



Ramadan and Eid: About the Holiday



Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, a time of fasting, prayer, reflection, and charity for Muslims around the world. Each day, those who fast eat a meal before dawn and break their fast at sunset. The month ends with Eid al-Fitr, a joyful festival of prayer, family, food, and gifts.

Ramadan 2027 is expected to begin around February 8, 2027, with Eid al-Fitr around March 9 or 10, 2027. Exact dates depend on sighting the new crescent moon and may vary by a day by location.

- Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar.
- During Ramadan, many Muslims fast from dawn to sunset each day.
- The meal before dawn is called suhoor, and the meal that breaks the fast at sunset is called iftar.
- The fast is often broken by eating dates.
- Fasting during Ramadan is one of the Five Pillars of Islam.
- Muslims believe the first verses of the Quran were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad during Ramadan.
- Laylat al-Qadr, the Night of Power, is a special night in the last ten nights of Ramadan.
- The Islamic calendar is lunar, so Ramadan begins about 10 to 11 days earlier each year.
- A new month begins when the thin crescent moon is sighted, so dates can differ by place.
- Ramadan 2027 is expected to begin around February 8, depending on moon sighting.
- Eid al-Fitr, the festival of breaking the fast, marks the end of Ramadan.
- Before the Eid prayer, Muslims give a charity called Zakat al-Fitr to help people in need.