

VAISNAVA CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023

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While calculating this calendar we have followed the rules of ancient Vedic scripture, the Haribhakti Vilasa, and Vedic astrological calculation for accurately calculating the fasting dates. All the devotees, the well-wishers and the followers of Bhagavat Dharma Samaj are requested to abide by these properly calculated dates listed in this calendar for receiving the required merits from their observances of auspicious events.

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April	02	Sat	Vedic new year, the name of this year is Nala and the ruling planet of this year is Saturn and Jupiter is acting as his main secretary.
April	10	Sun	Sri Ramanavami Vratam (Fasting from all grains and beans and breaking the fast on the next day)
April	12	Tue	Kamada Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
April	16	Sat	Purnima (full moon day) Balaram Rasayatra day.
April	26	Tue	Varuthini Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
April	30	Sat	Amavasya (new moon day)
May	03	Tue	Aksaya Trtiya day (A festival of 108 Kalasha Abhiseka, grand bathing ceremony, of Lord Sri Sri Radha Govindaji in Sri Vrindaban Dham, India). Chandana Srngar, a total decorating festival of Lord Govinda using sandalwood paste, is held on this day.
May	12	Thu	Mohini Ekadasi (Ulmini Ekadasi) Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
May	15	Sun	Nrsimha Chaturdasi Vratam (Appearance of Lord Nrsimhadeva) (Fasting from all grains and beans and breaking fast on the next day)
May	16	Mon	Vaisakhi Purnima (full moon day)
May	26	Thu	Apara Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
May	30	Mon	Amavasya (new moon day)
June	09	Thu	Ganga dasahara, birth day of Mother Ganges
June	11	Sat	Bhimaseni, Nirjala Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
June	14	Tue	Purnima (full moon day)

June	25	Sat	Yogini Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
June	29	Wed	Amavasya (new moon day)
July	01	Fri	Ratha Yatra of Lord Jagannatha in Puri, India (The chariot festival of Lord Jagannatha in India. This day is also the appearance day of His Divine Grace Mahamandaleshwar Mahant Sri Krsna Balaram Swamiji Maharaj; thus Vyasapooja worship is celebrated by Swamiji's disciples.)
July	10	Sun	Harishayani Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day by 7:35 a.m.) Fasting from leafy vegetables begins here and lasts for the next 30 days.)
July	13	Wed	Guru Purnima, Vyasa Pooja (full moon day)
July	24	Sun	Kamika Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
July	28	Thu	Amavasya (new moon day)
July	31	Sun	Hariyali Teej, on this day the Gopis of Vraja desired to made a nice and comfortable swing using a tree branch and place Radha and Krsna upon it and swing Them while singing devotional songs aloud that depicted the pastimes of Lord Sri Krsna with Radharani.
Aug.	08	Mon	Putrada Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day) The swing festival of Lord Sri Sri Rahda Govindaji starts on this day and ends on full moon day. Fasting from leafy vegetables ends here. The yogurt and buttermilk fast begins here and lasts for the next 30 days).
Aug.	12	Fri	Purnima (Full moon day. The Lord's swing festival of Lord Sri Sri Radha Govindaji ends on this day), Raksabandhanam, tying the Raakhee before 7:30 a.m. on this day.
Aug.	19	Fri	Sri Krsna Janmastami Vratam (Fasting for Lord Krsna's appearance day, breaking the fast on next day)
Aug.	20	Sat	Nandotsava, Appearance day of Srila Prabhupada, festival is held for Srila Prabhupada's disciples. (Fasting till noon for Srila Prabhupada's disciples and then celebrating festival for their Guru, glorifying him and then feasting)
Aug.	23	Tue	Aja Ekadasi Vratam (This is called Vyanjuli Mahadvadasi) (Breaking the fast before 7:35 a.m. on the next day)
Aug.	27	Sat	Amavasya (new moon day)
Aug.	31	Wed	Ganesha Chaturthi, Vedic scriptures forbid looking at the moon on this night.
Sept.	04	Sun	Radhastami (appearance day of Srimati Radharani) (Fasting till noon and then feasting, with kirtan bhajan and offering haluva, pooris, and subji to Srimati Radharani and Lord Krsna and then honoring the prasadam in congregation with devotees)
Sept.	07	Wed	Parivartini Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on next day) The yogurt fast ends here. The milk fast starts on this day and lasts for the next 30 days).
Sept.	10	Sat	Purnima (full moon day)

