

# Multicultural Calendar 2022



## *Power of Connection*

• Diversity & Inclusion • United Nations Days • New & Full Moons

- Bahá'í • Buddhist • Christian • Hindu • Indigenous Peoples
- Islam • Jain • Jewish • Shinto • Sikh • Wicca • Zoroastrian



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The 2022 Multicultural Calendar is titled “Power of Connection”. Connection is an energy exchange between people, animals and the Earth. It has the power to deepen the bond between people, inspire change and build trust. This basic need to form, grow and sustain relationships and to belong to a group, team or family, is universal. We are social creatures who crave human interaction. Now more than ever, we all need real connection, dependable emotional support, and a feeling of belonging — whoever we are, wherever we are.





# What are some of the special features of other calendar systems?

Members of the **Islamic** faith observe Fridays as their major day of worship. The fast of Ramadan begins at sundown on the evening before the date given; there is no prohibition on working during Ramadan. The two days of required religious observance are Eid-ul-Fitr (Festival of Fastbreaking) and Eid-ul-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice). Members of the Islamic faith are prohibited from working on those two days. All the dates of Islamic observance are tentative because they are based on the first local sightings of the lunar crescent of the new moon.

The **Jewish** religious day is Saturday - Shabbat - and begins at sundown on Friday until sundown on Saturday. All days of religious significance for the Jewish faith begin at sundown on the evening before the date given.

The **Baha'i** year begins at the spring equinox, on March 21. Their calendar is comprised of 19 months, each 19 days long, and four "intercalary days (February 26 to March 1). The Baha'i day begins at sundown before the date listed and end at sundown on the date listed. The Baha'i Fast is observed every year from March 2 to March 20. Children under the age of 15, the elderly, pregnant and nursing mothers, those who are ill or engaged in heavy labour are exempt from observing the Fast.

Until March 31, 1998, the **Sikhs** used the Hindu lunisolar (Bikrami) calendar to determine their feast days. They now use their own solar Nanakshahi Calendar which started on March 14th, 1999 Gregorian. The era (1 Chet 1 Nanakshahi) is the date of the birth of the first Guru, Nanak Dev, in 1469. Although all

observances are now fixed, Guru Nanak's birthday and Holla Mohalla continue to be moveable feasts based on the lunar calendar.

Most **Buddhists** with the exception of the Japanese Buddhists, use the Lunar calendar. Dates of Buddhist festivals vary between different traditions and from country to country. For example, people from Thailand, Burma and Sri Lanka celebrate their New Year in mid-April, whereas Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean Buddhists follow the lunar calendar and celebrate it in January or February. Tibetan Buddhists usually celebrate a month later.

The **Christian** faith has three separate calendars: The Western or Gregorian calendar is that of the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches.

The **Orthodox** or Julian Calendar is divided into 12 months of 30 days each, and a 13th month of 5 or 6 days at the end of the year, hence the date for Christmas is on Jan. 7th. It is the same as the Western Calendar for all fixed feasts but uses the Julian calendar for moveable feasts such as Easter and is used primarily by the Greek and Cypriot Orthodox Churches. This calendar is used mainly in eastern Europe, eastern Mediterranean, Russia, Romania, Serbia, Greece, Bulgaria, Georgia, Cyprus, Czech, Slovenia, Poland and Albania.

The **Orthodox Coptic** Calendar is 13 days behind the Julian Calendar and is used by most other Orthodox churches in Egypt, Ethiopia, Entrea, Sudan and the Middle East.

Make this calendar an informational tool to schedule your appointments, meetings and events. We took your suggestions, and have provided the following icons to help you identify and honour significant events and holidays.

- ✓ Schedule consideration: These dates are National holidays or Religious days when individuals may want to take time off to observe their holiday.
- Cultural/National Days: Mark festivals of cultural groups and National days.
- Independence Days of countries.
- UN and International days.
- ▲ Religious days of all major religions of the world.
- \* Bahá'í and Jewish observances begin at previous sundown.

