

Global Holiday Headlines: Unveiling 2025-2026 Observances & Emerging Trends

Global Holidays · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which major cultural event, often featuring elaborate parades and the burning of effigies, marks the Balinese New Year and involves a day of complete silence and reflection?

- A) Holi Festival
- B) Rio Carnival
- C) Nyepi**
- D) Pushkar Camel Fair

2. In 2025, which South American country is celebrating its bicentennial anniversary of independence from Spain, with festivities planned to extend into the year?

- A) Peru
- B) Bolivia**
- C) Colombia
- D) Argentina

3. What astronomical event in 2026 is anticipated to draw significant global travel interest, with a total solar eclipse occurring across mainland Europe for the first time in nearly 30 years?

- A) A 'Planet Parade'
- B) A 'Blood Moon' lunar eclipse
- C) The Perseid Meteor Shower
- D) A Total Solar Eclipse**

4. According to 2025 travel trend reports, which of the following is becoming a dominant theme, with travelers increasingly seeking authentic interactions and off-the-beaten-path experiences?

- A) Overtourism attractions
- B) Luxury resort packages
- C) Mass-market package tours
- D) Authenticity and 'hidden gem' destinations**

5. The UN has designated 2025 as the 'International Year of Quantum Science and Technology.' Which other international observance is also recognized by the UN on March 14th?

- A) World Water Day
- B) International Day of Mathematics**
- C) World Tuberculosis Day
- D) International Day of Forests

6. Which of these emerging travel trends for 2025 and 2026 emphasizes traveling with a specific purpose, such as reconnecting, recharging, or rediscovering, rather than just choosing a destination?

- A) Adventure Travel
- B) Wellness Retreats
- C) Digital Nomadism
- D) The 'Whycation'**

7. In 2025, what significant anniversary is New York City commemorating related to a classic American novel, marking 100 years since its publication?

- A) Moby Dick
- B) The Great Gatsby**
- C) The Catcher in the Rye
- D) To Kill a Mockingbird

8. What major Islamic holiday, celebrated by Muslims worldwide, is expected to fall between March 29 and April 28 in 2025?

- A) Eid al-Adha
- B) Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr**
- C) Ashura
- D) Mawlid

9. Which trend in travel for 2025 and 2026 involves travelers actively avoiding destinations with high tourist volumes, leading to an increase in the popularity of lesser-known locations?

- A) Culinary Tourism
- B) Astro-tourism
- C) The 'Detour Destination' or 'Non-Viral Destination' trend**
- D) Sustainable Travel

10. In 2025, the 'Year of the Fire Male Horse' is observed in which cultural new year celebration?

- A) Chinese New Year
- B) Korean New Year
- C) Bhutanese New Year**
- D) Tibetan New Year

11. What event in Thailand, occurring on the last Sunday of November, involves locals treating monkeys to a large feast to thank them for attracting tourism?

- A) The Yi Peng Lantern Festival
- B) The Lopburi Monkey Festival**
- C) Songkran Water Festival
- D) The Vegetarian Festival

12. Which of the following is a significant global travel trend for 2025, indicating a move away from long, traditional summer holidays towards more frequent, shorter trips?

- A) Cruise ship expeditions
- B) The rise of 'micro-retirements'
- C) Shorter Trips replacing the Annual Big Holiday**
- D) All-inclusive resort packages

13. According to reports for 2025-2026, which type of tourism is expected to grow significantly, focusing on experiences that go beyond spas and emphasize connection with local people and places?

- A) Adventure Tourism
- B) Dark Tourism
- C) Wellness Through Community**
- D) Virtual Reality Tourism

14. In 2025, the 'International Year of Quantum Science and Technology' is being celebrated. Which other country's national day falls on July 1st, celebrating the unification of the country?

- A) United States
- B) France
- C) Canada**
- D) Australia

15. What significant event in Japan in March 2025 is a Hindu holiday celebrating the full moon day of the Hindu month of Phalguna, known for its vibrant colors and festivities?

- A) Diwali
- B) Holi**
- C) Navaratri
- D) Ganesh Chaturthi

16. Which travel trend for 2025 and 2026 highlights a growing interest in experiences inspired by popular movies and TV shows, with travelers seeking to visit filming locations?

- A) Sustainable Travel
- B) Film Tourism**
- C) Digital Nomadism
- D) Culinary Tourism

17. In 2026, which region is projected to be a standout performer for international travel demand during the Northern Hemisphere summer, with countries like Greece, Spain, and Italy seeing a significant surge?

- A) Southeast Asia
- B) Southern Europe**
- C) Eastern Asia
- D) Northern Europe

18. What major sporting event is gearing up for its 75th championship in 2025, drawing sports tourism interest globally?

- A) The Olympics
- B) The FIFA World Cup
- C) Formula 1**
- D) Wimbledon