

# Indo-Swiss Intercultural Calendar of Festivals and Holidays 2014

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January	01*	Wed	New Year's Day 2014/Neujahr/Nouvel An (IND/R/CH)
January	02*	Thu	Berthold's Day/Bertholdstag (CH/R/C)
January	05*	Sun	Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday (IND/R/S)
January	06*	Mon	Epiphany/Heilige Drei Könige/Epiphanie (CH/R/C)
Januar	13	Mon	Id-e-Milad = Milad-un-Nabi = Mevlid Birthday of Prophet Mohammed 570 (IND/M)
Janauary	14*	Tue	Makar Sankranti / Pongal / Lohri (IND/R/H)
January	26*	Sun	Indian Republic Day (IND/CH)
January	30*	Thu	Mahatma Gandhi's Death anniversary (IND)
February	04	Tue	Vasanta Panchami / Saraswati Puja (IND/R/H)
February	14*	Fri	Valentine's Day/Valentinstag/Saint-Valentin (IND/CH)
February	27	Thu	Schmutziger Donnerstag in Luzern/Carneval à Lucerne(CH/R)
February	28	Fri	Maha Shivaratri (IND/R/H)
March	05	Wed	Ash Wednesday/Aschermittwoch/Les Cendres (CH/R/C)
March	10	Mon	Carnival in Basel/Morgenstreich=Fasnachtsmontag (CH/R)
March	14*	Thu	Sikh New Year: Nanakshahi Calendar 546 (S)
March	16	Sun	Purim (Y)
March	16	Sun	Hutashani=Holika Dahan=Holi (IND/H)
March	17	Mon	Holi = Dhuleti = Vasantotsav = Spring Time (IND/R)
March	21*	Fri	Jamshedi Navroz Mazda Fasli New Year 1383 (P/IND)
March	30	Sun	Summer time begins from 02:00; Add 1hour/Sommerzeit/Heured'été
March	31	Mon	Gudi Padva, New Year in Maharashtra; Bharatiya Shaka Arambh 1936; Chaitri Shukladi New Year in South India, Vishu, Ugadi Telugu New Year, Shalivahan Shaka 1936; New Year in UP and North India, Cheti Chand, Marwadi New Year 2071,Sitrabhanu Varsha (IND/R/H)
April	08	Tue	Ram Navami (IND/H/R)
April	13	Sun	Mahavir Jayanti (IND/J)
April	13	Sun	Palm Sunday/Palmsonntag/Rameaux (C/CH/R)
April	14	Mon	Tamil New Year 2044, Varsha Jaya, Kaliyuga 5115, (IND/CH/R/H)
April	15	Tue	Boisakhadi in Bengal Shatabd 1421 / Behag Bihu in Assam (IND/R)
April	14*	Mon	Vishu / Meshadi (IND/R)
April	14*	Mon	Baisakhi in Punjab (IND/R/S)
April	14*	Mon	Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti (IND)
April	15	Tue	Pessach = Passover (Y)
April	18	Fri	Good Friday/Karfreitag/Vendredi Saint (IND/C)
April	20	Sun	Easter/Ostern/Pâque (IND/R/CH/C)
April	21	Mon	Easter Monday/Ostermontag/Lundi de Pâque (CH/R/C)
April	28	Mon	Sechseläuten (ZRH)
May	01*	Thu	Labour Day = May Day/Tag der Arbeit/Fête de travail (IND/CH)
May	11	Sun	Mother's Day/Muttertag/Fête des mères (CH/IND)
May	14	Wed	Buddha Purnima = Vesak = Vaisakhi Punam (IND/B/H)
May	25	Sun	Akshaya Trutiya = Akha Trij (IND/R/J)
May	29	Thu	Zarthost no Diso (P)
May	29	Thu	Ascension Day/Auffahrt/Ascension (C/CH)
June	08	Sun	Whitsuntide = Pentecost/Pfingsten/Pentecôte (C)
June	09	Mon	Whit Monday = Pentacost Monday/Pfingstmontag/Lundi dePentecôte
June	19	Thu	Corpus Christi/Fronleichnam/Fête-Dieu (CH/C/R)
June	28	Sat	First Day of Ramzan Month, Fasting begins (IND/CH/R/M)
June	29	Sun	Rath Yatra (IND/R/H)
July	12	Sat	Guru Purnima (IND/H/B)
July	28	Mon	Id-ul-Fitr = Ramazan Id = End of Ramazan month (IND/M)

