

# Islamic Hijri Calendar 1442- 2020

## All you need to know about the Islamic New Year

**The Islamic New Year is based on the lunar calendar. To gain insight on the Hijri year, have a read below.**

Islamic Calendar depends on the movement of the moon. The beginning of each month is marked by the observance of a new moon seen for the first time. Visibility of the new moon depends on various factors such as weather hence; Islamic Calendar is only an estimate of the future Islamic events. [more](#)

The Islamic New Year 1442 has just started! The best way to kick off every month the New Year this time is with the recitation of the following Dua: *"Allahumma ahillahu 'alayna bil amni wal iman, was salamati wal islam, lema tuhibu waTarda, Rabee waRabuka Allaah, Hilaalu khayrin warushd. O Allah, bring this [month] upon us with security, Iman, safety, Islam, for whatever You love and Your Pleasure, my Lord and your Lord is Allaah, a month of blessing and guidance."* Hadaith.

The Islamic calendar, also known as the Hijri Calendar, is based on the sighting of the new moon. It started after the Holy Prophet (PBUH) migrated from Makkah to Madina in 624 CE. The word Hijri is derived from the Arabic word Hijra which means "migration". The beginning of each month is contingent on the visibility of the moon at the end of the previous month. Once the moon is sighted, the new month commences. Each month starts with a new lunar cycle. Hence, the Muslim Calendar gives only a tentative overview of the upcoming Islamic dates as the start of each month is subject to the sighting of the moon.

The Islamic calendar consists of 12 months similar to the Gregorian calendar. However it consists of 354-355 days unlike the 365-366 days in the regular calendar. The Islamic New Year starts off with Muharram followed by Safar, Rabbi al-awwal, Rabbi al-thani, Jumada al-awwal, Jumada al-thani, Rajab, Shaban, Ramadan, Shawwal, Dhul Qadah and Dhul Hijjah. Every month is significant in its own way. Four of these months are considered highly sacred. So much so, waging war or any act of violence during these four months is forbidden.

*"The year is of twelve months, out of which four months are sacred: Three are in succession Dhul-Qa'da, Dhul-Hijjah and Muharram, and (the fourth is) Rajab..."* (Bukhari 3197)

The Hijri New Year starts off with Muharram. The 9th and 10th of Muharram are collectively known as the Days of Ashura. The 10th of Muharram holds significance for both Muslims and Jews as this is the day Allah (SWT) saved Prophet Musa (AS) and his people from the Pharaoh's army.

Ramadan, which is the 9th month of the Islamic Calendar, is considered one of the most blessed months in Islam. This month is full of celebration and festivity as the Muslims immerse themselves in reading the [Quran](#) and Duas and spending maximum time doing Dhikr. The Muslims fast the whole month as it teaches them the true meaning of perseverance and tolerance. During this month, Muslims are not only supposed to refrain from eating and drinking during the stipulated timing but they are also required to curb all negative emotions like anger and prove themselves to be the perfect Muslim. This

month of Ibadah is culminated with the Muslim festival of Eid ul Fitr. Moreover, the Quran was also completed in this month.

The last month of the Islamic lunar year is Dhul Hijjah. In this month, Muslims from all over the world visit the House of Allah (SWT), the Holy Kaaba, for the annual pilgrimage; Hajj. After performing Hajj, Muslims celebrate Eid ul Adha which marks the perfect end to the year.

Islamic holidays and events like Eid ul Fitr, Hajj and Eid ul Adha among many others are held according to the dates of the Islamic calendar.

The Muslim New Year should be started with a very positive vibe with a new resolution to be an example of a good Muslim who inspires other people to do good as well as follows the Sunnah of the Prophet (PBUH).

## Special Islamic Days

Islamic New Hijri Year 1442-2020

1st [Muharram, 1442- Aug 20th, 2020](#)

[Tasouaa Muharram 9<sup>th</sup>, Aug 29th, 2020](#)

[Ashura Muharram 10<sup>th</sup>, Aug 29th, 2020](#)

[Ramadan](#)

[Eid al Fitr](#)

[Haji](#)

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Muharram 2018 will mark the start of New Islamic Year 1440 Hijri. The expected Gregorian Date on 1st Muharram 1440 is 11th September, 2018 or 12th September, 2018 depending on your location. To check Islamic date of your city: [Islamic Calendar 1440](#)

Being the first month of the **Islamic New Year**, Muharram holds great importance in Islam. It is one of the four sacred months in the Islamic calendar. **Muharram** in its literal sense means “forbidden”. Similar to the other sacred months, waging war during this month is forbidden.

