

South Korea 2026

Public holiday calendar

Date	Day	Holiday	Type
Jan 1	Thursday	New Year's Day	Public holiday
Feb 16 - 18		Seollal (Lunar New Year) New Year's Eve, the day itself (Feb 17) and the day after. No substitute as none falls on a Sunday.	Public holiday
Mar 1	Sunday	Independence Movement Day Falls on a Sunday in 2026.	Public holiday
Mar 2	Monday	Substitute Holiday (Independence Movement Day) Independence Movement Day falls on a Sunday, so Monday is a substitute holiday.	Substitute holiday
May 1	Friday	Labour Day A public holiday for the first time in 2026 - now a day off for civil servants and teachers too, not only workers.	Public holiday
May 5	Tuesday	Children's Day	Public holiday
May 24	Sunday	Buddha's Birthday Eighth day of the fourth lunar month; falls on a Sunday in 2026.	Public holiday
May 25	Monday	Substitute Holiday (Buddha's Birthday) Buddha's Birthday falls on a Sunday, so Monday is a substitute holiday.	Substitute holiday
Jun 3	Wednesday	Local Election Day The 9th nationwide local elections; election days are temporary public holidays in Korea.	Public holiday
Jun 6	Saturday	Memorial Day Falls on a Saturday in 2026; Memorial Day has no substitute holiday.	Public holiday
Jul 17	Friday	Constitution Day Reinstated as a public holiday in 2026 for the first time since 2008.	Public holiday
Aug 15	Saturday	Liberation Day Falls on a Saturday in 2026.	Public holiday
Aug 17	Monday	Substitute Holiday (Liberation Day) Liberation Day falls on a Saturday, so the next working day is a substitute holiday.	Substitute holiday
Sep 24 - 26		Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving) The eve, Chuseok itself (Sep 25) and the day after. No substitute, as none falls on a Sunday.	Public holiday
Oct 3	Saturday	National Foundation Day Falls on a Saturday in 2026.	Public holiday

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Oct 5	Monday	Substitute Holiday (National Foundation Day) National Foundation Day falls on a Saturday, so the next working day is a substitute holiday.	Substitute holiday
Oct 9	Friday	Hangeul Day	Public holiday
Dec 25	Friday	Christmas Day	Public holiday