Sept.	21	Wed	Indira Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
Sept.	25	Sun	Amavasya (new moon day)
Oct.	05	Wed	Dasahara, Vijaya Dasami. Lord Rama's victory day. On this day Lord Rama killed the demon Ravana. Sripada Madhvacharya's appearance day.
Oct.	06	Thu	Papankusa Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day) The milk fast ends on this day and fasting from all kinds of nuts and beans begins on this day and lasts for the next 30 days. Eggplants (or bringal) and gur (raw sugar or brown sugar) cannot be consumed in this month. Devotees take some extra spiritual vows for the Kartika month on this day. Akasha Deepa Danam (offering a ghee lamp to the Lord) and singing of Damodarastam along with the Vrajaraja-Sutastakam begins on this day and lasts until Kartika month ends.
Oct.	09	Sun	Sharadiya Purnima (Lord Krsna's Rasalila day) On this Day, Lord Krsna is offered a grand quantity of cool sweet rice at moonrise)
Oct.	18	Tue	Radhakunda Snana, Bathing in Radhakunda lake after midnight
Oct.	21	Fri	Rama Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
Oct.	24	Mon	Deepavali (festival of lamps at night and then worshipping Laksmidevi: feasting)
Oct.	25	Tue	On this day, a solar eclipse will take place in India. The eclipse will start at 16:32 and will end at 18:27 in Vrindaban and in Hyderabad the eclipse will start at 16:59 and will end at 18:29. As per the Vedic rules the inauspiciousness begins twelve hours before the eclipse. At this juncture, there will be no Mangalarati on this day and the temple should remain closed till the end of the eclipse. On the previous night, just before closing the temple for the eclipse, kusha grass must be placed near the deities and in their cups of drinking water in the deity room. Kusha grass should also be placed in the edible items (if they are already cooked) that are meant for the next offering to the Lord and are kept in the deity kitchen. During the eclipse, kirtans and bhajans may go on in the temple but no worship should take place in the temple. After the end of the eclipse, the temple should be washed thoroughly (inside and outside) and devotees must take a bath and change their Brahmin sacred thread. Only then should regular worship be carried on in the temple. On this day evening arati should start at 7:15 p.m. and then after offering ghee lamps, the Damodarastam along with the Vrajaraja-Sutastakam should be sung on this day. The temple will close after 8:30 p.m. on this day.
Oct.	26	Wed	Annakoot, Govardhana Pooja (offering of grand quantities of sumptuous bhog (food) to Lord Krsna, the lifter of the Govardhana Hill)
Oct.	29	Sat	Kartika sukla Chaturthi; Srila Prabhupada's disappearance day (fasting till noon and then feasting for Srila Prabhupada's disciples)
Nov.	02	Wed	Aksyaya Navami (Mathura-Vrindaban Parikrama, twin circumambulation)
Nov.	04	Fri	Haribodhini Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day: Bhisma Panchaka starts on this day. Lord Krsna is offered a ghee lamp kept on a sugarcane piece in the evening)
Nov.	08	Tue	Kartiki Purnima (full moon) Deva-deepavali, on this day the demigods in heaven celebrate the festival of lamps in heaven, having been pleased by Lord Rama's arrival at Ayodhya. On this day, Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu also arrived in

Vrindaban. The following Kartika vow ends on the next day.

