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The Islamic (Hijri) Months

The twelve months of the lunar Hijri calendar

No.	Arabic	Month	Notes
1	محرم	Muharram	Islamic New Year is 1 Muharram; Ashura is 10 Muharram
2	صفر	Safar	
3	ربيع الأول	Rabi' al-Awwal	
4	ربيع الآخر ربيع الثاني	Rabi' al-Thani <i>Also: Rabi' al-Akhir</i>	
5	جمادى الأولى	Jumada al-Awwal <i>Also: Jumada al-Ula</i>	
6	جمادى الآخرة جمادى الثانية	Jumada al-Thani <i>Also: Jumada al-Akhirah</i>	
7	رجب	Rajab	
8	شعبان	Sha'ban	
9	رمضان	Ramadan	The month of fasting (sawm)
10	شوال	Shawwal	Eid al-Fitr is 1 Shawwal
11	ذو القعدة	Dhu al-Qi'dah <i>Also: Dhu al-Qa'dah</i>	
12	ذو الحجة	Dhu al-Hijjah	The month of Hajj; Eid al-Adha is 10 Dhu al-Hijjah

Each month has 29 or 30 days and begins with the new crescent moon, so the Hijri year of twelve months is about 354 or 355 days, roughly 11 days shorter than the Gregorian year. Year 1 begins with the Hijrah in 622 CE.

Spellings vary: Rabi' al-Thani or Rabi' al-Akhir; Jumada al-Thani or Jumada al-Akhirah; Dhu al-Qi'dah or Dhu al-Qa'dah; Sha'ban. Some communities begin months by sighting the moon and others by calculation, so the start can differ by a day.

