



## 2009 Holidays and Festivals in China

Month	Day(s)	Holiday Name	Major or Minor	Regional or National	Significance of Holiday
Jan	1-2	Western New Year	Minor	National	Not a big deal, but business generally shuts down.
Jan	25-31	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.
Apr	4-6	Ching Min Festival	Minor	National	New Holiday
Apr	12	Easter	Minor	National	Anniversary of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
May	1-3	Labor Day	Major	National	Usually 2 days to 1 week - varies according to local Govt policy
May	5	Buddha's Birthday	Minor	National	
May	28-30	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
Oct	1-2	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	3-8	Mid-Autumn Festival	Minor	National	Holiday represents the best moon of the year and is for family reunions. Falls on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month.
Dec	25	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 the year.