

Buddhist calendar for 2009

All dates are shown using the Gregorian (Western) calendar.

Sunday 8 February

Parinirvana - Nirvana day

Mahayana Buddhist festival marking the anniversary of Buddha's death. Pure Land Buddhists call the festival "Nirvana Day". Parinirvana is celebrated by some Buddhists on February 8th.

Sunday 15 February

Nirvana day (alternative date)

Nirvana Day is also known as Parinirvana and is celebrated by some Buddhists on February 8th. Nirvana Day is the celebration of Buddha's death when he reached total Nirvana, at the age of 80.

Thursday 26 February

Losar (start)

The most important holiday in Tibet, marking the Tibetan New Year. The celebration lasts three days from today.

Thursday 9 April

Theravada New Year

New Year festival for Theravada Buddhists, celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in April

Saturday 9 May

Wesak or Buddha day

The most important of the Buddhist festivals. It celebrates the Buddha's birthday, and, for some Buddhists, also marks his enlightenment and death. [Pictures of Wesak celebrations in Manchester](#)

Tuesday 7 July

Asala - Dharma Day

The anniversary of the start of Buddha's teaching - his first sermon, "The Wheel of Truth", after his enlightenment.

Tuesday 8 December

Bodhi Day

On Bodhi day some Buddhists celebrate Gautama's attainment of enlightenment under the Bodhi tree at Bodhgaya, India.

Buddhist calendar for 2010

Monday 8 February

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Monday 15 February

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Tuesday 30 March

Magha Puja

Fourfold Assembly or Sangha Day. Marks the day Buddha addressed a meeting of 1250 arahants.

Theravada New Year

New Year festival for Theravada Buddhists, celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in April

Thursday 27 May

Wesak or Buddha day

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Monday 26 July

Asala - Dharma Day

The anniversary of the start of Buddha's teaching - his first sermon , "The Wheel of Truth", after his enlightenment.

Wednesday 8 December

Bodhi Day

On Bodhi day some Buddhists celebrate Gautama's attainment of enlightenment under the Bodhi tree at Bodhgaya, India.

Buddhist calendar for 2011

Tuesday 8 February

Parinirvana - Nirvana day

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Tuesday 15 February

Nirvana day (alternative date)

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Friday 18 February

Magha Puja

Fourfold Assembly or Sangha Day. Marks the day Buddha addressed a meeting of 1250 arahants.

Monday 18 April

Theravada New Year

New Year festival for Theravada Buddhists, celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in April

Tuesday 17 May

Wesak or Buddha day

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Friday 15 July

Asala - Dharma Day

The anniversary of the start of Buddha's teaching - his first sermon, "The Wheel of Truth", after his enlightenment.

Thursday 8 December

Bodhi Day

On Bodhi day some Buddhists celebrate Gautama's attainment of enlightenment under the Bodhi tree at Bodhgaya, India.

Buddhist calendar for 2012

Tuesday 7 February

Magha Puja

Fourfold Assembly or Sangha Day. Marks the day Buddha addressed a meeting of 1250 arahants.

Wednesday 8 February

Parinirvana - Nirvana day

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Wednesday 15 February

Nirvana day (alternative date)

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Friday 6 April

Theravada New Year

New Year festival for Theravada Buddhists, celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in April

Saturday 5 May

Wesak or Buddha day

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Tuesday 3 July

Asala - Dharma Day

The anniversary of the start of Buddha's teaching - his first sermon, "The Wheel of Truth", after his enlightenment.

Saturday 8 December

Bodhi Day

On Bodhi day some Buddhists celebrate Gautama's attainment of enlightenment under the Bodhi tree at Bodhgaya, India.

Buddhist calendar for 2013

Friday 8 February

Parinirvana - Nirvana day

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Friday 15 February

Nirvana day (alternative date)

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Monday 25 February

Magha Puja

Fourfold Assembly or Sangha Day. Marks the day Buddha addressed a meeting of 1250 arahants.

Thursday 25 April

Theravada New Year

New Year festival for Theravada Buddhists, celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in April

Saturday 25 May

Wesak or Buddha day

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Monday 22 July

Asala - Dharma Day

The anniversary of the start of Buddha's teaching - his first sermon , "The Wheel of Truth", after his enlightenment.

Sunday 8 December

Bodhi Day

On Bodhi day some Buddhists celebrate Gautama's attainment of enlightenment under the Bodhi tree at Bodhgaya, India.

Buddhist calendar for 2014

Tuesday 15 April

Theravada New Year

New Year festival for Theravada Buddhists, celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in April

Wednesday 14 May

Wesak or Buddha day

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Saturday 12 July

Asala - Dharma Day

The anniversary of the start of Buddha's teaching - his first sermon , "The Wheel of Truth", after his enlightenment.