

Main holidays

Belgium's national holidays

There are officially 12 Belgian national holidays but two fall on a Sunday - Easter Sunday and Whit Sunday (Whitsun or Pentecost) - typically giving workers 10 Belgian public holidays, or less other Belgian holidays fall on a Sunday.

Sunday 1 January: New Years Day

Monday after Eastern: Easter Monday

Monday 1 May: Labour Day

Thursday May: Ascension Day (40 days after Easter)

Monday ... June: Whit Monday - the seventh Monday after Easter, also known as Pentecost Monday.

Friday 21 July: Belgium National Day (Belgian Independence Day) - commemorates the day Leopold I took the constitutional oath as the first King of Belgium in 1831.

Tuesday 15 August: Assumption Day (Assumption of Mary)

Wednesday 1 November: [All Saints' Day](#)

Saturday 11 November: Armistice Day

Monday 25 December: Christmas Day

Important holidays in Belgium

These Belgian holidays are not typically granted as public holidays in Belgium but some are widely celebrated around the country.

Friday 6 January: Epiphany (Three Kings' Day)

Last Sunday of March: Clocks go forward one hour as daylight saving time (DST)

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Sunday ... May: Mother's Day (second Sunday in May)

Monday May 8: Feast of the Iris - Feast Day of the Brussels-Capital Region

Sunday ... June: Father's Day (second Sunday in June)

Sunday September: Feast Day of the Walloon Region (the third Sunday of September)

Last Sunday of October: Clocks go back one hour (DST ends)

2 November: All Souls Day - a Christian holiday although public offices typically close.

Wednesday 15 November: Dynasty Day, Feast of the Dynasty or King's Feast - although not a public holiday, most government offices close.

Wednesday 6 December: St Nicholas Day - when *Sinterklass/Saint Nicolas* fills children's shoes with presents.

June 21 and December 21: Solstice - longest and shortest days of the year.