

Wellbeing Waterloo Region

WWR Interfaith Calendar

This chart lists religious and otherwise significant dates up to the end of 2021. This resource may be used for planning events and meetings, or just a reminder of important dates. The religions represented in the chart are the most common religions in Waterloo Region.

If there is a date that you would like us to add to this chart, please let us know at wellbeingwr@regionofwaterloo.ca.

There is a colour-coded legend below:

Judaism	Christianity
Islam	Sikhism
Interfaith	Hinduism

	Date	Religion	Day and Significance
Sept. 2020	Sept. 19 (Sat)	Judaism	Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year and anniversary of the creation of the world
	Sept. 28 (Mon)	Christianity (Ethiopian Orthodox)	Meskel - commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by the Roman Empress Helena in the fourth century
	Sept. 28 (Mon)	Judaism	Yom Kippur - Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the year in Judaism
Oct. 2020	Oct 12. (Mon)	Interfaith	Canadian Thanksgiving
	Oct. 28 (Wed)	Islam	Mawlid - observance of the birthday of the prophet Muhammad
Nov. 2020	Nov. 14 (Sat)	Hinduism	Diwali - Festival of lights

	Nov. 30 (Mon)	Sikhism	Guru Nanak Ji's Birthday - commemorates Guru Nanak Sahib who was the founder of Sikhism and the first Sikh Guru
Dec. 2020	Dec. 10 -18	Judaism	Hanukkah - Festival of lights and the Feast of Dedication
	Dec. 12 (Sat)	Christianity (Catholic)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception - celebration of the conception of Mary
	Dec. 24-25	Christianity	Christmas - celebration of the birth of Jesus
	Dec. 31 (Thu)	Interfaith	New Year's Eve - final night before the calendar new year
Jan. 2021	Jan. 1 (Fri)	Interfaith	New Year's Day - first day of the calendar new year
	Jan. 7 (Thu)	Christianity (Orthodox)	Orthodox Christmas - many Orthodox Christians will take this day off work to celebrate
	Jan. 13 (Wed)	Sikhism	Maghi - commemoration the sacrifice of forty Sikhs, who fought for Guru Gobindh Singh Ji
	Jan. 19 (Tue)	Christianity (Ethiopian Orthodox)	Timkat - Orthodox Tewahedo celebration of Epiphany
Feb. 2021	Feb. 16 (Tue)	Hinduism	Vasant Panchami - a festival that marks the preparation for the arrival of spring
	Feb. 17 (Wed)	Christianity	Lent - the period of 40 days before Easter in the Christian calendar
	Feb. 26 (Fri)	Judaism	Purim - a joyous holiday that affirms and celebrates Jewish survival and continuity throughout history
Mar. 2021	Mar. 11 (Thu)	Islam	Lailat al Miraj - commemorates Prophet Muhammad's ascension to heaven
	Mar. 12 (Fri)	Hinduism	Maha Shivaratri - festival celebrated annually in honour of Lord Shiva
	Mar. 27 (Sat) - Apr. 3 (Sat)	Judaism	Pesach or Passover - celebration of the Jewish peoples' freedom from the pharaoh of Egypt over 3,000 years ago
	Mar. 28 (Sun)	Islam	Lailat al Baraj or Mid-Sha'ban - the 15th night of Shabaan and takes place two weeks before Ramadan. It is the time when Muslims seek forgiveness through prayer

	Mar. 28 (Sun)	Christianity	Palm Sunday - feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter.
	Mar. 29 (Mon)	Hinduism	Holi - also known as the Indian "festival of spring", the "festival of colours", or the "festival of love". The festival signifies the victory of good over evil
Apr. 2021	Apr. 2 (Fri)	Christianity	Good Friday - holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus
	Apr. 4 (Sun)	Christianity	Easter - festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead
	Apr. 8 (Thu)	Judaism	Yom Hashoah - a day for Holocaust remembrance
	Apr. 13 (Tue)	Hinduism	Hindi New Year
	Apr. 13 (Tue)- May 11	Islam	Ramadan - the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.
	Apr. 14 (Wed)	Hinduism/Sikhism	Baisakhi - a spring harvest festival for Sikhs and Hindus.
May 2021	May 9 (Sun)	Interfaith	Mothers' Day
	May 12 (Fri) - May 14	Islam	Eid al Fitr - also called the "Festival of Breaking the Fast", is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan.
	May 24 (Mon)	Interfaith	Victoria Day - statutory holiday
Jun. 2021	Jun. 20 (Sun)	Interfaith	Fathers' Day
	Jun. 21 (Mon)	Interfaith	National Indigenous Peoples' Day
Jul. 2021	Jul. 1 (Thu)	Interfaith	Canada Day - statutory holiday
	Jul. 19 (Mon)	Islam	Eid al Adha - festival of sacrifice
Aug. 2021	Aug. 2 (Mon)	Interfaith	Civic Holiday - statutory holiday
Sept. 2021	Sept. 6 (Mon)	Interfaith	Labour Day - statutory holiday

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