

VAISNAVA CALENDAR FOR YEAR 2024-25

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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 accuracy for 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 | 09 | Tue | Vedic new year, the name of this year is Kalayukta and the ruling planet of this year is Marc. |
| April | 17 | Wed | Sri Ramanavami Vratam Sarvesam (Fasting from all grains and beans and breaking the fast on the next day) |
| April | 19 | Fri | Kamada Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |
| April | 23 | Tue | Purnima (full moon day) Balaram Rasayatra |
| May | 04 | Sat | Varuthini Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |
| May | 08 | Wed | Amavasya (new moon day) |
| May | 10 | Fri | Aksaya Trtiya day (Grand festival of 108 Kalasha Abhiseka, bathing ceremony, of Lord Sri Sri Radha Govindaji in Sri Vrindaban Dham, India). Anointing the whole body of Lord Govinda with sandalwood paste, Chandana Sringara. |
| May | 19 | Sun | Mohini Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |
| May | 22 | Wed | Nrsimha Chaturdasi Vratam Vaisnavanam (Appearance of Lord Nrsimhadeva) (Fasting from all grains and beans and breaking fast on the next day) The Agama Sastra states, VAISNAVAIR NA TU KARTAVYA SMARA-VIDDHA CHATURSADI, Vaisnavas should not observe Nrsimha Chaturdasi fast on that day if that day is combined with the previous day (i.e. mixed with trayodasi). Vaisnavas should observe only the pure and unmixed chaturdasi fast. |
| May | 23 | Thu | Vaisakhi Purnima (full moon day) |
| June | 02 | Sun | Apara Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |
| June | 06 | Thu | Amavasya (new moon day) |
| June | 16 | Sun | Ganga dasahara, birth day of Mother Ganges |
| June | 18 | Tue | Bhimaseni, Nirjala Ekadasi Vratam Vaisnavanam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |
| June | 22 | Sat | Purnima (full moon day) |

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| July | 02 | Tue | Yogini Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |
| July | 05 | Fri | Amavasya (new moon day) |
| July | 07 | Sun | Ratha Yatra of Lord Jagannatha in Puri, India (The chariot festival of Lord Jagannatha in India and the appearance day of His Divine Grace Mahamandaleshwar Mahant Sri Krsna Balaram Swamiji; therefore a Vyasa pooja worship celebration is held by Swamiji's disciples.) |
| July | 17 | Wed | Harishayani Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam (Breaking the fast on the next day (Fasting from the leafy vegetables begins here for next 30 days) Rules of Chaturmasya begin here. |
| July | 21 | Sun | Guru Purnima (full moon day) |
| July | 31 | Wed | Kamika Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |
| Aug | 04 | Sun | Amavasya (new moon day) |
| Aug. | 16 | Fri | Putrada Ekadasi Vratam Vaisnavanam (Breaking the fast on the next day) Swing festival of Lord Sri Sri Radha Govindaji begins on this day and ends on the full moon day. Fasting from the leafy vegetable ends here and the fasting from yogurt and buttermilk begins for next 30 days). |
| Aug. | 19 | Mon | Purnima (Full moon day, The Lord's swing festival of Lord Sri Sri Radha Govindaji ends on this day), Raksabandhanam, tying of Raakhee after 13:15 (due to inauspicious moments of bhadra the festival of tying Raakhee can only be held after 1:15 p.m. on this day). |
| Aug. | 27 | Tue | Sri Krsna Janmastami Vratam Vaisnavanam (Fasting for Lord Krsna's appearance day, breaking the fast on next day) |
| Aug. | 28 | Wed | Nandotsava, appearance day of Srila Prabhupada, Festival for Srila Prabhupada's disciples. (Fasting till noon for Srila Prabhupada's disciples and then feasting) |
| Aug. | 30 | Fri | Aja Ekadasi Vratam Vaisnavanam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |
| Sept. | 03 | Tue | Amavasya (new moon day) |
| Sept. | 07 | Sat | Ganesha Chaturthi, Vedic scriptures forbid looking at moon at night on this day. |
| Sept. | 11 | Wed | 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 along with congregational devotees) |
| Sept. | 14 | Sat | Parivartini Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the Ekadasi fast on the next day) Yogurt and buttermilk fast ends here and the fasting from drinking milk begins on this day for next 30 days). |
| Sept. | 18 | Wed | Purnima (full moon day) |
| Sept. | 28 | Sat | Indira Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |
| Oct. | 02 | Wed | Amavasya (new moon day) |

