

ALGERIA

Local time GMT + 1

New Year	1 January
Labour Day	1 May
Historical Readjustment Day	19 June
Independence Day	5 July
Anniversary of the Revolution	1 November

BAHRAIN

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New Year	1 January
Labour Day	1 May
National Day	16 & 17 December

DJIBOUTI

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New Year	1 January
Labour Day	1 May
Independence Day	27-28 June

All Major Christian and Muslim Religious Festivals

EGYPTLocal time GMT + 2
1 May – 30 September GMT + 3

Sham al Nasim	16 April
Sinai Liberation Day	25 April
Labour Day	1 May
Evacuation Day (Liberation Day)	18 June
Revolution Day	23 July
Armed Forces Day	6 October
Suez Day	24 October

IRAN

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New Year's Day	1 January
Arbaeen	28 February
Norouz	20 March
Norouz	23 March
Easter Monday	24 March
13th Day of Norouz (Nature Day)	1 April
Birthday of Imam Ali	17 July
Prophet Mohammad's Call to Mission	30 July
Birthday of 12th Imam	17 August
Martyrdom of Imam Ali	26 October

[N.B. MEMBER COMPANIES ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO DOUBLE CHECK THESE DATES BEFORE VISITING IRAN]**IRAQ**

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New Year	1 January
Army Day	6 January
Spring Festival	21 March
Labour Day	1 May
Republic Day	14 July

JORDAN

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 1 May – 31 August GMT + 3

New Year's Day	1 January
Birthday of King Abdullah II	30 January
Labour Day	1 May
Independence Day	25 May
Accession Day	8 June
Birthday of His Late Majesty King Hussein	14 November
Christmas Day	25 December

KUWAIT

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New Year	1 January
National Day	25 February
Liberation Day	26 February

LEBANON

Local time GMT + 2
 1 May – 20 September GMT + 3
 European weekend

New Year	1 January
Christmas Day (Armenian)	6 January
St Maroun's Day	9 February
Good Friday (Western Churches)	21 March
Good Friday (Eastern Churches)	28 March
Labour Day	1 May
Assumption Day	15 August
Independence Day	22 November
Christmas Day	25 December

All major Christian and Muslim Religious Festivals

LIBYA

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Other ad hoc holidays in addition to those listed below are occasionally announced at very short notice.

Declaration of the People's Power	2 March
US Evacuation Day	11 June
Revolution Day	1 September

MAURITANIA

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New Year	1 January
Labour Day	1 May
OAU Day	25 May
Independence Day	28 November

MOROCCO	Local time GMT European weekend	
New Year		1 January
Independence Manifest		11 January
Labour Day		1 May
Enthronement Day		30 July
Oued Eddahab Allegiance Day		14 August
The King and People's Revolution Day		20 August
Youth Day (King's Birthday)		21 August
Green March Anniversary		6 November
Independence Day		18 November

OMAN	Local time GMT + 4	
Accession Day		23 July
National Day		18 November

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY AREAS	Local time GMT + 2	
New Year		1 January
Good Friday		21 March
Easter Monday		24 March
Greek Orthodox Easter Monday		31 March
Christmas Day		25 December
Boxing Day		26 December
Christmas Privilege Day		27 December

QATAR	Local time GMT + 3	
National Day		18 December

SAUDI ARABIA Local time GMT + 3

The 'Id-al-Fitr and 'Id-al-Adha last 6-8 days but the private sector tend to take shorter holidays.

Visits, particularly to Jedda, are impracticable during the 'Id-al-Adha and inadvisable within 2-3 weeks before and after it.

Other Muslim feasts are not observed and there are no non-religious holidays.

SOMALIA	Local time GMT + 3	
New Year		1 January
Labour Day		1 May
Independence Day of former British Somaliland		26 June
Independence Day of Somali Republic		1 July
Anniversary of 1969 Revolution		21-22 October

SUDAN	Local time GMT + 2	
Independence Day/New Year		1 January
National Salvation Revolution Day		30 June
Christmas Day		25 December

SYRIA

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 1 May – 1 October GMT + 3

New Year	1 January
Revolution Day	8 March
Mothers' Day	21 March
National Day	17 April
Labour Day	1 May
Martyrs' Day	6 May
Christmas Day	25 December

TUNISIA

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 European weekend

New Year	1 January
Independence Day	20 March
Youth Day	21 March
Martyrs' Day	9 April
Labour Day	1 May
Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic (1957)	25 July
Women's Day	13 August
Anniversary of the Change (1987)	7 November

TURKEY

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 European weekend

Of the Muslim Feast days only Seker Bayram ('Id-al-Fitr) and Kurban Bayram ('Id-al-Adha) are official holidays.

New Year	1 January
National Sovereignty and Children's Day	23 April
Ataturk's Commemoration and Youth Sports Day	19 May
Victory Day	30 August
Feast after Ramadan	1 – 3 October
Republic Day	28 October (½ day) and 29 October
Feast of Sacrifice	9 (½ day) - 13 Dec

N.B. All public offices, departments etc, and most private businesses are closed all day on Saturday as well as Sunday.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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New Year	1 January
Accession of the Ruler of Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi only)	6 August
UAE National Day	2 December
Christmas Day (for Christians)	25 December

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

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May Day	1 May
National Day	22 May
Revolution Day (1962) of North Yemen	26 September
Revolution Day (1967) of North Yemen	14 October
Independence Day (1968) of South Yemen	30 November