

Sunnah & Bid'ah Occasions Throughout The Islamic Year

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The Islaamic Hijrah calendar is based upon the lunar month of 30 days or 29 days (according to the sighting of the new moon) and dates back to the year in which the Hijrah (migration) was made by the Muslims from Makkah to Madeenah. This document simply outlines important dates for the Muslims throughout the Islaamic Hijrah year. It also lists the customs of many ignorant Muslims throughout the world who have taken certain dates from the history of Islam and made them specific occasions for celebration and/or worship. It has been our intention to research these dates and warn against the establishment of such dates as occasions for celebration and/or worship.

Finally, a sincere effort has been made to make the following listing as comprehensive as possible, however, should anyone have knowledge of any other specific dates which we may have missed, then please kindly inform us so that we may add it to the list below, wa jazaakumullaahu khayr.

1 – Muharram



Day 9 and 10 or 10 and 11: **SUNNAH**

'Aashooraa - Fasting recommended

Day 10: **INNOVATION**

Performing a sacrifice during the day

2 – Safar



Day 6: **INNOVATION**

Performing a sacrifice during the day

3 – Rabee' al-Awwal



Day 12: **INNOVATION**

'Eed Milaad an-Nabee - Celebrating the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad (sal-Allaahu `alayhe wa sallam)

4 – Rabee' ath-Thaane / al-Aakhir



5 – Jumaada al-Awwal



6 – Jumaada ath-Thaane



7 – Rajab



Day 1 to 30: **INNOVATION**

Increasing in worship because it is the month of Rajab

Day 26: **INNOVATION**

Celebrating the night journey of the Prophet Muhammad (sal-Allaahu `alayhe wa sallam) to al-Quds (Jerusalem), and from their his ascension to the Heavens

Day 27: **INNOVATION**

Performing a sacrifice during the day, then standing the night in voluntary prayer

8 - Sha'baan

شعبان

Day 15: INNOVATION

Fasting during the day and standing the night in voluntary prayer (also referred to as "shabee baraat")

9 - Ramadhaan

رمضان

Day 1 to 30: FARDH / WAAJIB

Fasting

Day 1 to 30: SUNNAH

'Umrah recommended once on any day

Day 17 (Battle of Badr): INNOVATION

Gathering in the masajid at night to recite Soorah Yaaseen

Day 27: INNOVATION

Celebrating the night in anticipation of Laylatul-Qadr (The Night of Power)

10 - Shawwaal

شوال

Day 1: FARDH / WAAJIB

`Eed al-Fitr

Day 2 to 30: SUNNAH

Fasting recommended for any six days

Day 15: INNOVATION

Performing a sacrifice during the day

11 - Dhul-Qi'dah

ذو القعدة

12 - Dhul-Hijjah

ذو الحجة

Day 1 to 9: SUNNAH

Fasting recommended

Day 10: FARDH / WAAJIB

`Eed al-Adhhaa

For those performing Hajj:

Day 8 to 13: FARDH / WAAJIB (once in a lifetime)

Performance of Hajj rites

Throughout the Islaamic Hijrah year:

Every Monday and Thursday - Fasting recommended

Every 13th, 14th and 15th of every month - Fasting recommended

Every other day of every month - Fasting permissible (the fast of the Prophet Daawood ('alayhis-salaam))

On the occasion of anyone's birthday - Nothing specific recommended