

RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS FOR DECEMBER 2016

Key dates:

Lunar month begins 29 Nov.

Full Moon is 14 Dec. (Festivals for the full moons are highlighted)

December	Christianity	Islam and inter-faith days ¹	Hinduism	Buddhism	Taosim	Judaism
Sagittarius 12.5 ‘Minor Snow’ 1 ‘Great Snow’ Solstice (22)	St. Nicholas Day (6) Immaculate Conception (8) Feast day of Guadalupe (12) Christmas Eve (24) Christmas day (25) St. Stephen’s Day (26) Holy Innocents (28) Holy Family (30) Watch Night (31)	Mawlid an Nabe (12) Mawlid an Nabi (14) Yule/Litha (21) [P] Death of Zarathustra (26) [Z]	03 Vinayaka Chaturthi 04 Vivah Panchami, Naga Panchami *Telugu 05 Subrahmanya Sashti, Champa Shashthi 07 Masik Durgashtami 10 Mokshada Ekadashi, Gita Jayanti, Matsya Dwadashi, Guruvayur Ekadashi 11 Pradosh Vrat 12 Karthigai Deepam, Milad an-Nabi, Id-e-Milad 13 Margashirsha Purnima, Dattatreya Jayanti, Purnima Upavas, Annapurna Jayanti, Tripura Bhairavi Jayanti, Rohini Vrat 14 Paush Begins *North 15 Dhanu Sankranti	Mindfulness Day (3) [Zen] Tara Puja (7) Jodo-e (8) Rohatsu (8) [Zen] Daka Day (9) Amitabha Day (13) Manjushri and Prajnaparamita Day (23) Dakini Day (23) Shakyamuni Day (29)	Rat month (29 Nov) Dongzhi (Solstice) All Souls Festival (10)	Hannukah (25 – Jan1)

			16 Sankashti Chaturthi 20 Kalashtami 21 Shortest Day of Year 24 Saphala Ekadashi 25 Merry Christmas 26 Pradosh Vrat, Mandala Pooja 27 Masik Shivaratri 28 Paush Amavasya, Darshavela Amavasya, Hanumath Jayanthi 30 Chandra Darshan			
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¹ Key to abbreviations: Sh=Shinto/P=Pagan/I=Interfaith/Sk=Sikh/B=Baha'i /Z=Zoroastrian/J=Jain