

MEANING

- Vaisakhi is derived from the name of a Nakshatra known as Vishakha.
- Sikh New Year, regarded as one of the most important dates on the Sikh calendar.
- Marks the start of the Punjabi New Year.
- Celebrates the birth of Khalsa and symbolizes standing up to oppression.

GREETINGS

- “Happy and Prosperous Vaisakhi.”

WHEN

- Takes place during the traditional harvest festival in Punjab, celebrated on April 13 or 14.

COMMON PRACTICES

- Singing, dancing and music performances.
- Visiting temples in traditional Punjabi clothing.
- Large feasts and community meals (Langars) take place to share traditional food. The meals symbolize equality and everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Sikhs travel in the city singing and being led by the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh holy scripture, is known as Nagar Kirtan. They are all led by the Panj Pyaarey, or five baptized Sikhs, to symbolize the five Sikhs baptized during the creation of the Khalsa.



Vaisakhi

Punjabi

Vai·saa·kee



- Those celebrating might choose to take the day off work or school.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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Type of Calendar:

Hindu/Sikh (solar)

