

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS 2011-2012

Baha'i*

Birth of the Bab	October 20
Birth of Baha'u'llah	November 12
Naw Ruz - Baha'i New Year	March 21
Feast of Ridvan	April 21
Declaration of the Bab	May 23

Christian

Christmas	December 25
Ash Wednesday	February 22
Holy Thursday	April 5
Good Friday	April 6
Easter	April 8
Orthodox Easter	April 15

Hindu**

Raksha Bandhan	August 13
Sri Krishna Jayanti	August 22
Navratri	Sept. 28-Oct. 6
Dussehra	October 6
Diwali	October 26
Holi	March 7-8

Islamic**

Ramadan	Begins August 1
Laylat Al-Qadr	August 20-29
Eid-al-Fitr	August 30
Day of Arafat	November 5
Eid-al-Adha	November 6
Al-Hijra/Muharram	Nov. 26-Dec. 24
Mawlid al-Nabi	February 4

Jewish***

Rosh Hashana	September 28-30
Yom Kippur	October 7-8
Sukkot	October 12-14
Sh'mini Atzeret	October 19
Simchat Torah	October 21
Chanukah	December 20-28
Purim	March 7-8
Passover	April 6-14

Zen Buddhist**

Bodhidharma Day	October 5
Soyen Shaku Day	November 1
Shakyamuni (Bodhi Day)	December 8
Parinirvana Day	February 8 or 15
Shakyamuni-Buddha's Birthday	April 8 or April 28

NOTES:

*Observance of Baha'i holy days begins at sundown of the preceding day and ends at sunset of the holy days.

**Observance of Buddhist, Hindu/Vedic and Islamic days is dependent on the sightings of the moon.

***All Jewish and Islamic holidays begin at sunset on the first day given and end one hour after sunset on the last day given.

ETHNIC OBSERVANCES 2011-2012

African American

Rosa Parks Day	December 1
Kwanzaa	Dec 26-Jan 1
Emancipation Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 17
Black History Month	February
Malcolm X's Birthday	May 19
Juneteenth	June 19

Arab American

Arab American Heritage Awareness Month	varies
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Asian / Pacific Islander American

Japanese New Year	January 1
Chinese & Vietnamese New Year	January 23
Japanese-American Internment	February 19
Day of Remembrance	
Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month	May
Fil-American Friendship Day (Pilipino)	July 4

European American

European American Heritage Month	October
German American Heritage Month	October
Polish American Heritage Month	October
Irish American Heritage Month	March
Greek American Heritage Month	March
St. Patrick's Day (Irish American)	March 17
Holocaust Remembrance Day	May 1
National Tartan Day (Scottish-American)	April 6

Hispanic / Latin American

Hispanic Heritage Month	Sep 15-Oct 15
Dia de los Muertos	November 2
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	December 12
Cinco de Mayo	May 5

Native American, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian American

Native American Day (California)	September 24
Indigenous Peoples Day	October 12
Native American Heritage Month	November
Prince Kuhio Day-Hawaii	March 26
King Kamehameha Day-Hawaii	June 11

OTHER MULTICULTURAL OBSERVANCES

AIDS Awareness Month	October
Universal Children's Day	November 20
Women's History Month	March
Disability Awareness Month	October
Deaf History Month	March 13 - April 15
International Women's Day	March 8
Older Americans Month	May
Day of Silence (LGBT)	April 15
Gay Lesbian Bisexual Awareness Month	June
National Coming Out Month (Day)	October (11)