

GCC public holidays 2027

Expected holiday days, national days and pay rules for working on a holiday

COUNTRY	EXPECTED HOLIDAY DAYS	IF STAFF WORK ON A HOLIDAY
UAE	12 (13)	Substitute day off, or pay plus at least 50% of basic
Saudi Arabia	10	Overtime: hourly wage plus 50% of basic
Qatar	10 (+ Sport Day)	Another day off plus extra pay
Bahrain	About 15	150% of wage, or substitute leave
Oman	About 14 (15)	Extra pay or paid rest days
Kuwait	About 13	Double pay plus an extra day off

Expected Islamic dates in 2027

HOLIDAY	EXPECTED DATE	DAY
Isra and Mi'raj	5 January	Tuesday
Ramadan begins	8 February	Monday
Eid al-Fitr	9 March	Tuesday
Arafat Day	15 May	Saturday
Eid al-Adha	16 May	Sunday
Hijri New Year (1449)	6 June	Sunday
Prophet's Birthday	14 August	Saturday

Islamic holidays depend on the moon sighting and can move by a day. Dates on this page are expected, based on the Umm al-Qura calendar. We will update this page as soon as official dates are announced.