

ISLAM

MONTH	FEAST	PHOTO
MUHARRAM	<p style="text-align: center;">Aszurejny Bajram (Ashur) Ashurah</p> <p>This feast is celebrated on the anniversary of the martyrdom of Hussein, son of Caliph Ali. Falls on the tenth day of Muharram. On the occasion of the feast Tatarian women prepare compote with seven kinds of fruit and rice that is eaten as a sign of mourning. This is in remembrance of Fatima, daughter of the Prophet Muhammad, which disturbed all prepared to accept the dishes, when it became clear that her sons did not return from a war expedition. The tradition of Christmas also include prayers in the mosque and visit friends. This is a major Shiite holiday.</p> <p>CURIOSITY: Sunni Muslims believe that Moses fasted on that day to thank God for freeing the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt, asking the faithful to fast with him (with this view agrees with the majority of Polish Tatars).</p>	
SAFAR	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
RABI' AL-AWWAL	<p style="text-align: center;">MEWLUD Bajram (Maulid an Nabi) Day Prophet Muhammad birthday</p> <p>It is a day commemorating the birth of the Prophet Muhammad. Muslims do not celebrate it as festively as Christmas. To commemorate this event the faithful gather at the mosque, and telling each other stories from the life of the Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions. His birthday is celebrated with fireworks and by gift giving.</p> <p>CURIOSITY: Maulid is a public holiday in many Islamic countries but not in USA or UK. Schools, stores and businesses are open. Islamic schools, stores, businesses and organizations may be closed .</p>	
RABI' AL-THANI	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
JUMADA AL-AWWAL	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
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RAJAB

**Miradz (AL-Miradz)
Prophet Muhammad's Ascension**

Feast commemorating the second part of the most important revelation of the Prophet Muhammad. The 27th day of the Islamic month of Rajab, commemorates the ascension of the Prophet Mohammed to heaven, where Allah instructed him on the five daily prayers required of every Muslim. This night is observed with special prayers. The minarets of Mosques are illuminated. In Islam Miradz became a symbol of ultimate union with God and the way that you need to imitate the Prophet in order to achieve spiritual perfection. To commemorate this event, Muslims are organizing meetings to talk about the wonderful journey of the Prophet and its importance for Islam.

CURIOSITY: The event is celebrated each year via a festival for families, the *Lailat al Miraj*, one of the most important events in the Islamic calendar. Muslims bring their children to the mosques, where the children are told the story, pray with the adults, and then afterwards food and treats are served.



SHA'ABAN

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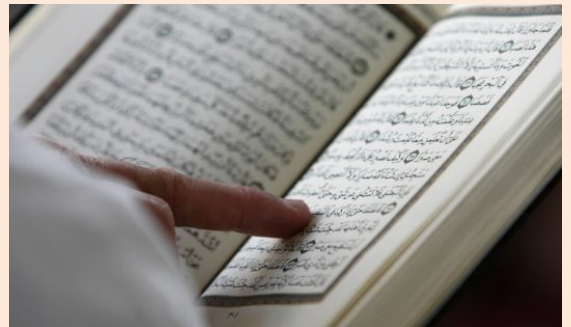
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RAMADAN

RAMADAN BAJRAM




Ramadan is month of fast, ninth month of lunar Muslim calendar, the saintes day of year, because in this time Mahomet has knew the first piece of Koran. In this month, from east to west, adult, healthy Muslims can't eat, drink, smoke and have sex. This fast train human's self-control. The fast attend expression solidarity with poor and hungry people and deepen own piety, for example by reading Koran and contemplate. After west of sun, announce by cannon gunshot, all people sit to first meal, ycleped iftar.

CURIOSITY: After the first meal Muslims all night long visit each other, celebrate in houses or in public places.



