

RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS FOR OCTOBER 2016

Key dates:

Lunar month begins 1 Oct.

Full Moon is 16 Oct. (Festivals for the full moons are highlighted)

October	Christianity	Islam and inter-faith days ¹	Hinduism	Buddhism	Taosim	Judaism
Libra 10.5 11 'Cold Dew'	St. Francis day (4) Blessing of Animals Day (4) St. Luke's Day (18) Milvian Bridge Day (28) All Hallows Eve (31) Reformation Day [Perotestant] (31)	Muharram (2) [Islamic New Year] Ashura (12) Birth of the Báb (20) Installation of the scriptures as Guru Granth (20) [Sk] Diwali (30) [Hindu, Sk, J] Jain New Year (31)	01 Navratri Begins, Ghatasthapana, Maharaja Agresen Jayanti 02 Chandra Darshan, Gandhi Jayanti 03 Al-Hijra, Islamic New Year 04 Vinayaka Chaturthi 05 Lalita Panchami 06 Bilva Nimantran, Skanda Sashti 07 Saraswati Avahan, Kalparambha, Akal Bodhon, Bengal Bilva Nimantra 08 Saraswati Puja, Navpatrika Puja, Navapad Oli Begins 09 Saraswati Balidan, Durga Ashtami, Sandhi Puja 10 Maha Navami, Durga Balidan, Saraswati Visarjan, Ayudha Puja, Saraswati Poojai, Bengal Maha Navami 11 Durga	Mindfulness Day (1) [Zen] Tara Puja (9) Daka Day (11) Amitabha Day (16) Kathina [Thervada] (16) Festival of Kwan Yin, celebrating her attainment of bodhisattva-hood (19) [Chinese] Dakini Day (25) Shakyamuni Day (30) [NM]	Dog month Double-Nine Day (9) [Kite Festival for appeasement of spirits]	Rosh Hashana [Jewish New Year] (3,4) Yom Kippur (12) Sukkot [Feast of tabernacles] (17 – 23) Shemini Atzeret (24) Simchat Torah (25)

			Visarjan, Dussehra, Vijayadashami, Bengal Vijayadashami, Mysore Dasara, Vidyarambham Day, Buddha Jayanti, Madhvacharya Jayanti 12 Papankusha Ekadashi, Day of Ashura, Muharram 13 Padmanabha Dwadashi, Pradosh Vrat 15 Ashwin Purnima, Kojagara Puja, Sharad Purnima, Purnima Upavas, Valmiki Jayanti, Meerabai Jayanti, Navapad Oli Ends 16 Kartik Begins *North 17 Tula Sankranti 18 Atla Tadde, Karwa Chauth, Sankashti Chaturthi, Masik Karthigai 19 Rohini Vrat 22 Ahoi Ashtami, Radha Kunda Snan, Kalashtami 26 Rama Ekadashi, Govatsa Dwadashi 27 Dhan Teras, Yama Panchak Begins, Yama Deepam,			
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			Pradosh Vrat 28 Kali Chaudas, Hanuman Puja, Masik Shivaratri 29 Narak Chaturdashi, Tamil Deepavali, Kali Puja 30 Diwali, Lakshmi Puja, Dipmalika, Kedar Gauri Vrat, Chopda Puja, Sharda Puja, Kamala Jayanti, Kartik Amavasya, Darsha Amavasya 31 Gowardhan Puja, Annakut, Bali Pratipada, Dyuta Krida, New Samvat Begins			
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¹ Key to abbreviations: Sh=Shinto/P=Pagan/I=Interfaith/Sk=Sikh/B=Baha'i /Z=Zoroastrian/J=Jain