

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 Pāṭimokkha).

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 Kaṭhina-robe as part of a general alms-giving ceremony.

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^{*}Jan 16: Ajahn Chah Memorial Day

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^{*}Apr 13: South Asian New Year

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^{*}May 31: Vesākha Pūjā

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May 16 15 days Gimha 5/10
May 31 15 days Gimha 6/10

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*Jun 17: Ajahn Chah's Birthday

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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

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^{*}Oct 26: Pavāraṇā
Oct 26: Last Day of Vassa

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² Mar 3: Māgha Pūjā

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⁴ May 31: Vesākha Pūjā

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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
July	August
September	October
November	December

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