<p>SHAWWĀL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ramazan Bajram (ID al-FITR) Festival Tips (Interrupts) Lent</p> <p>The biggest celebration is the feast of the Muslim Tips (Interrupts) Lent Id al-Fitr called by Polish Tatars Ramazan Bajram. It begins with a special prayer lasts from sunrise until noon on the first day of the month Shawwal. The faithful are required before prayer, imams make a special donation of Zakat al-fitr. After the prayers everyone made a wish and offers a sadoga After returning home, eat breakfast and then a group went to the cemetery. At the cemetery to pray at the graves for the souls of relatives and spend sadoga in the form of cakes and sweets.</p> <p>CURIOSITY: During the three days of Christmas Tartars wear clothes made festive visits relatives and friends. Greeted with the words „id Mubarak”. Arrange evening reception and entertainment.</p>	
<p>DHU AL-QI'DAH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
<p>DHU AL-HIJJAH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kurban Bajram (ID al-Adha) Feast of the Sacrifice</p> <p>Feast of the Sacrifice falls on the tenth day of the month Dhul-hidždža. Among the Polish Muslims, it is called Kurban Bajram. On the first day after the service Tatars make the intention of the souls of the dead victim of an ox or ram. Feast of the Sacrifice commemorates the sacrifice of Abraham and his obedience to God. Abraham (Ibrahim), according to Islam he sacrifice his son Ishmael to God, but God saw Abraham's devotion, let him sacrifice a ram instead of the child. Slaughter of an animal carried out in public in the presence of the mosque imam, who read prayers. Sacrificial meat is distributed among all the faithful. One piece is consumed with the intention of the seven souls of the dead.</p> <p>CURIOSITY: At the end of prayers and the separation of meat Tatars go to the cemetery, where they visit the graves of relatives and friends. Gathered at the grave of a family member during the relevant reading of prayers and touch the right hand of the grave.</p>	

JUDAISM

MONTH	FEAST	CURIOSITY
NISAN	<p style="text-align: center;">PESAH</p> <p>Is celebrated on memory way out Israelis on Egypt. Passover go on seven days and gives begining of seven weeks of mourning. In this time people don't organize weddings , don't cut hair and don't shave hair. The most solemn moment fall on first evening of Passover. During solemn supper people are reading text about getting out of Egypt. One cup of wine is intended for prophet Elia. Wine of cup is downpouring ten times to memorize ten Egyptian plagues. Supper Paschal to comprise of vegetables dip in salty water and bitter herbs. Tradition is to serve roast thigh with bone (this is symbol Paschal Sheep, whose blood people mark the door in night exit) and eggs. Forbidden is eating bread on leaven – at that time serving an azyeme. Then don't using dishes and cutleries. Christianity to refer to Passover , because Christ with students celebrate this feast during Last Supper. During mass, Jesus substitute for Passover Ship. Passover as “passage” refers od passage Christ from death into life. The date death the Bible lay down on 7th of April.</p>	
IYAR	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
SIVAN	<p style="text-align: center;">Shavuot (Whitsuntide)</p> <p>Holiday of harvest, is celebrated seven weeks after Passover, in month of the civil year (May/ June). Remind granting on Moses of Torah on Sinai, The temple decorating on green colours. All night people reading Torah. Traditional meal in Shavuot is this courses about cheese and milk and special loaf of bred of new cereal.</p>	
TAMMUZ	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
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TIHREI	<p style="text-align: center;">Rosz Haszana (New Year)</p> <p>It's the first Day of Jewish calendar. This day reminds of creating the world and also about god's judgement. Rosz Haszana it's a day, in which Jewish as a nation are standing with penitence in front of the God. They expect a forgiveness and mercy from him. Satan presents the proves of nation sins. In Poland, this holiday similar like on Sabbath people can't any of their's usual works.</p> <p>CURIOSITY: Traditional dishes are : a fish head, sheep or other animal, bread and apple which is immersed in honey.</p>	

Jom Kippur

It's the most important holiday of Jewish, it has an atonement character. "Horrible days" it's the time of the atonement. New Year it's a beginning of this days. In Christmas Eve people should take a ritual bath in Mykva. When they want to clean from their blame they can also give a sacrifice as rooster or hen. Jom Kippur starts in the evening at divine service in synagogue.

CURIOSITY: Jom Kippur holiday obtain a strict fast. So it's a ban for eating and drinking. They can't work in this time, wash themselves, wear leather shoes.