August	01*	Fri	Swiss National Day/Nationalfeiertag/Fête nationale (CH)
August	10	Sun	Raksha Bandhan = Nariyeri Purnima (IND/R)
August	15*	Fri	Assumption Day/Maria Himmelfahrt/Asomption (CH/R/C)
August	15*	Fri	Indian Independence Day (IND)
August	15	Fri	Nag Panchami (IND/R/H)
August	17	Sun	Janmashtami (IND/H)
August	18	Mon	Nandmahotsav (H)
August	17	Sun	Malayalee New Year, Kollam-Varsham 1190 (IND/R)
August	18	Mon	Pateti, Last day of the Parsi Year (IND/P)
August	19	Tue	Navroz, Farvar Din 1:Parsi NewYear:Shehanshahi 1383 (IND/R/P)
August	21	Thu	Paryushana Parva: First Day (J)
August	27	Wed	Khordad Sal: Birthday of Zarathustra (P/IND)
August	29	Fri	Ganesh Chaturthi = Ganesh Sthapana (H)
September	07	Sun	Onam (IND/R/H)
September	08	Mon	Anant Chaturdashi = Ganesh Visarjan (H)
September	11	Thu	Jeûne Genevois (C/GVA)
September	15	Mon	Knabenschiessen (ZRH)
September	21	Sun	Federal Day of Prayer/Eidg. Bettag/Jeûne Fédéral (C/CH)
September	23	Tue	Sarva Pitru Shraadhtha, Amavasya (IND/R/H/B)
September	25	Thu	Rosh ha-Schana, Jewish New Year 5775 (Y)
September	25	Thu	Navaratri starts (H)
September	30	Tue	Maha Ashtami = Durgashtami (IND/R/H)
October	02*	Thu	Gandhi Jayanti (IND/CH)
October	04	Sat	Dussehra = Vijaya Dashami (IND/H)
October	04	Sat	Yom Kippur (Y)
October	04	Sat	Id-ul-Adha = Id-ul-Zuha = Id El Hajj = Bakr Id (IND/M)
October	07	Tue	Sharad Punam = Kojagari Purnima (R)
October	11	Sat	Karva Choth (IND/R)
October	23	Thu	Diwali = Dipawali=Laxmi Puja = Sharada Puja (IND/H/S/J)
October	24	Mon	New Year Vikram Samvat 2071 / Govardhan Puja (IND/R/H)
October	24	Mon	New Year Mahavir Samvat 2541 (J)
October	25	Tue	Bhai Bij = Bhau Duj (IND)
October	25	Sat	Muharram, Muslim New Year Hizri 1436 Islamisches Neujahr/Nouvel An Islamique (M)
October	26	Sun	End of Summer Time. At 03:00 reduce 1 hour/Beginn Winterzeit (CH)
November	01*	Sat	All Saints' Day/Allerheiligen/Le toussaint (CH/R/C)
November	02	Sun	Reformation Day/Reformationstag/Fête de Ref. (C/CH/R)
November	03	Mon	Muharram/Taziya/Roz I Ashura / Mourning Day (M)
November	06	Don	Guru Nanak Jayanti, Kartik Purnima = Dev Diwali (S)
November	24	Mon	Ziebelmärit in Berne (CH/R)
December	08*	Mon	Immaculate Conception/Maria Empfängnis/Immaculée Conc. (C/CH/R)
December	12*	Fri	Escalade (GVA)
December	24*	Wed	Christmas Eve = Holy Night/Heiliger Abend/la veille de Noël
December	25*	Thu	Christmas Day/Weihnachten/Noël (IND/CH/C)
December	26*	Fri	St. Stephen's Day/Stephanstag/Saint Etienne (CH/C)
December	31*	Wed	New Year's Eve 2014→2015/Silvester/saint-Sylvestre (CH/IND)

*(B) Buddhist, (C) Christian, (H) Hindu, (J) Jain, (M) Muslim, (P) Parsi, (S) Sikh, (Y) Yebudi or Jewish, (R) Regional, (IND) All-India, (CH) Switzerland, (GVA) Geneva, (ZRH) Zurich*  
 \* = Same date every year for this festival

**NB: Religious dates are subject to regional and institutional variations. Provide ± 1 day**

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