

## Multicultural Calendar Festivals Dates 2018

### January 2018

- 2 January **Buddhist** Mahayana New Year – Buddhists Festival
- 5 January **Sikh** Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh
- 6 January **Christian** Epiphany
- 13 January **Sikh** Lohri
- 14 January **Hindu** Makar Sankranti
- 24 January **Chinese** Laba Festival
- 25 January *Burns Night*
- 27 January **Jewish** National Holocaust Memorial Day
- 30 January **Jewish** Tu B'Shevat

### February 2018

- 8 February **Buddhist** Nirvana Day
- 13 February **Christian** Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day
- 14 February **Christian** Ash Wednesday
- 14 February **Hindu** Maha Shivarati
- 14 February **Christian** Lent (ends on 31 March)
- 14 February *Valentine's Day*
- 16 February **Chinese** Spring Festival – Chinese New Year
- 28 February **Jewish** Fast of Esther (Taanit Esther)
- 28 February **Jewish** Purim

### March 2018

- 2 March **Hindu** Holi
- 2 March **Buddhist** Magha Puja Day
- 2 March **Sikh** Hola Mohalla
- 2 March **Chinese** Lantern Festival
- 2 March **Jewish** Shushan Purim
- 8 March **Chinese** Women's Day
- 11 March *Mother's Day*
- 17 March *St Patrick's Day Ireland*
- 18 March **Chinese** The Blue Dragon Festival
- 25 March **Hindu** Rama Navami – Birthday of Rama
- 25 March **Christian** Palm Sunday
- 30 March **Christian** Good Friday
- 30 March **Jewish** Ta'anit Bechorot
- 30 March **Jewish** Passover

### April 2018

- 1 April **Christian** Easter Sunday
- 5 April **Chinese** Ching Ming Festival
- 11 April **Jewish** Yom Hashoah – The Jewish Holocaust Remembrance Day.
- 13 April **Islam** Lailat Al Miraj
- 14 April **Sikh** Baisakhi
- 18 April **Sikh** Birthday of Guru Angad Dev
- 23 April *St George's Day England*
- 30 April **Buddhist** Theravada New Year

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### May 2018

- 1 May **Islam** Lailat al Bara'ah
- 16 May **Islam** Ramadan starts
- 19 May **Jewish** Shavuot
- 20 May **Christian** Pentecost
- 29 May **Buddhist** Wesak – Buddha's Birthday

### June 2018

- 11 June **Islam** Lailat al-Qadr
- 15 June **Islam** Eid-al-Fitr – End of Ramadan
- 16 June **Sikh** Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
- 17 June *Father's Day*
- 18 June **Chinese** Dragon Boat Festival

### July 2018

- 21 July **Jewish** Tisha B'Av
- 27 July **Buddhist** Dharma Day

### August 2018

- 21 August **Islam** Eid-al-Adha
- 25 August **Chinese** Ghost Festival
- 26 August **Hindu** Hindu Raksha Bandan

### September 2018

- 1 September **Islam** Hijra
- 2 September **Hindu** Krishna Jayanti -Birthday of Krishna.
- 9 September **Jewish** Rosh Hashanah – Jewish New Year
- 18 September **Jewish** Yom Kippur
- 20 September **Islam** Day of Ashura / Muharram
- 23 September **Jewish** Sukkot
- 24 September **Chinese** Moon Festival

### October 2018

- 1 October **Jewish** Simchat Torah
- 9 October **Hindu** Navaratri – Also known as Durga Puja or Dusserah (ends on 18 October)
- 20 October **Sikh** Birth of the Guru Granth
- 31 October *Halloween*

### November 2018

- 1 November **Christian** All Saints Day
- 5 November *Guy Fawkes Night*
- 7 November **Hindu** / **Sikh** Diwali
- 21 November **Islam** Milad un Nabi
- 22 November **Chinese** Spirit Festival
- 23 November **Sikh** Birthday of Guru Nanak
- 24 November **Sikh** Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur
- 30 November *St Andrew's Day Scotland*

### December 2018

- 2 December **Jewish** Hanukkah (ends on 10 December)
- 8 December **Buddhist** Bodhi Day
- 22 December **Chinese** Winter Solstice Festival
- 25 December **Christians** Christmas Day