CHESHVAN

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KISLEV

CHANUKA (FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS)

It is a movable fest, made for the Gregorian Calendar in late November and early December. It commemorates the time when a small amount of pure-bred oil burned in the Temple for eight days. Hanukkah lasts eight days. The most important ritual is the lighting of lamps. On the first day one is lit, the other two and so up to eight. Children receive gifts, money-tree, but also sweets in the shape of coins. Traditional food is pancakes with cheese and donuts. Gifts are compared with the Christmas.

CURIOSITY: At that time in stores, there are tons of chocolate coins.



TEVET

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SHEVAT

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ADAR

PURIM



Events, that commemorate this holiday, are described in the Book of Esther. Father of Esther, Mordechai refused to adore minister Haman. Resentful officer decided to kill all Jews living in Babylon. Then Queen Esther asked King Ahasuerus to change that decision. As a result of this, Haman, and all enemies of the Israelites killed.

CURIOSITY: The celebration of Purim, so heed the Christian carnival or carnival carol singers, and wandering from house to house.



ROMAN CATHOLICISM

MONTH	FEAST	CURIOSITY
JANUARY	<p style="text-align: center;">Three Wise Men or Three Kings</p> <p>Christian Holiday (celebrated on 6th January) which celebrates the visit of the three kings or wise men (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) to the Christ Child. The custom of blessing gold and incense this day molded on the turn of the XV and XVI century. This blessed incense was juniper resin. People incensed houses and backyards, and they believed that it will protect them from illness and unhappiness.</p> <p>CURIOSITY: Three Kings were probably named in the Middle Ages, so Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar are not their real names.</p>	
FEBRUARY	-	-
MARCH	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter</p> <p>It is the oldest and the most important Christian holiday, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the week before Easter people recall and celebrate the most important events for Christian religion. The last three days of this week are known as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Although in Christianity every Sunday is a Christ's resurrection memoir the Easter Sunday is the most solemn one.</p> <p>CURIOSITY: In Holy Saturday people blessing baskets with eggs, a piece of sausage, salt, pepper, a piece of bread, horseradish and a little twig of boxtree.</p>	
APRIL	-	-
MAY	-	-
JUNE	<p style="text-align: center;">Corpus Christi Or Body of Christ</p> <p>Moveable holiday, celebrated always 60 days after Easter. In Catholic church it's a liturgical ceremony to adore Holy of Holies sacrament, one of the Holidays of Obligation. Celebration of Corpus Christi has happy, thankful nature.</p> <p>CURIOSITY: Corpus Christi started to be an important holiday in 1317 after revelation of Augustin Julianna from Mount-Cornillon church, near Liege (lands of Belgium now).</p>	
JULY	-	-

<p>AUGUST</p>	<p>Assumption of Mary or Virgin Mary of Herbs</p> <p>In this day we celebrate the Virgin Mary was taken to heaven, which has ended her earthy life. In Poland and in a few other European countries Virgin Mary of Herbs is being celebrated as a patron of Earth. As a part of the celebration, the followers sacrifice Earth gifts – herbs, vegetables, fruits and flowers.</p> <p>CURIOSITY: In certain parts of Poland during the celebration a flower bouquets are being consecrated. It used to believed that a likewise flower bunches had some magical and healing properties.</p>	
<p>SEPTEMBER</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>NOVEMBER</p>	<p>Solemnity of All Saints or All Saints’ Day</p> <p>Solemnity commemorates all known and unknown saints. During this holiday people go to graveyard to decorate graves with flowers, to set fire to candles, bring flowers on the graves and to pray for dear for their deads. In Poland, the day after All Saints’ Day is All Souls Day. People pray in this time for souls, who haven’t reach the heaven.</p> <p>CURIOSITY: Children like this holiday so much, because of sweets, jellies, cookies and chocolates, which they can buy near to the cemetery gates.</p>	
<p>DECEMBER</p>	<p>Christmas Or Christmas Day</p> <p>In Christian tradition it’s a holiday which commemorate birth of Jesus Christ. It’s constant holiday liturgically, and it’s preceded by Advent three-week waiting. Christmas is also celebrated by many non-Christians, because it became an universal symbol of winter, love and hope. Many people think, that this holiday is the most important in Christianity, but it isn’t true.</p> <p>CURIOSITY: Most of Christmas symbols like Christmas Tree, mistletoe or holly is based on pagan beliefs.</p>	