



2008 Holidays and Festivals in China

Month	Day(s)	Holiday Name	Major or Minor	Regional or National	Significance of Holiday
Jan	1-2	New Years Day	Minor	National	Not a big deal, but business generally shut down for the Western New Years Day
Feb	6-12	Chinese New Year and Spring Festival	Major	National	Biggest Holiday of the year. Everyone travels home to be with their family and everything shuts down. Holiday is based on the New Year per the lunar calendar.
Mar	23	Easter	Minor	National	Anniversary of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
Apr	4-6	Ching Ming Festival	Minor	National	New Holiday
May	1 - 3	Labor Day	Major	National	Usually 2 days to 1 week varies according to Local Government policy
May	5	Buddha's Birthday	Minor	National	
May	31	Tuen Ng Day	Minor	National	
Jun	7-9	Dragon Boat Festival	Minor	National	Festival is to honor ancient leader of China and falls on the 5th day of the 5th lunar month.
Jul	1	SAR Establishment Day	Minor	National	
Jul	1	Birthday of the CCP	Minor	National	No real holiday here
Sep	13-15	Mid Autumn Festival	Minor	National	Holiday represents the best moon of the year and is for family reunions and falls on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month.
Oct	Sep 29 Oct 5	National Day	Major	National	Similar in magnitude to the Chinese New Year, similar culturally to Independence day in the US, Government has encouraged people take long holidays in the recent years to promote spending and tourism.
Oct	30	Chung Yeung Day	Minor	National	Holiday for the Older People
Dec	25-26	Christmas	Minor	National	Birth of Jesus Christ

* Remember, Summer time is power shortage time and many factories will have occasional "power holidays" when they are forced to stop energy intensive work

** Remember, Christmas starts in August and runs through early December when it comes to shipping - expect delays and extra costs at this time of year