

Forest Sangha Calendar 2026 · 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.

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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 Pātimokkha).

Vesākha Pūjā · May 31 ('Buddha Day')

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

Āsālhā Pūjā · July 29 ('Dhamma Day')

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

Pavāranā Day · October 26

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

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www.forestsangha.org

January

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*Jan 16: Ajahn Chah Memorial Day

Jan 3 15 days Hemanta 4/8 Jan 18 15 days Hemanta 5/8

February

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> Feb 2 15 days Hemanta 6/8 Feb 16 14 days Hemanta 7/8

March

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*Mar 3: Māgha Pūjā

Mar 3 15 days Hemanta 8/8 Mar 18 15 days Gimha 1/10

April

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*Apr 13: South Asian New Year

Apr 2 15 days Gimha 2/10 Apr 16 14 days Gimha 3/10

May

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*May 31: Vesākha Pūjā

May 1 0 15 days Gimha 4/10 May 16 15 days Gimha 5/10 May 31 15 days Gimha 6/10

June

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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

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Aug 13 • 15 days Vassāna 1/8 Aug 28 • 15 days Vassāna 2/8

September

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Sep 11 • 14 days Vassāna 3/8 Sep 26 • 15 days Vassāna 4/8

October

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*Oct 26: Pavāraṇā Oct 26: Last Day of Vassa Oct 11 • 15 days Vassāna 5/8 Oct 26 • 15 days Vassāna 6/8

November

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Nov 9 14 days Vassāna 7/8 Nov 24 15 days Vassāna 8/8

December

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Dec 9 15 days Hemanta 1/8
Dec 24 15 days Hemanta 2/8

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² Mar 3: Māgha Pūjā

³ Apr 13: South Asian New Year

⁴ May 31: Vesākha Pūjā

⁵ *Jun 17:* Ajahn Chah's Birthday

⁶ *Jul* 29: Āsālhā Pūjā

⁷ Jul 30: First Day of Vassa

⁸ Oct 26: Pavāranā

⁹ Oct 26: Last Day of Vassa

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May	June
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September	October
November	December

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