

South Korea 2025

Public holiday calendar

Date	Day	Holiday	Type
Jan 1	Wednesday	New Year's Day	Public holiday
Jan 27	Monday	Temporary Public Holiday Designated by the Cabinet to bridge the weekend and Seollal into a six-day break.	Public holiday
Jan 28 - 30		Seollal (Lunar New Year) Korea's biggest holiday: New Year's Eve, the day itself (Jan 29) and the day after.	Public holiday
Mar 1	Saturday	Independence Movement Day Commemorates the March 1, 1919 independence movement; falls on a Saturday in 2025.	Public holiday
Mar 3	Monday	Substitute Holiday (Independence Movement Day) Independence Movement Day falls on a Saturday, so Monday is a substitute holiday.	Substitute holiday
May 5	Monday	Children's Day & Buddha's Birthday In 2025 Children's Day and Buddha's Birthday fall on the same Monday.	Public holiday
May 6	Tuesday	Substitute Holiday Because Children's Day overlaps Buddha's Birthday, the next day is a substitute holiday.	Substitute holiday
Jun 6	Friday	Memorial Day Honours those who died in military service; no substitute holiday applies.	Public holiday
Aug 15	Friday	Liberation Day Marks liberation from Japanese colonial rule in 1945.	Public holiday
Oct 3	Friday	National Foundation Day Celebrates the legendary founding of Korea; opens the October Golden Week.	Public holiday
Oct 5 - 7		Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving) The harvest festival: the eve, Chuseok itself (Oct 6) and the day after.	Public holiday
Oct 8	Wednesday	Substitute Holiday (Chuseok) Chuseok starts on Sunday (Oct 5), so a substitute holiday is added on Oct 8.	Substitute holiday
Oct 9	Thursday	Hangeul Day Celebrates the creation of the Korean alphabet; closes the October Golden Week.	Public holiday
Dec 25	Thursday	Christmas Day	Public holiday