

## Triratna Festival Dates 2016 – 2025 CE

CE Year	Buddha Day	Dharma Day	Padmasambhava Day	Sangha Day
2016	21 May	19 July	10 September	14 November
2017	10 May	9 July	29 September	4 November
2018	29 May	27 July	18 September	23 November
2019	18 May	16 July	7 October	12 November
2020	7 May	5 July	26 September	30 November
2021	26 May	24 July	16 September	19 November
2022	16 May	13 July	4 October	8 November
2023	5 May	3 July	24 September	27 November
2024	23 May	21 July	12 September	15 November
2025	12 May	10 July	30 September	5 November

### Fixed date festivals (solar calendar):

- Parinirvana Day 15 February
- Triratna Sangha Day 6 April (the anniversary of the founding of the FWBO in 1967) - the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Triratna Buddhist Community is in 2017
- Triratna Order Day 7 April (the anniversary of the founding of the WBO in 1968) – the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Triratna Buddhist Order is in 2018
- Sangharakshita's birthday 26 August (b. 1925)

The lunar calendar festivals are calculated according to the first full moon (in the UK) of May, July, and November. Padmasambhava Day is calculated according to the tenth day of the lunar month starting in September. CE years are given as there is no general agreement between the different traditions on the counting of Buddhist years, but in 1957 the 2500th Buddha Jayanti was celebrated internationally and we therefore calculate the Buddhist year by adding 543 to the CE year. There may be some variation from (and between) Indian, Burmese, Sri Lankan, and Tibetan (etc) festival dates, because their calendars vary and some are not fixed more than a couple of years in advance, and because the full moon sometimes occurs in Asia the day after the UK because of the time difference. (For example, in 2002 the lunar month of Vaishakha fell in April in India, but in Burma it was in May.) Bhante therefore decided that we should always simply choose the first full moon of the relevant (western) month. This will occasionally conflict with the supposed statement in the scriptures that there were two lunar months between the Buddha's Enlightenment (Buddha Day) and his first teaching (Dharma or Dharmachakra Day) although if anyone knows where this is actually stated I would be interested to know.

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