

FESTIVALS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Islamic Festival	Date
Yum Al-Ashura	6 th January, 2009
Milad An-Nabi	9 th March, 2009
Miraj An-Nabi	26 th July, 2009
Lailatul Barat	5 th August, 2009
1 st Ramadan	22 nd August, 2009
Lailatul Qadr	16 th September, 2009
Jummatul Wida	18 th September, 2009
Eid Al-Fitr	21 st September, 2009
Yum Al-Arafat (Hajj Day)	27 th November, 2009
Eid-Al-Adha	28 th November, 2009
1 st Muharram 1431 AH Islamic New Year	18 th December, 2009
Yum Al-Ashura	27 th December, 2009

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Glossary:

AH: "After Hijrah" which means after migration of the Prophet Muhammad from Makkah to Madina. This date is start of Islamic Calendar.

Miraj An-Nabi: "The Ascent of the Prophet Muhammad" to Heavens to meet God.

Lailatul Barat: The night when God decides the fates of the people for the next year.

Lailatul Qadr: The night of Power" when God is most merciful on people.

Jummat ul Wida: Last Friday of the month of Ramadan.

Eid Al-Fitr: Festival at the end of Ramadan.

Yum Al-Arafat: The day of Pilgrimage (The Hajj).

Eid Al-Adha: The festival to commemorate the great sacrifice of the Prophet Ibraheem & Ismaeel, Peace be upon them.

Milad An-Nabi: Birth date of Prophet Muhammad, Peace be upon him.

Lunar calendar is about 10 days shorter than the solar calendar.