Lakshadweep government holiday list 2026

Public holidays for Lakshadweep 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 weekends

Holidays

#	Date	Day	Holiday
1	14 January	Wednesday	Pongal / Makar Sankranti
2	26 January	Monday	Republic Day
3	4 March	Wednesday	Holi
4	21 March	Saturday	Id-ul-Fitr
5	26 March	Thursday	Ram Navami
6	31 March	Tuesday	Mahavir Jayanti
7	1 May	Friday	Budha Purnima
8	28 May	Thursday	Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid) Date may change
9	26 June	Friday	Muharram Date may change
10	15 August	Saturday	Independence Day / Naoroz
11	26 August	Wednesday	Onam / Milad-un-Nabi or Id-e-Milad Date may change
12	4 September	Friday	Janmashtami
13	14 September	Monday	Ganesh Chaturthi / Vinayak Chaturthi
14	2 October	Friday	Gandhi Jayanti
15	20 October	Tuesday	Dussehra (Vijay Dashmi)
16	24 November	Tuesday	Guru Nanak's Birthday
17	25 December	Friday	Christmas Day

Long weekends in 2026

None this year with the weekly offs counted above.

> Counts every Sunday as off. Saturday holidays in the list are counted as off too. Uses only the holidays above.

Good to know

- Applies to all Government offices under the Lakshadweep Administration; the closed list is also applicable to banks in Lakshadweep, with 1 April 2026 an extra bank closing day.
- Any change in date of Id-ul-Fitr, Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid), Muharram and Milad-un-Nabi depends on moon sighting; Director (GAP) issues orders for Kavaratti, DCs/BDOs/AO Kochi for other offices.

- Bakrid was notified for 27 May 2026 (Wednesday). The 25 May 2026 OM shifts it to 28 May (Thursday) for Govt offices, banks and court at Kavaratti Island; no order seen for other islands. 28 May is used.
- Id-ul-Fitr (21 Mar) and Independence Day (15 Aug) fall on a Saturday.
- Diwali (8 Nov) is not in the closed list and appears only as a restricted holiday (a Sunday this year).
- Restricted entry 'Shiva ji Jayanthi' is printed with year 2025 (19.02.2025) in the notification, an apparent typo; the weekday given (Thursday) matches 19 Feb 2026.
- **Optional holidays.** Each employee may avail any two of 34 restricted holidays (Annexure II), e.g. New Year's Day 1 Jan, Hazrat Ali's Birthday 3 Jan, Rajab 27 on 16 Jan, Good Friday 3 Apr, Rath Yatra 16 Jul, Christmas Eve 24 Dec. Maha Shivratri, Diwali, Naraka Chaturdasi and Chhath fall on Sundays (restricted list).
- **Saturdays.** We could not confirm which Saturdays are off for state offices, so only Sundays are counted as weekly offs.
- **Source difference.** Bakrid 27 May (original notification list of 17.12.2025) vs 28 May (OM of 25.05.2026, Kavaratti). Chose 28 May.
- **Source difference.** Aggregator lists (greytHR etc.) give mixed or different dates; official text used instead.
- Festivals tied to the moon, such as the Eid festivals and Muharram, can move by a day. Any change is announced at short notice.

> **Source:** Lakshadweep Government notification F.No.35/02/2018-Genl/864 dated 17.12.2025, Lakshadweep Administration, General Administration & Protocol, Kavaratti; Bakrid shifted for Kavaratti by Office Memorandum F.No.35/02/2018-Genl dated 25.05.2026 (Lakshadweep Gazette Extraordinary Vol. LXII No.12) (holidays for 2026), as read from Lakshadweep Administration notification 17.12.2025 (Holiday List for the year 2026) and Lakshadweep Gazette Extraordinary Vol. LXII No.12, 25 May 2026, read on 10 November 2026. Weekdays checked against the calendar. This list is for information and is not legal advice.

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