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| Oct. | 12 | Sat | Dasahara, Vijaya Dasami, Day of Lord Rama's victory over Ravana. Sripada Madhvacharya's appearance day. |
| Oct. | 14 | Mon | Papankusa Ekadasi Vratam Vaisnavanam (Breaking the fast on the next day) Milk fast ends on this day and the fasting from all kinds of nuts and beans begin from this day for next 30 days. Eggplants (bringal) and gur (raw sugar or brown sugar or anything that includes molasses) cannot be consumed in this month. Taking a vow for the Kartika month begins on this day. Akasha Deepa Danam (offering of ghee lamp) and the singing of Damodarastam along with Vrajaraja-Sutastakam begins on this day for next 30 days. |
| Oct. | 17 | Thu | Sharadiya Purnima (Lord Krsna's Rasalila day) on this day Lord Krsna is offered a grand quantity of sweet rice at moonrise) |
| Oct. | 24 | Thu | Radhakunda Snana just after the midnight |
| Oct. | 28 | Mon | Rama Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |
| Nov. | 01 | Fri | Deepavali (festival of lamps in India) (Laksmi Poojan) Skanda Purana it is stated, BHUTA-VIDDHA TU AMAVASYA NA GRAHYA MUNI-PUNGAVAIH, all the sages and saints have stated that if Amavasya is mixed with previous day (i.e. combined with chaturdasi) should not be accepted. |
| Nov. | 02 | Sat | Annakoot, Govardhana Pooja (offering of grand quantities of Sumptuous Bhog (food) to Lord Krsna, the lifter of Govardhana Hill) |
| Nov. | 05 | Tue | Kartika sukla Chaturthi; Srila Prabhupada's disappearance day (fasting till noon and then feasting for Srila Prabhupada's disciples) |
| Nov. | 10 | Sun | Aksyaya Navami (Mathura-Vrindaban Parikrama, twin circumambulation) |
| Nov. | 11 | Mon | Bhisma Panchaka starts on this day. |
| Nov. | 12 | Tue | Haribodhini Ekadasi Vratam (Breaking the fast on the next day. On this day Lord Krsna is offered ghee lamp kept on a peeled piece of sugarcane) |
| Nov. | 15 | Fri | Kartiki Purnima (full moon day)On this day Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu had arrived in Vrindaban. Following of Kartika vow ends on the next day) Deva Deepaavali (as there is a fifteen day difference in ours and their day's calculation that is why the demigods in heaven celebrate this festival of lamps as an offering for Lord Rama's arrival at Ayodhya) |
| Nov. | 26 | Tue | Utpanna Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |
| Dec. | 01 | Sun | Amavasya (new moon day) |
| Dec. | 11 | Wed | Moksada Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam (Breaking the fast on the next day) Khichri Bhog begins for the Lord in the temple for next 30 days) |
| Dec. | 15 | Sun | Purnima (full moon day) |
| Dec. | 26 | Thu | Saphala Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam (Breaking the fast on the next day) |

Dec. 30 Mon Amavasya (new moon day)

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Jan. 10 Fri Putrada Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam
(Breaking the fast on the next day, Khichri Bhog ends here)

Jan. 13 Mon Purnima (full moon day) Fasting from radishes, Ber and
plums starts here for next 30 days

Jan. 25 Sat Sat-tila Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam
(Breaking the fast on the next day)

Jan. 29 Wed Amavasya (new moon day)

Feb. 03 Mon Vasant Panchami (Patotsava of Lord Sri Sri Radha Govindaji is held at
Sri Sri Radha Govinda Mandir, Nambur, A. P. India)

Feb. 08 Sat Jaya Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam
(Breaking the fast on the next day)

Feb. 10 Mon Nityananda Trayodasi
(Appearance day of Lord Nityananda Prabhu, a feasting day for the devotees)

Feb. 12 Wed Purnima (full moon day).

Feb. 24 Mon Vijaya Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam
(Breaking the fast on the next day)

Feb. 27 Thu Mahasivaratri Vratam Vaisnavanam
(Fasting from all grains and beans and then breaking the fast on the next day)

Feb 28 Fri Amavasya (new moon day)

March 05 Wed Brahmotsava of Lord Sri Sri Radha Govindadevaji. Festival held at
the Red Stone temple, in Sri Vrindaban Dham, India.

March. 10 Mon Amalaki Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam
(Breaking the fast on the next day) Festival of colors begins in the temples in Sri
Vrindaban Dham which lasts till the full moon day)

March 13 Thu Holikadaha, burning of Holika at after 10.35 in the evening.

March 14 Fri Gaura Purnima (full moon day, Appearance Day of Lord Sri
Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, fasting from all grains and beans on this day and the
braking the fast on the next day morning. On this day, Holi festival (festival of
colors) is held in India. The service of color festival in the temples in Vrindaban
ends on this day.)

March 25 Tue Papamochani Ekadasi Vratam Sarvesam
(Breaking the fast on the next day)

March 29 Sat Amavasya (new moon day)

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