Holy Days

Bahá'ís commemorate 11 Holy Days each year. These occasions are usually observed with community gatherings in large or small settings, with programs befitting the significance of the day. The tables below indicate where these days fall on a Gregorian calendar for 2026 and 2027.

The Bahá'í day ends and a new one begins at sunset; consequently, the day on which a Holy Day is observed begins at sunset of the day before the Gregorian calendar dates given above.

Holy days

Naw-Rúz The Bahá'í New Year
2026: 21 March
2027: 21 March

First Day of Ridván (meaning "Paradise" in Arabic) — the most important of the Bahá'í Holy Days. It is the day on which Bahá'u'lláh declared His mission as a Messenger of God.
2026: 21 April
2027: 21 April

Ninth Day of Ridván the day on which Bahá'u'lláh's family joined Him in the Garden of Ridván.
2026: 29 April
2027: 29 April

Twelfth Day of Ridván the day on which Bahá'u'lláh and His family left the garden to travel to Constantinople.
2026: 2 May
2027: 2 May

Declaration of the Báb the anniversary of the Báb's announcement of His mission in 1844.
2026: 24 May
2027: 24 May

Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh marking the passing of Bahá'u'lláh in 1892
2026: 29 May
2027: 29 May

Martyrdom of the Báb Who was executed in 1850
2026: 10 July
2027: 10 July

Birth of the Báb
2026: 10 November
2027: 30 October

Birth of Bahá'u'lláh
2026: 11 November
2027: 31 October

Day of the Covenant* commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of His son, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, as the One to whom His followers should turn after His passing.
2026: 26 November
2027: 26 November

Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá* marking the passing of 'Abdu'l-Bahá in 1921
2026: 28 November
2027: 28 November

Note: The Bahá'í Holy Days are set and move according to a solar calendar commencing with the Spring Equinox. However, the Holy Days marking the births of the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh are set and move according to a lunar calculation.

*Work not suspended; Bahá'ís are enjoined to suspend work and attendance at school on all but these Holy Days.

Other significant days

Ayyám-i-Há (also known as the Intercalary Days) a period of celebration devoted to charity, gift-giving and festivities prior to the annual period of fasting

2026: 25 February – 1 March

2027: 26 February - 1 March

The month of fasting, during which Bahá'ís from the age of 15 abstain from food and drink between sunrise and sunset. There are exemptions, including for those who are ill, elderly, traveling, pregnant or breastfeeding.

2026: 2 – 20 March

2027: 2 – 20 March



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