist
Feb. 11 Cheesefare Sunday – Greek Orthodox
Feb. 11 Transfiguration Sunday - Christian
Feb. 12 Darwin Day – Humanist
Feb. 13 Shrove Tuesday – Christian
Feb. 13 Maha Shivaratri – Hindu, Hare Krishna (Feb. 25)
Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday – Christian (beginning of season of Lent)
Feb. 14 St. Valentine’s Day - Christian
Feb. 16 Chinese New Year – Confucian, Taoist, Buddhist
Feb. 16 Heavenly Parents Day – Unification
Feb. 18 First Sunday of Lent – Christian
Feb. 18 Sunday of Orthodoxy – Greek Orthodox
Feb. 19 Beginning of Lent – Greek Orthodox
Feb. 21 True Parents’ Birthday – Unification
Feb. 28 Ta’anit Esther – Jewish
Feb. 28-Mar. 1 Purim (Feast of Esther) - Jewish

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Mar. 1  Gaura-Purnima (Appearance Day – Lord Chaitanya MahaPrabhu) – Hare Krishna
Mar. 1  Holi (Festival of Color-Spring) – Hare Krishna, Hindu (Mar. 2)
Mar. 1-2 Shushan Purim – Jewish
Mar. 2  Hola Mohalla – Sikh
Mar. 6  Meatfare Sunday – Greek Orthodox
Mar. 13 Birthday of L. Ron Hubbard, Founder of Scientology
Mar. 16 Kosen-rufu Day – SGI Buddhist
Mar. 17 Ugadi – Chandramana (Lunar New Year) – Hindu
Mar. 20 Naw-Ruz (New Year) – Baha’i
Mar. 21 Ostara – Mabon – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern Hemispheres
Mar. 25 Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary / Palm Sunday – Christian
Mar. 25 Ramanavami – (Birth of Lord Sri Rama) Hare Krishna, Hindu
Mar. 28 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zaranthushtra) - Zoroastrian
Mar. 29 Mahavir Jayanti Birth Anniversary – Jain
Mar. 29-30 Holy Thursday / Good Friday – Christian
Mar. 30-Apr. 7 Seder / Passover Week – Jewish
Mar. 30 Sri Hanuman Jayanthi (Birth of Lord Hanuman) – Hindu
Mar. 31 Lazarus Saturday – Greek Orthodox
Mar. 31 Easter Vigil – Christian
Mar. 31 Lord’s Evening Meal – Jehovah’s Witness Christian
Mar. 31 Magha Puja – (Sangha/Community/Congregation) Day (date varies) - Buddhist

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Apr. 1 Easter Sunday – Christian
Apr. 1 Palm Sunday – Greek Orthodox
Apr. 3 Mahavir Jayanti - Jain
Apr. 5 International Golden Rule Day
Apr. 5-6 Holy Thursday / Good Friday – Greek Orthodox
Apr. 8 Holy Pascha (Easter) – Greek Orthodox
Apr. 11-12 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) – Jewish
Apr. 13 Muhammad's Night Journey to Heaven – Islam
Apr. 13 Vaisakhi (Solar New Year) – Hindu
Apr. 14 Baisakhi (Birth Anniversary of Khalsa) – Sikh
Apr. 16 True Parents’ Day – Unification
Apr. 17-18 HaZikaron (Memorial Day) – Jewish
Apr. 18-19 Yom Ha’Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) – Jewish
Apr. 20 First Day of Ridvan – Baha’i
Apr. 27 Narasimha Jayanthi – Hindu
Apr. 28 Establishment of Nichiren Buddhism – SGI Buddhist
Apr. 28 The 9th Day of Ridvan – Baha’i
Apr. 28 Narasimha Chaturdasi (Appearance Day – Lord Narasimha Deva) – Hare Krishna
Apr. 29 Visakha Puja (Buddha) Day – Buddhist
Apr. 30 Theravadin New Year (date varies by location/custom) – Buddhist

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May 1  Beltane – Samhain – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern Hemispheres
May 1  Night of Salvation (Mid-Shaban) – Islam
May 1  Twelfth Day of Ridvan – Baha’i
May 2  National Day of Reason – Humanist
May 2-3 Lag B’Omer – Jewish
May 3  National Day of Prayer - Interfaith
May 3  Soka Gakkai Day – SGI Buddhist
May 10  Ascension of the Lord – Christ, Roman Catholic
May 12-13  Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) – Jewish
May 13  World Falun Dafa Day, Founder Mr. Li Hongzhi’s birthday – Falun Dafa
May 16  Ramadan begins (ends June 14) – Islam
May 17  Holy Ascension – Greek Orthodox
May 19-20  Shavuot (Festival of Weeks) – Jewish
May 20  Holy Pentecost – Christian
May 23  Declaration of the Bab – Baha’i
May 27  Holy Trinity – Roman Catholic
May 27  Holy Pentecost – Greek Orthodox
May 28  Feast of Holy Trinity – Greek Orthodox
May 28  Ascension of the Baha’u’llah – Baha’i

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June 3       All Saints Day – Greek Orthodox
June 3       Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Roman Catholic
June 10      Race Unity Day – Baha’i
June 11      Night of Power (Laylat al Kadr – Islam
June 14      Day of All True Things – Unification
June 15-17   Eid Al-Fitr (Festival of Fast Breaking) – Islam
June 16      Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Devji – Sikh
June 19      New Church Day – Swedenborgian Christian
June 20      Waqf al Araf – Hajj Day – Islam
June 21      Litha – Yule – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern Hemispheres
June 21      World Humanist Day – Humanist
June 30-July 1 17th of Tammuz – Jewish

