Forest Sangha Calendar $2026 \cdot 2569$

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LUNAR OBSERVANCE DAYS • ()





These days are devoted to quiet reflection at the monastery. Visitors may come and take the precepts for the day and join in all or part of the extended evening meditation.

The dates for the lunar calendar are determined by traditional methods of calculation, and are therefore not always the same as the precise astronomical occurrences.

For more information, visit: https://splendidmoons.github.io

THE MAJOR FULL MOON DAYS FOR 2026 / 2569

Māgha Pūjā · March 3 ('Sangha Day')

Commemorates the spontaneous gathering of 1250 arahants to whom the Buddha gave the exhortation on the basis of the Discipline (Ovāda Pāṭimokkha).

Vesākha Pūjā · May 31 ('Buddha Day')

Commemorates the birth, enlightenment and passing away of the Buddha.

Āsāļhā Pūjā · July 29 ('Dhamma Day')

Commemorates the Buddha's first discourse, given to the five samaṇas in the Deer Park at Sarnath, near Varanasi. The traditional Rainy-Season Retreat (Vassa) begins on the next day.

Pavāraņā Day · October 26

This marks the end of the three-month *Vassa* retreat. In the following month, lay people may offer the Kaṭhina-robe as part of a general alms-giving ceremony.

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January

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*Jan 16: Ajahn Chah Memorial Day

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February

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March 2026/2569

*Mar 3: Māgha Pūjā

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April

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*Apr 13: South Asian New Year

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May 2026/2569

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*May 31: Vesākha Pūjā

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June 2026/2569

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*Jun 17: Ajahn Chah's Birthday

Jun 14 • 14 days Gimha 7/10 Jun 29 • 15 days Gimha 8/10

July

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*Jul 29: Āsāļhā Pūjā

*Jul 30: First Day of Vassa

Jul 14 • 15 days Gimha 9/10 Jul 29 • 15 days Gimha 10/10

August 2026/2569

September

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October 2026/2569

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*Oct 26: Pavāraṇā
*Oct 26: Last Day of Vassa

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November 2026/2569

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December

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² Mar 3: Māgha Pūjā

³ Apr 13: South Asian New Year

⁵ Jun 17: Ajahn Chah's Birthday

⁶ Jul 29: Āsāļhā Pūjā

⁷ Jul 30: First Day of Vassa

⁸ Oct 26: Pavāraņā

⁹ Oct 26: Last Day of Vassa

January

March	April
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July	August
September	October
November	December

February

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