Hindu festivals 2027

Main festival days from India's official 2027 holiday lists. Dates can differ by a day by region and country.

January

14 THU — **Makar Sankranti**
A harvest festival marking the sun's move into Capricorn, celebrated with kites and sesame sweets in many regions.

15 FRI — **Pongal**
A Tamil harvest festival named after the sweet rice dish cooked to give thanks.

February

11 THU — **Vasant Panchami**
Welcomes spring; many families honour Saraswati, associated with learning and the arts.

March

6 SAT — **Maha Shivaratri**
A night dedicated to Shiva, often kept with fasting, prayer and night-long worship.

22 MON — **Holika Dahan**
Bonfires lit on the eve of Holi.

23 TUE — **Holi**
The festival of colours, celebrating spring with coloured powder, music and sweets.

April

7 WED — **Ugadi, Gudi Padwa and the first day of Chaitra Navaratri**
New year in several regional calendars, and the start of the spring Navaratri.

14 WED — **Vaisakhi and Vishu**
New year and harvest festivals celebrated in Punjab, Kerala and elsewhere.

15 THU — **Ram Navami**
Celebrates the birth of Rama.

July

5 MON — **Rath Yatra**
The chariot festival, best known in Puri, Odisha.

August

17 TUE — **Raksha Bandhan**
Sisters tie a protective thread (rakhi) on their brothers' wrists.

25 WED — **Janmashtami**
Celebrates the birth of Krishna, often with fasting and midnight worship.

September

4 SAT — **Ganesh Chaturthi**
Honours Ganesha with prayers, modak sweets and community celebrations.

12 SUN — **Onam**
Kerala's harvest festival, with flower carpets (pookalam) and a large shared meal.

October

6 WED — **Durga Puja: Saptami to Navami**
The final days of the autumn Navaratri and Durga Puja.

9 SAT — **Dussehra (Vijayadashami)**
Marks the victory of good over evil at the end of Navaratri.

18 MON — **Karwa Chauth**
A day of fasting kept by many married women in northern India.

28 THU — **Naraka Chaturdashi**
The day before Diwali in many regions.

29 FRI — **Diwali**
The festival of lights, with lamps, rangoli, sweets and family gatherings.

30 SAT — **Govardhan Puja**
Celebrated the day after Diwali in many regions.

31 SUN — **Bhai Dooj**
Celebrates the bond between brothers and sisters.

November

4 THU — **Chhath Puja**
Offerings to the setting and rising sun, especially in Bihar and eastern India.

Source: Government of India, Department of Personnel & Training: holidays for central government offices in Delhi/New Delhi, 2027 (O.M. No. 12/2/2023-JCA, 16 July 2026).