

RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS FOR JANUARY 2018

Key dates:

Lunar month begins Jan 16.

Full Moons are Jan 2 and 31. (Festivals for the full moons are highlighted)

World religion day (21)

January	Christianity	Islam and inter-faith Days ¹	Hinduism	Buddhism	Taosim	Judaism
Capricorn 1.5 [southern summer solstice/ northern winter solstice] 2 'Little Cold' January	Epiphany/Befana (6) Feast of Nativity-orthodox (7) Feast of the Holy Family (8) Baptism of Jesus (10) Blessing of the animals (17) Week of prayer for Christian Unity (18 – 25) Timkat-Ethiopean (19) Conversion of St. Paul (25)	None for Islam in 2018 Gantan-sai (1) [Sh] Guru Gobindh Singh birthday (5) [Sk] Maghi (13) [Sk] World religion day (21) [B]	01 New Year Day Purnima Vrat , Shri Satyanarayan Vrat ,Sri Satyanarayan Puja 02 Nature Day 05 Sankashti Chaturthi Sakat Chauth 08 Swami Vivekananda Jayanti Kalashtami 12 National Youth Day Shat Tila Ekadashi 13 Lohri 14 Makar Sankranti Pradosh Vrat , Ganga Sagar Snan 15 Masik Shivaratri 16 Mauni Amavasya Amavasya, Bhaumvati Amavasya 18 Chandra Darshan Shishir Ritu Magha Gupt Navratri	Shakyamuni Day (16) Dakas Day (11) Dakinis Day (26) Amitabha Days (2, 31) Mahayana New Year (2 – 4) See Dharma Practice dates for other festivals	Ox month (16) Laba Festival (24) [associated with Buddha's enlightenment, mostly in northern China]	Tu Bishvat (31)

			20 Ganesh Jayanti 21 Chaturthi Vrat 22 Somvar Vrat, Basant Panchami, Shasti 24 Rath Saptami, Budh Ashtami Vrat 25 Bheshma Ashtami Durga Ashtami Vrat 26 Mahananda Navami Republic Day 27 Rohini Vrat, Jaya Ekadashi 29 Pradosh Vrat Som Pradosh Vrat 30 Gandhi Samadhi 31 Purnima Purnima Vrat Magha Purnima Guru Ravidas Jayanti, Shri Satyanarayan Vrat, Sri Satyanarayan Puja, Magha Snan End			
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¹ Key to Abbreviations: Sh=Shinto/P=Pagan/I=Interfaith/Sk=Sikh/B=Baha'i