

HINDU FESTIVALS

2027

Makarsankranti	14 Jan	Gita Week	18 Aug to 24 Aug
Thai Poosam Flag Hoisting	13 Jan	Krishna Janmashtami	25 Aug
Thai Pongal	15 Jan	Maha Ganesh Chaturti (NOTE 1 below)	03 Sept to 04 Sept
Thai Poosam Kavady	22 Jan	Radha Astami	08 Sept
Vasanth Panchmi	11 Feb	Purattasi	18 Sept to 17 Oct
Masi Magham	21 Feb	Purnima Shraadh	15 Sept
Maha Shivaratri	06 Mar	Pitra Paksha	16 Sept to 29 Sept
Holika Dahan	21 Mar	Mahalaya Paksham	16 Sept to 29 Sept
Rangwali Holi	22 Mar	Venkateshwara Vratham	30 Sept to 09 Oct
Panguni Uthiram	22 Mar	Navaratri	30 Sept to 08 Oct
Hindi New Year/Chaitra Navaratri	07 Apr	Sri Saraswathi Pooja (North)	07 Oct
Ugadhi (Telegu New Year)	07 Apr	Sri Durga Ashtami	07 Oct
Ramayana Week 07 Apr to	13 Apr	Sri Saraswathi Pooja (South)	08 Oct
Sri Ram Naumee	14 Apr	Sri Durga Naumee	08 Oct
Tamil New Year (Pilavanga)	14 Apr	Vijay Dashmi	09 Oct
Hanuman Jayanti	20 Apr	Kartika Mass	16 Oct to 14 Nov
Chitra Paruvam 11 Apr to	20 Apr	Dhan Trayodashi	27 Oct
Sita Naumee	14 May	Narak Chaturdashi/Yam Deep Daan	28 Oct
Narsimha Jayanti 18 May (S),	19 May (V)	Deepavali / Luxmi Pooja (North & South)	28 Oct (NOTE 2 below)
Vaikasi Visakam	19 May	Gujarati New Year	30 Oct
Nirjala Ekadashi	14 June	Annakuta Govardhan Pooja	30 Oct
Guru Purnima	18 July	Skanda Shashti	04 Nov
Naag Panchami	06 Aug	Prabhodhini Ekadashi	10 Nov
Shitla Satam	08 Aug	Tulsi Vivaha	11 Nov
Nori Nem	10 Aug	Kartik Purnima	14 Nov
Varalakshmi Vratam	13 Aug	Gita Jayanti	09 Dec
Raksha Bandhan	17 Aug	Kaarthigai Deepam	13 Dec

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EKADASI 2027

January	03, 18 (S) / 19 (V)
February	02, 17
March	03 (S) / 04 (V), 18
April	02, 16 (S) / 17 (V)
May	02, 16, 31(S)
June	1(V), 14, 30
July	14, 29
August	12, 27 (S) /28 (V)
September	11, 26
October	11, 25
November	10, 24
December	09, 23

PURNIMA 2027

January	22
February	20
March	22
April	20
May	19 / 20
June	18
July	18
August	16 / 17
September	15
October	15
November	13 / 14
December	13

PANCHAK 2027

	Start	End
January	11@ 01:04	15@ 20:21
February	7@ 07:06	12@ 02:12
March	6@ 14:04	11@ 07:49
April	2@ 22:02 30@ 06:23	7@ 14:55
May	27@ 14:19	4@ 23:44
June	23@ 21:20	1@ 09:19 28@ 18:18

J u l y	21@ 03:34	26@ 01:43
A u g u s t	17@ 09:34	22@ 07:40
September	13@ 16:03	18@ 13:17
October	10@ 23:25	15@ 19:59
November	7@ 07:29	12@ 04:25
December	4@ 15:37 31@ 23:09	9@ 13:57
January’28		5@ 23:01

NOTE : The **WEDDING DATES 2027** provided in this calendar are *recommendations only*. It is strongly advised that you **consult with your family Priest** before finalising any wedding date. Additionally, weddings should be **avoided during Hindu festivals**, as they may encroach upon the appropriate observance and celebration of these sacred occasions.

