

## Islamic Calendar

The lunar calendar is known as the Hijri calendar that consists of 12 lunar months of either 29 or 30 days depending on the sighting of a new moon at the beginning of each month. The sighting of the crescent moon marks the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan.

The Islamic calendar commenced with the migration of the Prophet Muhammed (Peace and Blessings Be Upon Him) from Mecca to Medina known as the Hijra.

The first year of the Islamic calendar is known as 1 AH (After Hijra).

The Hijra is a significant and vital event in Islamic history. The Islamic calendar is based on the Hijra.

Recap the 12 months of the Hijri calendar (Islamic calendar)

Which month are we in now? What is the cultural significance of each month?

**Muharram**  
الْمُحَرَّم

**Safar**  
صَفَر

**Rabi' al-Awwal**  
رَبِيعُ الْأَوَّل

**Rabi' al-Akhir**  
رَبِيعُ الْآخِر

**Jumada al-Awwal**  
جُمَادَى الْأُولَى

**Jumada al-Akhir**  
جُمَادَى الْآخِرَةَ

**Rajab**  
رَجَب

**Sha'ban**  
شَعْبَانَ

**Ramadan**  
رَمَضَانَ

**Shawwal**  
شَوَّال

**Dhul-Qad'ah**  
ذُو الْقَعْدَةِ

**Dhul-Hijjah**  
ذُو الْحِجَّةِ