

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS – 2021-2022

July, 2021

24—Pioneer Day (Mormonism—celebrates Latter Day Saints' entrance into Salt Lake Valley).

17/18—Tisha B'av or Ninth of Av (Judaism—day of fasting and mourning commemorates destruction of Jerusalem Temple and the Exile; begins at sunset on July 17)

19/23—Eid al-Adha (Islam—Feast of Sacrifice on Pilgrimage/*Hajj*; begins at sunset on 19th (depending on moon))

August

18/19—Ashura (Shia Islam—begins at sunset on 18th)

September

6, 7, 8—Rosh Hashanah (Judaism—New Year; start of 10 High Holy Days; begins at sunset on 6th)

15/16—Yom Kippur (Judaism—Day of Atonement; begins at sundown on 15th)

20-27—Sukkot (Judaism Feast of Tabernacles—begins at sunset on 20th and continues through 27th)

November

4—Diwali (Hinduism—Festival of Lights) [The key celebration in this five-day holiday begins on 4th in South India and 5th in North India]

28—First Sunday of Advent (Christianity—Four Sundays of Advent before Christmas)

28 - Dec. 6—Hanukkah (Judaism—Festival of Lights; begins at sunset on 28th and ends on Dec. 6th)

December

8—Bodhi Day (Buddhism in Japan—Enlightenment of the Buddha)

25—Christmas (Christianity—birth of Jesus)

January, 2022

7—Christmas (Eastern Orthodox Christian traditions that use the Julian calendar—birth of Jesus)

February

1—Lunar New Year (Begins year of the Tiger in many Asian cultures)

March

2—Ash Wednesday (Christianity—beginning of 40 days of Lent before Holy Week)

16, 17—Purim (Judaism—Esther's victory over Persian oppression; begins at sunset on March 16th)

17, 18, 19—Holi (Hinduism—Festival of Colors, *Holika Dahan* begins at sunset on March 17 and Holi on 18th)

April

2—Beginning of Ramadan, Islam's month of fasting. Begins at sunset on April 2. Continues through May 2

10—Palm Sunday (Christianity—entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, beginning of Holy Week)

15/16 through 23—Passover (Judaism—Feast of Unleavened Bread and commemoration of Exodus; begins at sunset on 15th; observed through April 23rd in U.S.)

15—Good Friday (Christianity—Crucifixion of Jesus)

17—Easter Sunday (Christianity—Resurrection of Jesus). [Eastern Orthodox Easter is on the 24th of April]

27/28—Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day (Judaism)

May

2/3—Eid al-Fitr (Islam—conclusion of Ramadan fasting; begins at sunset on 2nd).

June

4-6—Shavuot (Judaism—Feast of Weeks; celebration of the giving of the Torah; begins at sunset on 4th)