

Hindu festival dates for Leicester · November 2026 to November 2027

Calculated for Leicester. Where India (New Delhi) keeps a different day, its date is shown under ours. Times are Leicester time: GMT at the start, changing at each clock-change row.

UK date	Festival	Tithi window (Leicester time)
Fri 6 Nov	Dhanteras	Fri 05:01 to Sat 05:18 GMT
Sat 7 Nov * India: Sun 8 Nov	Narak Chaturdashi (Choti Diwali) Traditions differ: South Indian temples keep Deepavali on Sun 8 Nov.	Sat 05:18 to Sun 05:58 GMT
Sat 7 Nov	Kali Chaudas	Sat 05:18 to Sun 05:58 GMT
Sun 8 Nov	Diwali (Lakshmi Puja) Lakshmi Puja 16:34 to 18:10 GMT · Pradosh Kaal 16:22 to 19:21 GMT	Sun 05:58 to Mon 07:02 GMT
Mon 9 Nov * India: Tue 10 Nov	Bestu Varas · Govardhan Puja	Mon 07:02 to Tue 08:30 GMT
Tue 10 Nov * India: Wed 11 Nov	Bhai Dooj Traditions differ: Some UK temples keep Wed 11 Nov, going by the lunar day (tithi) at sunrise. India: Wed 11 Nov.	Tue 08:30 to Wed 10:24 GMT
Sun 15 Nov	Chhath Puja	Sat 17:54 to Sun 20:32 GMT
Thu 14 Jan * India: Fri 15 Jan	Makar Sankranti	Sun enters Makara (Capricorn) 15:30 GMT
Thu 11 Feb	Vasant Panchami	Wed 21:35 to Thu 21:49 GMT
Sat 6 Mar	Maha Shivaratri	Sat 06:34 to Sun 08:17 GMT
Sun 21 Mar	Holika Dahan	Sun 12:52 to Mon 10:44 GMT
Mon 22 Mar	Holi	day after Holika Dahan
Sun, 28 Mar 2027: clocks go forward. Times from here are BST.		
Wed 7 Apr	Ugadi / Gudi Padwa	Wed 00:51 to Wed 23:59 BST
Wed 14 Apr * India: Thu 15 Apr	Ram Navami	Wed 10:54 to Thu 08:51 BST
Tue 20 Apr	Hanuman Jayanti	Tue 00:22 to Tue 23:27 BST
Sat 8 May * India: Sun 9 May	Akshaya Tritiya	Sat 07:13 to Sun 04:34 BST
Sun 18 Jul	Guru Purnima	Sat 14:19 to Sun 16:45 BST
Mon 16 Aug * India: Tue 17 Aug	Raksha Bandhan	Mon 05:59 to Tue 08:29 BST
Tue 24 Aug	Krishna Janmashtami Traditions differ: This is the Smarta date (Ashtami at midnight). ISKCON and many Vaishnava temples follow a different rule and may keep Janmashtami a day later; follow your temple.	Tue 15:55 to Wed 14:50 BST
Fri 3 Sept * India: Sat 4 Sept	Ganesh Chaturthi	Fri 09:49 to Sat 07:56 BST

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Thu 30 Sept	Navratri begins	Thu 03:36 to Fri 01:06 BST
Thu 7 Oct	Durga Ashtami	Wed 23:44 to Fri 01:58 BST
Sat 9 Oct	Dussehra (Vijayadashami)	Sat 04:32 to Sun 07:11 BST
Mon 18 Oct	Karwa Chauth Traditions differ: Some UK temples keep Karwa Chauth on a different day.	Mon 13:22 to Tue 12:13 BST
Wed 27 Oct	Dhanteras	Tue 20:34 to Wed 18:20 BST
Wed 27 Oct	Kali Chaudas	Wed 18:20 to Thu 16:18 BST
Thu 28 Oct	Narak Chaturdashi (Choti Diwali)	Wed 18:20 to Thu 16:18 BST
Thu 28 Oct * India: Fri 29 Oct	Diwali (Lakshmi Puja) Lakshmi Puja 18:19 to 19:54 BST · Pradosh Kaal 17:43 to 20:33 BST	Thu 16:18 to Fri 14:36 BST
Sat 30 Oct	Bestu Varas · Govardhan Puja Govardhan Puja and Bhai Dooj fall on the same day this year: Pratipada is running at sunrise and Dwitiya by the afternoon, so both are kept that day. The day before has Amavasya at sunrise, so neither falls on it.	Fri 14:36 to Sat 13:22 BST
Sat 30 Oct * India: Sun 31 Oct	Bhai Dooj Govardhan Puja and Bhai Dooj fall on the same day this year: Pratipada is running at sunrise and Dwitiya by the afternoon, so both are kept that day. The day before has Amavasya at sunrise, so neither falls on it.	Sat 13:22 BST to Sun 11:43 GMT
Sun, 31 Oct 2027: clocks go back. Times from here are GMT.		
Thu 4 Nov	Chhath Puja	Wed 14:02 to Thu 16:08 GMT

* = a day earlier in the UK than in India; the India date is shown under it. Festivals with no India date shown fall on the same day there. The tithi window is when the lunar day that sets the festival runs.

Why UK and India dates can differ. A festival follows the lunar day (tithi) running at a set time, such as sunrise, midday or the evening. Leicester sunrise comes about five and a half hours after New Delhi's, so when a tithi starts in that gap, the festival can fall a day earlier here (marked *).