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Her unique and universal themes impress the message that the essence of all human beings are the same.

The calendars are well received by organizations with a diverse workforce, since they highlight dates for all major religions and cultural festivals.

# January 2022 observances

## 2022 is the Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture **International**

**Jan-Feb Iroquois Midwinter Ceremony **Indigenous**** The Iroquois Midwinter Ceremony lasts for 8 days and each day is dedicated to an event, i.e. Tobacco Invocation. Days vary according to community.

- Jan 1 St. Basil's Day **Greece**** The Greeks call New Year, St. Basil's Day. Traditionally, gifts are exchanged.
- Jan 1 Gantan-Sai **Japan, Shinto**** Gantan-sai, also referred to as Shogatu, is the Shinto New Year holiday. The faithful visit shrines, often at midnight, praying for renewal of heart, health, and prosperity. During the seven-day holiday, people wear their best clothing and visit the homes of friends and family to express their wishes for the coming year.
- Jan 2 Berchtold's Day **Switzerland**** This day honours Duke Berchtold V, who founded Bern, the capital of Switzerland. He promised to name the city after the first animal he killed on a hunt. The bear (bern in German) then provided the city's name.
- Jan 5 Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday **Sikh**** He was the 10th and last living Guru of the Sikh faith. He founded the 'Khalsa' brotherhood where the initiated adopted the five 'K's: Kangha (wooden comb), Kara (steel bracelets), Kirpan (sword), Kaccha (pair of shorts), and Kesh (long hair).
- Jan 6 Three Kings' Day **Christian**** In South America, Latin America and parts of Europe, the end of the Christmas season is a traditional time for gift giving.
- Jan 6 Epiphany **Christian**** In the Western church, this day celebrates the journey of the three Wise Men to Bethlehem to offer gifts to the infant Jesus. In the Eastern Church it is associated with the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. On this day as well, the Armenians celebrate Christmas.
- Jan 7 Christmas **Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox**** On this day, some Eastern churches celebrate the birth of Jesus according to the Julian calendar, which is currently 13 days behind the Gregorian or Western calendar.
- Jan 10 Seijin No Hi **Japan**** This day celebrates Coming-of-Age of the youth of Japan who are twenty years old. They wear traditional clothes and visit the shrines where the family announce their adulthood to the spirits. This is a national holiday.
- Jan 13 Lohri **Sikh, Hindu**** Bonfires are lit to mark the change from the decrease to the increase of the sun.
- Jan 13 St. Knut's Day **Finland, Sweden**** King Knut who ruled Sweden from 1080-1086 is honoured as a saint for his virtue and generosity. He had declared that Christmas should be celebrated for twenty days, officially ending the season on January 13th.
- Jan 14 Makar Sankranti **India, Hindu**** The transition of the Sun from Sagittarius to Capricorn during the winter solstice in the northern hemisphere is known as Makar Sankranti. The days gradually lengthen in the northern hemisphere.
- Jan 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day **USA**** This day commemorates the leader of the Civil Rights movement in USA. People of all races and religions have benefited from the sacrifices and accomplishments made by this great man. He was a Nobel Prize winner (Peace Prize 1964) and a prominent advocate of nonviolent protest. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.
- Jan 17 Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day) **Jewish**** This day celebrates Judaism's roots in the natural world. It is a holiday and known as the New Year for Trees. Special meals include eating the seven fruits of the land - wheat, barley, figs, grapes, pomegranates, olives and dates. Trees are also planted.
- Jan 18 Thaipoosam Cavadee **India, Mauritius**** Celebrated by Hindus of Tamil origin in honour of Kartikeya, Granter of Wishes, and the second son of Shiva. Devotees with their tongues, cheeks and body pierced with needles, hooks and skewers, dance their way trance-like to the temple carrying the 'Cavadee' - a wooden arch covered with flowers with a pot of milk at each end of its base.
- Jan 20 Timkat / Theophany **Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox**** The Eastern Orthodox Church associates Theophany with the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.
- Jan 25 Robert Burns' Night **Scotland, Ireland**** Robert Burns' Night honours Scotland's national poet, born in 1759. The night is celebrated by the Scots with a sit down 'Burns Supper' and with speeches, poetry and song.
- Jan 25 Kitchen God Celebration **China**** The custom is based on the traditional farewell ceremony for T'sao Wang, Prince of the Oven, before he leaves for his annual trip to heaven to report on families' good behavior during the year.
- Jan 30 Sadeh **Iran, Zoroastrian**** Sadeh in Persian means "hundred" and refers to one hundred days and nights past the end of summer in ancient Persia/Iran. Sadeh is a mid-winter festival where bonfires are lit to honor fire and to defeat the forces of darkness, frost and cold. People gather and pray, and then they will hold each other's hands, form a circle and dance around the fire.

