

SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2012

New Year's Day	01 January	Sunday
Public Holiday	02 January	Monday
Human Rights Day	21 March	Wednesday
Good Friday	06 April	Friday
Family Day	09 April	Monday
Freedom Day	27 April	Friday
Workers' Day	01 May	Tuesday
Youth Day	16 June	Saturday
National Women's Days	09 August	Thursday
Heritage Day	24 September	Monday
Reconciliation Day	16 December	Sunday
Public Holiday	17 December	Monday
Christmas Day	25 December	Tuesday
Day of Goodwill	26 December	Wednesday

GOVERNMENT SCHOOL TERMS 2012 (Proposed)

Eastern Cape - Kwazulu Natal - Northern Cape - Western Cape

First Term	Second Term	Third Term	Fourth Term
11 January to 23 March	10 April to 22 June	16 July to 28 September	09 October to 07 December

Free State - Gauteng - Mpumalanga - North West - Limpopo

First Term	Second Term	Third Term	Fourth Term
18 January to 30 March	10 April to 22 June	16 July to 28 September	08 October to 07 December

PRIVATE SCHOOL TERMS 2012

**Please note that dates may vary slightly in different provinces
Check with your school**

Private Schools	
Term	Duration
1	11 January - 04 April
Half Term	23 February - 28 February
2	02 May - 08 August
3	29 June - 09 July
4	11 September - 07 December
Half Term	18 October - 23 October

ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR and RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS 2012

Environmental Calendar 2012

World Wetlands Day	Thursday	2 February
National Water Week	Monday - Sunday	19-25 March
World Meteorological Day	Friday	23 March
World Environment Day	Tuesday	5 June
National Arbor Week	Saturday - Friday	1-7 September
World Ozone Day	Sunday	16 September
World Tourism Day	Thursday	27 September
World Habitat Day	Thursday	4 October
National Marine Day	Saturday	20 October
World Aids Day	Saturday	1 December

Christian Holy Days 2012

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday	22 February
Palm Sunday	Sunday	1 April
Holy Week (Commence)	Monday	2 April
Good Friday	Friday	6 April
Easter Sunday	Sunday	8 April
Ascension Day	Thursday	17 May
Pentecost	Sunday	27 May
Whit Monday	Monday	28 May
All Saints Day	Monday	5 November
Christ the King	Sunday	25 November
Advent Sunday (Commence)	Sunday	2 December
Christmas Day	Tuesday	25 December

Baha'i Faith Holy Days 2012

Naw-Ruz (New Year)	Wednesday	21 March
Feast of Ridvan (1st day)	Saturday	21 April
Feast of Ridvan (9th day)	Sunday	29 April
Feast of Ridvan (12th day)	Wednesday	2 May
Declaration of the Bab	Wednesday	23 May
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Tuesday	29 May
Martyrdom of the Bab	Monday	9 July
Birth of the Bab	Saturday	20 October
Birth of Baha'u'llah	Monday	12 November
Day of the Covenant	Monday	26 November
Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá	Wednesday	28 November

Hindu Festivals 2012

Makar Sankranti	Saturday	14 January
Maha Shivaratri	Monday	20 February
Ramayana Week (begins)	Friday	23 March
Ramanavami	Sunday	1 April
Krishna Janmashthami	Friday	10 August
Pitr paksha	Sunday	30 September
Navaratri	Tuesday	16 October
Deepavali/Diwali	Tuesday	13 November

Islamic Holy Days 2012

Islamic Fasts and Festivals are determined by an actual sighting of the appropriate new moon

Meelaad-un Nabee Muhammad (S.A.W.)	Saturday	4 February
Laylatul Meeraj (eve)	Sunday	17 June
Laylatul Baraat (eve)	Wednesday	4 July
Commencement of Ramadaan	Saturday	21 July
Eid-ul-Fitr	Sunday	19 August
Youmi Arafah	Thursday	25 October
Eid-ul-Adgha	Friday	26 October
1st Muharram (1433)	Thursday	15 November
Day of Aashura	Saturday	24 November

Jewish Holy Days 2012

Please note that all the Holy Days begin at sunset on the previous and end at nightfall

Tu-B'shvat	Wednesday	8 February
Fast of Esther	Wednesday	7 March
Purim	Thursday	8 March
Pesach (1st Day)	Saturday	7 April
Pesach (2nd Day)	Sunday	8 April
Pesach (7th Day)	Friday	13 April
Pesach (8th Day)	Saturday	14 April
Yom Hazikaron	Wednesday	25 April
Yom Ha'atzmaut	Thursday	26 April
Lag B 'Omer	Thursday	10 May
Yom Yerushalayim	Sunday	20 May
Shavuot (1st Day)	Sunday	27 May
Shavuot (2nd Day)	Monday	28 May
Fast of Tammuz (19th Tammuz)	Sunday	8 July
Tish B'Av (Fast of 10th of Av)	Sunday	29 July
Rosh Hashanah (1st Day)	Monday	17 September
Rosh Hashanah (2nd Day)	Tuesday	18 September
Fast of Gedalya	Wednesday	19 September
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Wednesday	26 September
Succot (1st Day)	Monday	1 October
Succot (2nd Day)	Tuesday	2 October
Hoshana Rabba	Sunday	7 October
Shmini Atzeret	Monday	8 October
Shimchat Torah	Tuesday	9 October
Channukah (1st day)	Sunday	9 December
Channukah (8th day)	Sunday	16 December
Fast of 10th of Tevet	Sunday	23 December
