

RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS FOR JULY 2016

Key dates:

Lunar month begins 4 Jul.

Full Moon is 19 Jul. (Festivals for the full moons are highlighted)

July	Christianity	Islam and inter-faith days ¹	Hinduism	Buddhism	Taosim	Judaism
Cancer 7.5 [northern summer solstice, southern winter solstice] 8 ‘Little Heat’	St. Benedict day (11) Pioneer Day (24) [Mormon] St. James the Great day (25)	Lailat al Kadr (1) Eid al Fitr (7 –9) Martyrdom of the Bab (9) [B] Birthday of Haile Selassi (23) [Rastafari]	01 Pradosh Vrat, Masik Karthigai, Jamat Ul-Vida 02 Masik Shivaratri, Rohini Vrat 03 Darsha Amavasya 04 Ashadha Amavasya, Somvati Amavas 05 Gupta Navratri Begins 06 Chandra Darshan, Jagannath Rathayatra 07 Vinayaka Chaturthi, Eid al-Fitr, Ramadan 09 Skanda Sashti 11 Ashtahnika Vidhan Begins 12 Masik Durgashtami 15 Devshayani Ekadashi, Gauri Vrat Begins *Gujarat 16 Vasudeva Dwadashi, Karka Sankranti 17 Pradosh	Mindfulness Day (2) [Zen] Shakyamuni Day (4) [NM] Dalai Lama’s Birthday (6) Obon (13 – 15) [Japanese] Daka Day (14) Kwan Yin Festival (15 – 22) [Chinese] Dharmachakra day (19) Amitabha Day (19) Dakini Day (29)	Sheep month (4) Half Year Festival (4) Birth Days of Wen-ku and Wu-chu, patrons of scholars and warriors (4) Clothes Drying Day (9) Tian Zhu day (10) The Great Pure One (26) Birthday of the God of Warriors (27)	None this year

			Vrat, Jayaparvati Vrat Begins 18 Chaumasi Chaudas 19 Kokila Vrat *Gujarat, Vyasa Puja, Ashadha Purnima, Guru Purnima, Gauri Vrat Ends *Gujarat, Purnima Upavas, Ashtahnika Vidhan Ends 20 Sawan Begins *North 22 Jayaparvati Vrat Ends, Sankashti Chaturthi 25 Shravan Somwar Vrat *North 26 Mangala Gauri Vrat *North, Kalashtami 29 Kamika Ekadashi, Rohini Vrat 30 Gauna Kamika Ekadashi, Vaishnava Kamika Ekadashi 31 Pradosh Vrat, Sawan Shivaratri			
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¹ Key to abbreviations: Sh=Shinto/P=Pagan/I=Interfaith/Sk=Sikh/B=Baha'i /Z=Zoroastrian/J=Jain