On this day, a lunar eclipse will take place in India. On this day, the moon will rise already eclipsed. The moon will become eclipsed at 14:39 and the moon will rise in Vrindaban at 17:30 and the eclipse will end in Vrindaban at 18: 19. In this situation, Vedic scriptures state to follow the rules for temple worship regarding inauspiciousness. The Vedic rule of a lunar eclipse is that inauspiciousness from the eclipse begins nine hours before the eclipse is seen. Thus, in this juncture, all temple worships should be completed by 8:30 a.m. and the temple should be closed till the end of the eclipse. No kind of worship should take place in the temple premises. Just before closing the doors of the deity room for the eclipse, kusha grass should be placed near the deities and in the glasses of deity's drinking water. Then, kusha grass should be placed in the cooked items in the deity kitchen, which are meant for the next offering to the Lord. During the eclipse, kirtans and bhajans may go on in the temple but no kind of worship can commence in the temple. After the eclipse ends, the temple should be washed thoroughly from inside and outside and all the devotees should take their baths and change their Brahmin sacred threads. Only then should the pujari enter inside the sanctum sanctorum (at 18:45), and after washing the sanctum sanctorum properly, he should make offering and then at 19:30 should perform Sundarati. Then, as it is the last day of the Kartika month, an offering of ghee lamps along with the Damodarastam and the Vrajaraja-Sutastakam should be done on this day. On this special day, the temple can be closed late. It means only after making the last offering at 8.40 and after performing the last arati at 8:50 the temple should be closed, On the next day, Kartika Vrata's Udyapana, a small feasting, should be held for ending the Kartika Vrata.

Nov.	20	Sun	Utpanna Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day by 7:40 a.m.)
Nov.	23	Wed	Amavasya (new moon day)
Dec.	04	Sun	Moksada Ekadasi Vratam Vaisnavanam (Breaking the fast on the next day and starting of Khichri Bhog of the Lord begins in the temple for next 30 days)
Dec.	08	Thu	Purnima (full moon day)
Dec.	19	Mon	Saphala Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
Dec.	23	Fri	Amavasya (new moon day)

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Jan.	02	Mon	Putrada Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day, Khichri Bhog ends here)
Jan.	06	Fri	Purnima (full moon day) Fasting from radishes, ber and plums starts here and lasts for the next 30 days.
Jan.	18	Wed	Sat-tila Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
Jan.	21	Sat	Amavasya (new moon day)
Jan.	26	Thu	Vasant Panchami (Patotsav festival of Lord Sri Sri Radha Govindaji.is held in Sri Sri Radha Govinda Mandir, Nambur, A. P. India)

Feb.	01	Wed	Jaya Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
Feb.	03	Fri	Nityananda Trayodasi (Appearance day of Lord Nityananda Prabhu, feasting day for the devotees)
Feb.	05	Sun	Purnima (full moon day).
Feb.	16	Thu	Vijaya Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
Feb.	19	Sun	Maha Sivaratri Vratam (Fasting from all grains and beans. Drinking of milk or consuming any preparation that includes milk is forbidden on this day. But consuming curd (yogurt) and/or buttermilk is allowed on this day. Breaking the fast on the next day)
Feb.	20	Mon	Amavasya (new moon day)
Feb.	25	Sat	Brahmotsava festival of Lord Sri Sri Radha Govindadevaji held in the Red Stone temple, in Sri Vrindaban Dham, India.
March.	03	Fri	Amalaki Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day) The festival of colors begins in the temples of Sri Sri Radha Govindadevaji and in the temples of Sri Vrindaban Dham each evening and lasts till full moon day)
March	06	Mon	Holika dahanam, burning the symbol of Holika, the sister of Hiranyakashipu.
March	07	Tue	Gaura Purnima (full moon day, Appearance Day of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, fasting from all grains and beans on this day and then braking the fast on the next day in the morning.) (a festival of colors for Holi) is observed in India. The festival of colors in the temples ends on this day.
March	18	Sat	Papamochani Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day)
March	21	Tue	Amavasya (new moon day)

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