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Muharram holds great significance long before the Prophet’s (PBUH) time. Earlier on, it was obligatory to fast on the **10th of Muharram**. However later, fasting was made obligatory in Ramadan only. As narrated by Aisha (RA):

“The people used to fast on ‘Ashura (the tenth day of the month of Muharram) before the fasting of Ramadan was made obligatory. And on that day the Kaa’ba used to be covered with a cover. When Allah made the fasting of the month of Ramadan compulsory, Allah’s Apostle said, “Whoever wishes to fast (on the day of ‘Ashura’) may do so; and whoever wishes to leave it can do so.”(Bukhari 1592)

Centuries ago, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram, Prophet Musa (AS) performed a miracle with the help of Allah (SWT) whereby he was able to save his people from the Pharaoh by dividing the sea into two

parts creating a pathway for his people to safely cross the sea, while the Pharaoh's army drowned. Hence, the Jews used to fast on **Ashura** i.e. the 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram, as thanksgiving. The Prophet (PBUH) himself fasted on this day and also ordered the Muslims to do so as he said that: "I am closer to Moses than they." (Bukhari 3397)

The Companions observed that Jews also consider the day as special, fasting on the day. So Prophet (PBUH) announced that from next year they will fast on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Muharram so as to distinguish themselves from the Jews. Unfortunately, Prophet (PBUH) did not live to see the next year. Therefore, Muslims consider the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram, Days of Ashura, as significant days in the Islamic calendar and observe fast on these days.

Similar to the regular New Year, one should make resolutions at the start of the Islamic New Year to improve oneself. You can set small goals for yourself to become a better person. These goals can be both spiritual and social. You can strengthen your relationship with Allah (SWT) through regular Dhikr and [Dua](#)s. You can help others out through participating in a social cause. It does not need to be a big social project. Allah (SWT) rewards every good deed. It might be small in your eyes but it might inspire someone else to do a good deed, thereby creating a ripple effect of goodness. Thus, a tiny good deed might be of way more magnitude than you deem it to be. Verily Allah (SWT) knows the best!

For more information on [Muharram](#) you can visit our blog.

### Frequently asked questions

#### • **Q How do we celebrate Muharram?**

- A It is recommend to recite this Dua; Allahumma adkhillhu ‘alayna bil amni wal iman, was salamati wal islam, wa ridwanim minar Rahman, wa jiwarim minash shaytan O Allah, bring this [month or year] upon us with security, Iman, safety, Islam, your pleasure and protection from Satan. (Tabarani 6237) at the beginning of every Hijri month. Fasting during this month is a encouraged and top priority especially The Ninth and Tenth (Ashura) of it which is Wednesday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Also Allaah command us not to wrong our self in it.

#### • **Q Why do the Shia hit themselves?**

- A It is a decreased acts that are contrary to Islaam. It is not from the teaching of Allaah and His prophet and the Muslims. It distort the beautiful image of Islaam and increase and renewal the hate and grudges towards Muslims who following the Sunnah of the prophet peace and blessing up on him. It is also to install in the children as well as the adult the hate to all those who follow the Quran and Sunnah from the time of the prophet peace and blessing up on him till now and tomorrow. They stage processions and recreate certain aspect full of lies and distortions of Karbala incident. They hit themselves as well the infant and little children with swords and knives or with bare hands as a gesture of showing the guilt and empathy to Hussain (Radeya Allaahu anh) and his family whom were killed and suffered a lot in the field of Karbala because their ancestry were the main cause of his death and the suffering to Alulbait may Allaah be pleased with them.

#### • **Q What is the Ashura day?** See below **Why fast on Ashura** and **Things you should know about Ashura**

- A Is the 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram holds significance for Muslims. It is a victorious important day that Allaah saved Prophet Musa and the believers with him from the tyrant of Misr (Egypt) Faroe. Muslims fast it

and the day before it or after it as a thanksgiving for the occasion. It shows the bond and loyalty of the Muslims toward each others through the time.

[Islamic calendar 1442](#) is available on IslamicFinder so if you want to make plans according to the Islamic dates or holidays, and stay on track; do have a look at it now!

### Meaning of the Months of the Islamic Calendar and Muharram the Start of the Islamic Calendar

By [Muhammad Al-Qasim](#)

Indeed, there are many causes behind naming months of the Islamic calendar as such. In what follows we will try to shed some light on some of those causes:

- 1. Muharram:** is named so because the Arabs used to prohibit fighting during it.
- 2. Safar:** is named so because the Arabs used to leave their homes during that month as they used to set out to fight their enemies. It is also said that they used to leave their homes to escape summer heat.
- 3. Rabi` al-Awwal:** is named so because it usually coincides with the spring time.
- 4. Rabi` al-Akhar:** is named so because it usually coincides with the winter time.
- 5. Jumada al-'Ula:** The Arabs named it so because water gets frozen at winter time, and that coincides with the time of Jumada al-'Ula.
- 6. Jumada al-'Ukhra:** is named so because it coincides with winter time.
- 7. Rajab:** is derived from the Arabic word 'rajaba' which means to 'sanctify' something. The Arabs used to sanctify the month of Rajab by putting a halt to fighting during that month.
- 8. Sha`ban:** The Arabic word Sha`ban is derived from the word 'tash`aba', which means to go in different directions. It is said that Sha`ban takes such a name because the Arabs used to go in different directions fighting their enemies.
- 9. Ramadan:** The word Ramadan is derived from 'Ar-ramda' which refers to extreme heat. Ramadan time used to coincide with that extreme climate of heat in the Arab Peninsula, and that is why it is called Ramadan.
- 10. Shawwal:** The name Shawwal is derived from the Arabic word 'tashawwala', which refers to the scarcity in she-camels' milk.
- 11. Dhul-Qi`dah:** refers to Arabs decline to go out fighting their enemies as the early Arabs used to call it a sacred month.
- 12. Dhul-Hijjah:** is named so because the Arabs used to perform Hajj during that month.

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