

Muslim calendar for 2009

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

Some dates may vary slightly because they are determined by the lunar calendar, or because of local variations.

Wednesday 7 January

Ashura

Islamic holy day observed on the 10th of the Islamic month of Muharram. Shi'ite Muslims regard it as a major festival marking the martyrdom of the Prophet's grandson, Hussein..

Monday 9 March

Milad un Nabi (Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad)

Shia Muslims celebrate this 5 days later. Some Muslims do not approve of celebrating the birthday, and regard doing so as a religious innovation.

Saturday 14 March

Milad un Nabi (Shia)

Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. Sunni Muslims celebrate this 5 days earlier. Some Muslims do not approve of celebrating the birthday, and regard doing so as a religious innovation.

Saturday 22 August

Ramadan (start)

Ramadan is the Muslim month of fasting.

Monday 21 September

Eid-UI-Fitr

The end of Ramadan when Muslims celebrate the end of fasting and thank Allah for His help with their month-long act of self-control.

Saturday 28 November

Eid-UI-Adha

Festival of Sacrifice marking the day after Arafat. The Day of Arafat is the most important day in the Hajj ritual. This is a four day holiday

Friday 18 December

Al-Hijira

Islamic New Year. Marks the migration of the Prophet Mohammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina

Sunday 27 December

Ashura

Islamic holy day observed on the 10th of the Islamic month of Muharram. Shi'ite Muslims regard it as a major festival marking the martyrdom of the Prophet's grandson, Hussein..

Muslim calendar for 2010

Friday 26 February

Milad un Nabi (Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad)

Shia Muslims celebrate this 5 days later. Some Muslims do not approve of celebrating the birthday, and regard doing so as a religious innovation.

Wednesday 3 March

Milad un Nabi (Shia)

Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. Sunni Muslims celebrate this 5 days earlier. Some Muslims do not approve of celebrating the birthday, and regard doing so as a religious innovation.

Thursday 12 August

Ramadan (start)

Ramadan is the Muslim month of fasting.

Friday 10 September

Eid-UI-Fitr

The end of Ramadan when Muslims celebrate the end of fasting and thank Allah for His help with their month-long act of self-control.

Wednesday 17 November

Eid-UI-Adha

Festival of Sacrifice marking the day after Arafat. The Day of Arafat is the most important day in the Hajj ritual. This is a four day holiday

Tuesday 7 December

Al-Hijira

Islamic New Year. Marks the migration of the Prophet Mohammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina

Thursday 16 December

Ashura

Islamic holy day observed on the 10th of the Islamic month of Muharram. Shi'ite Muslims regard it as a major festival marking the martyrdom of the Prophet's grandson, Hussein..

Muslim calendar for 2011

Tuesday 15 February

Milad un Nabi (Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad)

Shia Muslims celebrate this 5 days later. Some Muslims do not approve of celebrating the birthday, and regard doing so as a religious innovation.

Sunday 20 February

Milad un Nabi (Shia)

Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. Sunni Muslims celebrate this 5 days earlier. Some Muslims do not approve of celebrating the birthday, and regard doing so as a religious innovation.

Monday 1 August

Ramadan (start)

Ramadan is the Muslim month of fasting.

Tuesday 30 August

Eid-UI-Fitr

The end of Ramadan when Muslims celebrate the end of fasting and thank Allah for His help with their month-long act of self-control.

Sunday 6 November

Eid-UI-Adha

Festival of Sacrifice marking the day after Arafat. The Day of Arafat is the most important day in the Hajj ritual. This is a four day holiday

Saturday 26 November

Al-Hijira

Islamic New Year. Marks the migration of the Prophet Mohammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina

Monday 5 December

Ashura

Islamic holy day observed on the 10th of the Islamic month of Muharram. Shi'ite Muslims regard it as a major festival marking the martyrdom of the Prophet's grandson, Hussein..

Muslim calendar for 2012

Saturday 4 February

Milad un Nabi (Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad)

Shia Muslims celebrate this 5 days later. Some Muslims do not approve of celebrating the birthday, and regard doing so as a religious innovation.

Thursday 9 February

Milad un Nabi (Shia)

Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. Sunni Muslims celebrate this 5 days earlier. Some Muslims do not approve of celebrating the birthday, and regard doing so as a religious innovation.

Friday 20 July

Ramadan (start)

Ramadan is the Muslim month of fasting.

Sunday 19 August

Eid-UI-Fitr

The end of Ramadan when Muslims celebrate the end of fasting and thank Allah for His help with their month-long act of self-control.

Friday 26 October

Eid-UI-Adha

Festival of Sacrifice marking the day after Arafat. The Day of Arafat is the most important day in the Hajj ritual. This is a four day holiday

Thursday 15 November

Al-Hijira

Islamic New Year. Marks the migration of the Prophet Mohammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina

Saturday 24 November

Ashura

Islamic holy day observed on the 10th of the Islamic month of Muharram. Shi'ite Muslims regard it as a major festival marking the martyrdom of the Prophet's grandson, Hussein..

Muslim calendar for 2013

Thursday 24 January

Milad un Nabi (Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad)

Shia Muslims celebrate this 5 days later. Some Muslims do not approve of celebrating the birthday, and regard doing so as a religious innovation.

Tuesday 29 January

Milad un Nabi (Shia)

Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. Sunni Muslims celebrate this 5 days earlier. Some Muslims do not approve of celebrating the birthday, and regard doing so as a religious innovation.

Tuesday 9 July

Ramadan (start)

Ramadan is the Muslim month of fasting.

Thursday 8 August

Eid-UI-Fitr

The end of Ramadan when Muslims celebrate the end of fasting and thank Allah for His help with their month-long act of self-control.

Tuesday 15 October

Eid-UI-Adha

Festival of Sacrifice marking the day after Arafat. The Day of Arafat is the most important day in the Hajj ritual. This is a four day holiday

Monday 4 November

Al-Hijira

Islamic New Year. Marks the migration of the Prophet Mohammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina

Wednesday 13 November

Ashura

Islamic holy day observed on the 10th of the Islamic month of Muharram. Shi'ite Muslims regard it as a major festival marking the martyrdom of the Prophet's grandson, Hussein..