

# Calendar contemplation

Different lineages of the Buddhist path celebrate certain days of the year that have significance or importance. Below are some of the celebrations Theravādan practitioners celebrate each year!

## February 12, 2025 - **Magha Puja Day**

A day to celebrate the three jewels of Buddhism: Buddha, Dharma, Sangha. It is celebrated on the day of the full moon in the third lunar month.

## February 15, 2025 - **Nirvana day**

Parinirvana Day, or Nirvana Day, is an annual, mainly Mahayana, Buddhist festival that remembers the death of the Buddha when he reached Nirvana at the age of 80. Most Buddhists celebrate Nirvana Day on February 15. Others celebrate it on February 8.

## April 13 / May 12, 2025 - **Theravadan New Year / Vesak**

Celebrates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Gautama Buddha. It is also called Buddha Jayanti, Buddha Purnima, and Buddha Day. For Theravadan Buddhists, the celebration is observed three days after the first full moon appears in April every year and this day will be marked on April 13. For most other Buddhists, Vesak is observed on the day of the first full moon in May.

## July 10, 2025 - **Dharma day / Asalha**

Commemorates the day when the Buddha delivered his first sermon at Sarnath in Uttar Pradesh, India. It falls on the first full moon of the eighth lunar month.

## December 8, 2025 - **Bodhi day**

The day Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment and is a significant marker for Buddhism becoming a spiritual path. Different sects celebrate Bodhi day on different days, however many secular practitioners celebrate on December 8 each year.

