

Middle East Holidays & Major Events: Ramadan, Hajj, and Eid Al-Adha 2026 In

Holidays · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. In 2026, approximately when is Ramadan expected to begin in the Middle East?

- A) Early February
- B) Mid-February**
- C) Early March
- D) Late March

2. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of which major Islamic observance?

- A) Hajj
- B) Ramadan**
- C) Islamic New Year
- D) Dhu al-Hijjah

3. In 2026, what are the estimated dates for the Hajj pilgrimage?

- A) Late March to early April
- B) Mid-April to early May
- C) Late May to early June**
- D) Mid-June to early July

4. Eid al-Adha, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice, occurs during which Islamic month?

- A) Muharram
- B) Ramadan
- C) Shawwal
- D) Dhu al-Hijjah**

5. Which Islamic holiday marks the beginning of the Islamic New Year?

- A) Eid al-Fitr
- B) Eid al-Adha
- C) Ashura
- D) 1st Muharram**

6. Ramadan follows the lunar cycle, causing its dates to shift by approximately how many days each Gregorian year?

- A) 2-3 days
- B) 5-7 days
- C) 10-12 days**
- D) 15-18 days

7. The Hajj pilgrimage is a mandatory religious duty for Muslims who are financially, physically, and emotionally able, and is considered one of the Five Pillars of Islam. During which period of Dhul-Hijjah is Hajj traditionally performed?

- A) 1st to 5th
- B) 6th to 10th
- C) 8th to 12th or 13th**
- D) 20th to 25th

8. In 2026, Eid al-Fitr is tentatively expected to be observed around which date?

- A) February 18th
- B) March 20th**
- C) April 10th
- D) May 27th

9. The Islamic New Year in 2026 is projected to begin around which date?

- A) May 24th
- B) June 16th**
- C) July 7th
- D) August 25th

10. Which event in 2026, as per recent reports, involved significant military escalation and strikes between Iran, Israel, and the US, impacting regional security?

- A) The Hajj pilgrimage
- B) The beginning of Ramadan
- C) The '2026 Iran War' ceasefire negotiations**
- D) The Dubai Airshow