

Bahá'í Holy Days

The Bahá'í calendar consists of 19 months with 19 days each.

During the year, nine days are designated Holy Days on which Bahá'ís should suspend work.

- [21 March](#), Naw-Rúz, the Bahá'í new year;
- [21 April](#), First Day of Ridván. The 12-day Festival of Ridván commemorates Bahá'u'lláh's public declaration of His mission in the Garden of Ridván in Baghdad in 1863. The first, ninth and twelfth days are regarded as particularly holy;
- [29 April](#), Ninth Day of Ridván;
- [2 May](#), Twelfth Day of Ridván;
- [23 May](#), Declaration of the Báb. The Báb was the forerunner of Bahá'u'lláh. This day marks the anniversary of the Báb's declaration of His mission in 1844;
- [29 May](#), Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh. This day marks the passing of Bahá'u'lláh in 1892;
- [9 July](#), Martyrdom of the Báb. The Báb was executed by firing squad in Tabriz on this day in 1850;
- [20 October](#), Birth of the Báb;
- [12 November](#), Birth of Bahá'u'lláh.

Other special days

- 26 February-1 March, Ayyám-i-Há, the Intercalary Days, reserved for charity, gift-giving and festivities
- 2-20 March, Fasting month, during which Bahá'ís over the age of 15 years do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset.

- 26 November, Day of the Covenant. This day celebrates Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of His son, ‘Abdu'l-Bahá, as the Centre of the Covenant, to whom His followers should turn after His passing. Suspension of work is not obligatory on this holy day.
- 28 November, Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá. This day marks the passing of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the son of Bahá'u'lláh, in 1921. Suspension of work is not obligatory on this holy day.

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