

Ramadan

March 10 - April 8, 2024

Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar.

As the Islamic calendar is based around the lunar cycle, the Holy month of Ramadan rotates by approximately ten days each year.

This year, Ramadan is expected to begin on Sunday, March 10th, or Monday, March 11th 2024 depending on the sighting of the moon.

'Ramadan Mubarak' means 'Blessed Ramadan'.
'Ramadan Kareem' means 'Generous Ramadan'.
Both terms are from Arabic origins.

Ramadan is a time for prayer, fasting, self-reflection, self-discipline, and sacrifice. It is also time for charity and empathy for those less fortunate encouraging acts of generosity and compassion.

Eating and drinking (including water) is prohibited from dawn to sunset. The fast begins with a prayer and a meal called Sehri and is broken with prayer and meal called Iftar.



Eid al-Fitr

April 9 or 10, 2024

Eid means a “festival or feast” in Arabic.

There are two major Eids in the Islamic calendar per year: Eid al-Fitr (smaller - 3 days) earlier in the year and Eid al-Adha (greater - 4 days) later in the year

Eid al-Fitr means “the feast of breaking the fast”. It marks the end of the blessed month of Ramadan.

This year, it is expected to be celebrated on the evening of 9th April 2024. However the exact date is subject to the sighting of moon of Shawwal (the 10th month of Islamic Calendar).

People greet each other with “Eid Mubarak,” meaning “Blessed Eid” and with formal embraces.

Sweet dishes are prepared at home and gifts are given to children and to those in need. Muslims are encouraged to forgive and seek forgiveness.

It is a time for charity, known as Zakat al-Fitr. Eid is meant to be a time of joy and blessing for the entire Muslim community.



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