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- **July 3**: Mentor and Disciple Day – SGI Buddhist
- **July 9**: Martyrdom of the Bab – Baha’i
- **July 13**: Ulambana / Obon (remembrance of deceased relatives) (date varies) – Buddhist
- **July 21-22**: Tish’a B’Av (Fast Day 9th of Av) – Jewish
- **July 24**: Pioneer Day – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- **July 27**: Asalha Puja (Dharma/Law/Teaching) Day – Buddhist
- **July 27**: Guru Purnima – Hindu, Jain
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Aug. 1    Fast in Honor of Holy Mother of Jesus (ends Aug. 14) - Greek Orthodox  
Aug. 2    Lughnassad – Imbolc – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern Hemispheres  
Aug. 6    Transfiguration of Jesus Christ – Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox  
Aug. 15   Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox  
Aug. 16   Completion of Siri Guru Granth Sahib – Sikh  
Aug. 20   Day of Arafat (hajj) – Islam  
Aug. 22   Eid Al Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) – Islam  
Aug. 25   Raksha Bandhan – Hindu  
Aug. 25   Lord Balaram Jayani – Hare Krishna  
Aug. 27   Anniversary of Founder’s Ascension – Unification  
Aug. 29   Beheading of St. John the Baptist – Christian  

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Sep. 1  The Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year – Greek Orthodox  
Sep. 3  Sri Krishna Janmashtami (Birth of Lord Krishna) – Hare Krishna, Hindu  
Sep. 7  Paryushana begins 8 Holy Days – Jain  
Sep. 8  Nativity of Virgin Mary - Christian  
Sep. 9-11 Rosh Hashanah (New Year) – Jewish  
Sep. 11-12 Hijra -New Year – Islam  
Sep. 12  Sri Ganesh Chathurthi – Hindu  
Sep. 13  Unity World Day of Prayer – Unity  
Sep. 14  Elevation of Holy Cross – Greek Orthodox  
Sep. 14  Samvatsari (Paryushan Parva ends) – Jain  
Sep. 15-24 Das Lakshana 10 Holy Days – Jain  
Sep. 16  Radhastami (Appearance Day of Radha – Eternal Consort of Krishna) – Hare Krishna  
Sep. 18-19 Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) – Jewish  
Sep. 20  Ashura – Islam  
Sep. 21  International Day of Peace  
Sep. 22  Mabon – Ostara – Wicca Northern and Southern Hemispheres  
Sep. 23  Sukkot begins (Feast of the Harvest) – Jewish  
Sep. 27  Meskal – Ehtiopian Orthodox Christian  
Sep. 29-Oct. 2 Hoshana Rabbah / Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah (Celebration of Torah) - Jewish

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Oct. 1 Shemini Atzeret - Jewish
Oct. 2 SGI World Peace Day – SGI Buddhist
Oct. 2 Simchat Torah – Jewish
Oct. 4 St. Francis Day – Roman Catholic
Oct. 4 Blessing of the Animals - Christian
Oct. 7 Founding of the International Association of Scientologists
Oct. 9 Guru Ram Das Ji Birthday – Sikh
Oct. 9 Navarathri begins (Nine Holy Nights) – Hindu
Oct. 18 Vijayadashami – Dusserah (Victory of Truth over Untruth) – Hare Krishna, Hindu
Oct. 20 Guru Gaddee of Siri Guru Granth Sahib – Sikh
Oct. 21 Birth of the Bab – Baha’i
Oct. 22 Birth of Baha’u’llah – Baha’i
Oct. 31 All Hallows Eve – Christian
Oct. 31 Reformation Day – Protestant Christian

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Nov. 1 All Saints Day – Christian
Nov. 2 All Souls Day – Christian
Nov. 6 Deepavali / Diwali (Festival of Lights) – Jain, Hindu, Hare Krishna (Nov. 7)
Nov. 7 Bandi Chhor Divas – Sikh
Nov. 8 True Children’s Day – Unification
Nov. 8 Govardhana-puja / New Year – Hare Krishna
Nov. 12 Birth of Baha’u’llah – Baha’i
Nov. 15 Nativity Fast Begins (ends Dec. 24) – Greek Orthodox
Nov. 18 Soka Kyoiku Gakkai (predecessor of SGI) founded – SGI Buddhist
Nov. 21 Muhammad’s Birthday (Mawlid-al-Nabi) – Islam
Nov. 22 Tulasi (Saligrama Marriage) – Hare Krishna
Nov. 22 Thanksgiving – USA - Interfaith
Nov. 23 Guru Nanak’s Birthday – Sikh
Nov. 25 Day of the Covenant – Baha’i
Nov. 25 Christ the King – Christian
Nov. 27 Ascension of ‘Abdu’l-Baha – Baha’i

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Dec. 2    First Sunday of Advent (Advent is 4 weeks) – Christian
Dec. 2-10 Hanukkah (Festival of Religious Freedom) – Jewish
Dec. 6    St. Nicholas Day – Christian
Dec. 8    Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) – Buddhist
Dec. 8    Immaculate Conception of Mary – Roman Catholic
Dec. 10   Human Rights Day – Humanist
Dec. 18   Advent of Srimad Bhagavad Gita – Hare Krishna
Dec. 21   Yule – Litha – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern Hemispheres
Dec. 23   Human Light – Humanist
Dec. 25   Christmas – Christian
Dec. 25   Feast of the Nativity – Greek Orthodox
Dec. 26   Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra) - Zoroastrian

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