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	 Sikh	 Christian	 Muslim	 Hindu	 Buddhist
1 Jan	<b>New Year's Day</b> (Secular) Celebrates the start of the new year				
5 Jan	 <b>Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh</b> (Sikh) 1666-1708 According to the Sikh Nanakshahi calendar, this day marks the birth of the tenth and final Sikh prophet-teacher. Guru Gobind Singh introduced many of the customs that Sikhs practise today including the 5 K's.				
6 Jan	 <b>Epiphany</b> (Christian) The twelfth day of Christmas, celebrates the visit of the wise men, or magi, to the baby Jesus.				
7 Jan	 <b>Orthodox Christmas</b> (Christian) Many Eastern Orthodox and Armenian churches still use the Julian rather than the Gregorian calendar. This means that they celebrate Christmas and other fixed festivals thirteen days after the Western churches, so the 7th Jan in the Orthodox calendar equates 25th December in the Western calendar.				
10 Jan	 First Sunday of <b>Epiphany</b> (Christian)				
13 Jan	 <b>St Hilary's Day</b> According to tradition, "St. Hilary's is the coldest day of the year." St. Hilary was a fourth century Bishop of Poitiers.				
13 Jan	 <b>Baptism of Jesus</b>				
14 Jan	 <b>Makar Sankranti / Lohri</b> (Hindu) Harvest Festival Sankranti means to go from one place to another place (to change direction). It also means one meets another. The time when the sun changes direction from one constellation (of the zodiac) to another is   <b>Pongal</b> (Hindu) Harvest Festival Pongal is one of the most popular harvest festival of South India, mainly Tamil Nadu. Pongal falls in the mid-Jan every year and marks the reaping of crops and a special thanksgiving to God, the sun, the earth and the cattle. Pongal festival lasts for four days. Celebrations include drawing of Kolam, swinging & cooking of delicious Pongal				

15 Jan	New Moon
17 Jan	<b>World Religion Day</b> Annually the third Sunday in Jan. The aim of World Religion Day is to foster the establishment of interfaith understanding and harmony by emphasizing the common denominators underlying all religions.
20 Jan	 <b>Vasant Panchami / Saraswati Puja (Hindu)</b> This festival marks the first day of spring and is held to worship Sarawati, the goddess of learning. It is also known as Magh Sukla Panchami as it falls in the month of Magh (Jan-Feb)
25 Jan	<b>Burn's Night</b> (Scotland) (Secular)
25 Jan	 <b>† St. Dwynwen's Day</b> St Dwynwen's day is celebrated in Wales on 25 Jan and commemorates the patron saint of friendship and love.
27 Jan	National Holocaust Memorial Day
30 Jan	<b>Mahayana Buddhist New Year (3 days) (Buddhist)</b> New Year for Mahayana Buddhists celebrated on the first full moon day in January
30 Jan	Full Moon
30 Jan	 <b>Tu B'Shevat - The New Year of the Trees (Jewish)</b> Tu B'Shevat, the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat, is a holiday also known as the New Year for Trees. (Tu means 15) People plant trees in memory of a loved one or friend and eat fruit, particularly those that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. "Man is a tree of the field" (Deuteronomy 20:19) Note that in the Jewish calendar, a holiday begins on the sunset of the previous day.
31 Jan	 <b>Birthday of Guru Har Rai (Nanakshahi calendar) (Sikh)</b> This day marks the birth of the seventh Sikh prophet-teacher.

## Facts a Day Calendar

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