

depend on actual sightings of the moon, they are approximately 11 days earlier from one Gregorian (Standard Canadian) year to the next. The exact beginning of each Id is only known a few days (or hours) beforehand.

The following is a list of official public holidays in Nigeria:

New Year's Day — *January 1*

Id El Maulid (Prophets Birthday) — *(1 day)*

Good Friday — *March or April (as in Canada)*

Easter Monday — *March or April (as in Canada)*

Id El Fitr (end of fasting month)— *July 20 or 21**
(maximum of two days)

Id El Kabir (Hajj Festival) — *September 28 or 29**
(officially two days)

National Day — *October 1*

Christmas Day — *December 25*

Boxing Day — *December 26*

*Approximate for 1983

Local Time — Nigeria is one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time; six hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time; and five hours ahead of Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Business Hours — Government offices are usually open from 0730 - 1530 (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.), Monday to Friday. As a rule, government offices are also open Saturday mornings, but there is a trend in some states toward working alternate Saturdays or no Saturdays at all.

Banks are open to the public from 0800 - 1300 (8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) Monday to Friday. Commercial offices are generally open from 0800 - 1230 (8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and from 1400 - 1630 (2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.), five days a week. Stores remain open Saturday mornings.

In the north, where the Moslem religion predominates, government and commercial offices usually close at 1300 (1:00 p.m.) on Friday.