Jan	Sat 2	Sat / Sun 09, 10	Sat 16	Sun 24	Sat/Sun 30/31
Feb	Sun 7	Sun 14	Sun 21	Sat/Sun 27/28	
Mar	Sat 20	Sat 27			
Apr	Sat/Sun 03,04	Sat/Sun 17,18	Sun 25		
May	Sat 01	Fri/Sat/Sun 07/08/09	Sat/ Sun 15,16	Fri/Sat/Sun 21,22,23	Sat/Sun 29,30
June	Sat 05	Fri 11	Sun 13	Fri/Sat/Sun 18,19,20	Sat/Sun 26,27

July	Fri/Sat/Sun 09/10/11	Sa/ Su 24,25				
Aug	Sat/Sun 07,08	Sun 15				
Sep	Sun 05	Sat/Sun 11,12				
Oct	Sat 16	Sun 31				
Nov	Sat 06	Sun 14	Sun 21	Fri 26		
Dec	Sat/Sun 04,05	Sun 12	Sat 18	Sat 25		

Eclipses 2027 (None visible in South Africa)

- 6 February 2027 Partial Solar Eclipse (Annular)
- 20–21 February 2027 Full Lunar Eclipse (Penumbral)
- 2 August 2027 Solar Eclipse (Total)
- 16–17 August 2027 Lunar Eclipse (Penumbral)

SEE NOTE 3 BELOW

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NOTES

DETAILS

(1)

Maha Ganesh Chaturti 2027

The determination of Ganesh Chaturthi for 2027 involves two traditionally recognised methods of calculation within the Dharmasastra. According to the principle of Madhyahna-Vyapini, the festival is most auspiciously observed when the chaturthi Tithi prevails during the midday period (the time of Lord Ganesh's birth). In South Africa, this alignment occurs on Friday, 3 September. In accordance with Udaya Tithi (Tithi prevailing at sunrise), some traditions and temples may choose to observe on Saturday, 4 September, while the tithi is still active during the early morning hours.

(2)

Deepavali / Luxmi Pooja (North & South) 2027

Determining the correct dates for Diwali involves identifying when specific lunar phases, known as Tithis, occur relative to sunset and sunrise in our local time. The primary reason both Narak Chaturdashi and Lakshmi Pooja fall on Thursday, 28 October 2027, rather than the following day, is the timing of the lunar days in South Africa. Narak Chaturdashi is observed when the *Chaturdashi Tithi* is present at pre-dawn (Moonrise). According to the calculations, the Chaturdashi Tithi begins on the evening of 27 October and ends at **5:17 pm on 28 October 2027**. Because this period covers the early morning hours of Thursday, 28 October 2027, the traditional Abhyang Snan (holy bath) must be performed on Thursday morning. For Diwali, the most important requirement is that *Amavasya* (the new moon phase) must be in effect during Pradosh Kaal, the period immediately following sunset. On Friday, 29 October 2027, the Amavasya Tithi ends quite early at **3:35 pm**. This means that by the time the sun sets on Friday, Amavasya is already over. However, on Thursday, 28 October 2027, the Amavasya Tithi begins at **5:17 pm** and continues throughout the entire night. Because the sunset and the evening prayer time (Muhurat) on Thursday are fully covered by the Amavasya Tithi, Thursday is the correct and only day for Lakshmi Pooja. This results in both observances falling on the same calendar day in South Africa, as the shifting lunar calendar overlaps with our standard 24-hour day

(3)

Eclipses 2027

Penumbral lunar eclipses are astronomical events where the Moon passes through the Earth's faint outer shadow (Penumbra). According to traditional principles, these carry no religious significance because:

- The Moon is not "seized": Unlike a total or partial eclipse, the Moon is not physically obscured or "bitten" by a dark shadow, so it is not considered a spiritual event.
- Visibility: Religious significance only applies if an eclipse is visible to the naked eye at your location.
- No Rituals Required: Because it is not a "true" eclipse in a spiritual sense, there is no need for fasting, special bathing, or closing of temples