Kerala government holiday list 2026

Public holidays for Kerala government offices, with the weekday for each date and the long weekends they create.

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holidays listed	on a working day	on a weekly off	long weekend

Holidays

#	Date	Day	Holiday
1	2 January	Friday	Mannam Jayanthi
2	26 January	Monday	Republic Day
3	20 March	Friday	Id-ul-Fitr (Ramzan) Date may change
4	2 April	Thursday	Maundy Thursday
5	3 April	Friday	Good Friday
6	14 April	Tuesday	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanthi
7	15 April	Wednesday	Vishu
8	1 May	Friday	May Day
9	27 May	Wednesday	Id-ul-Ad'ha (Bakrid) Date may change
10	25 June	Thursday	Muharram Date may change
11	12 August	Wednesday	Karkkadaka Vavu
12	15 August	Saturday	Independence Day
13	25 August	Tuesday	First Onam, Milad-i-Sherif Date may change
14	26 August	Wednesday	Thiruvonam
15	27 August	Thursday	Third Onam
16	28 August	Friday	Fourth Onam, Sree Narayana Guru Jayanthi, Ayyankali Jayanthi
17	4 September	Friday	Sreekrishna Jayanthi
18	21 September	Monday	Sree Narayana Guru Samadhi Day
19	2 October	Friday	Gandhi Jayanthi
20	20 October	Tuesday	Mahanavami
21	21 October	Wednesday	Vijayadasami
22	25 December	Friday	Christmas

Long weekends in 2026

Dates	Length	Holiday
25 Aug to 28 Aug	4 days	First Onam, Milad-i-Sherif, Thiruvonam, Third Onam, Fourth Onam, Sree Narayana Guru Jayanthi, Ayyankali Jayanthi

Counts every Sunday and every second Saturday as off, as the notification does for state offices. Uses only the holidays above.

Good to know

- **Onam.** The Onam holidays run from 25 to 28 August, from First Onam to Fourth Onam, and with the weekend they give a long break.
- **On a Sunday.** Mahasivarathri (15 February), Easter (5 April) and Deepavali (8 November) fall on a Sunday and are not counted.
- **Restricted holidays.** Three community-specific restricted holidays exist: Ayya Vaikunda Swami Jayanthi (4 March), Avani Avittom (28 August) and Vishwakarma Day (17 September). They are for employees of those communities only and are not counted.
- **One-off holiday.** The Kerala Chief Electoral Officer's site carries a General Administration Department order dated 21 March 2026 declaring Thursday 9 April 2026 a public holiday for all public offices, for polling in the Legislative Assembly election. It is not part of the annual list.
- **Banks.** 1 April 2026 is the annual closing of accounts for banks, not a general holiday for government offices.
- Id-ul-Fitr, Id-ul-Ad'ha, Muharram and Milad-i-Sherif depend on the moon. The copies mark them as subject to change.

> **Source:** Kerala Government General Administration Department list of holidays for 2026 (Gazette notification dated 31 October 2025), as published by greytHR and GoodReturns, read on 10 November 2026. Weekdays checked against the calendar. This list is for information and is not legal advice.

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