

Ramadan



Ramadan is an annual event in the Muslim calendar which celebrates the first revelation of the Quran to the prophet Mohammed. Muhammad's first revelation was an event described in Islam as taking place in 610 AD, during which the Islamic prophet, Muhammad, was visited by the archangel Gabriel, who revealed to him the beginnings of what would later become the Quran. The event took place in a cave called [Hira](#), located near Mecca.

Ramadan is a time for fasting, for Muslims to say more prayers, give money to the poor and to study the Quran. Muslim celebrations actually start after sunset of the previous day; they will not eat, drink or smoke from dawn to sunset each day during Ramadan. They will often eat sugary dates to break their fast in the evening and have a meal.

This year Ramadan is between 16 May – 14 June, lasting for 30 days. Some people will take leave from work during Ramadan.

Pentecost



Pentecost, also known as Whitsunday takes place on 20 May this year, the 7th Sunday after Easter. It is celebrated by Christians as it is when the holy spirit came to followers of Jesus Christ. It is thought to have been the start of the Christian Church.

Many countries have public holidays on the following Monday. However, others, like the UK, have a fixed public holiday on a Monday in May.

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