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Jan-Feb Midwinter Ceremony **Indigenous Iroquois**

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- ✓ New Year's Day International
- ▲ St. Basil's Day Greece
- ▲ Gantan-Sai Japan, Shinto
- Independence Day Sudan, Haiti

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# February 2022 observances

**Black History Month Canada** In December of 1995, the Parliament of Canada recognized February as Black History Month following a motion introduced by the first African Canadian woman elected to Parliament, Jean Augustine. The presence of peoples of African descent in Canada dates back farther than Samuel de Champlain's first voyage down the St. Lawrence River.

**Black History Month USA** Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, is greatly owed to Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who first launched "Negro History Week" in 1926. Woodson chose February because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted the American black population. Abraham Lincoln (president of the United States who freed slaves during the Civil War), and Frederick Douglass (who worked to end slavery) have birthdays in February. The purpose of this month is to recognize the contributions of Black Americans and develop a better understanding of the Black experience.

**Jan-Feb Hopi Holy Cycle Indigenous** Buffalo dances are performed in Hopi reserves. Days may vary according to community.

**Feb 1 Chinese / Lunar New Year Buddhist - China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam** The year of the Tiger. This is the year 4720 in the Chinese Lunar calendar and the most important holiday. It is a three-day holiday in China and Hong Kong. The Chinese clean and decorate their homes with the 5 lucky signs of happiness; new clothes are worn and even the poorest buy new shoes, for it is considered bad luck to step down on the ground into old shoes. Vietnamese call it the 'Tet' Festival.

**Feb 1 Seollal Korea** The Korean New Year lasts three days. During this time, many Koreans visit family, perform ancestral rites, eat traditional food, and play folk games. Additionally, children often receive money from their elders.

**Feb 1 Abolition of Slavery Mauritius** The struggle for freedom of the slaves in Mauritius during the Dutch period between 1638 and 1710 is remembered and honored.

**Feb 2 Imbolg Wicca** 'Imbolg' comes from an archaic Gaelic expression 'in the belly', which signaled the first stirrings of life within the womb of mother earth. Corn dolls are burned as offerings to the sun to hasten his return.

**Feb 3 Setsubun-Sai Japan** Setsubun-sai is known as Bean Throwing Night. Beans are thrown to protect against demons with shouts of 'Devil out, Good Fortune in'.

**Feb 5 Basant Panchami Hindu** Basant Panchami in Northern India heralds the approach of spring and yellow coloured clothes are symbolically worn. Even the food is coloured yellow by using saffron. This festival honours Saraswati, the Goddess of Learning, Wisdom and the Creative arts.

**Feb 6 Waitangi Day New Zealand** This day commemorates the signing of a treaty at Waitangi on 6th February 1840 by a group of Maori chiefs and the British Government. It honours the rights of the British Crown and also the rights of the Maori people, which are now in the process of being reclaimed.

**Feb 8 Boy Scout Day Canada, USA** William Boyce, a Chicago publisher, founded the Boy Scouts of American on Feb 10, 1910. The purpose was to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred virtues.

**Feb 14 Valentine's Day Canada, UK, USA** One version states that a priest named Valentine was martyred on February 14, 269 A.D. in Rome for secretly marrying couples against the orders of the Roman Emperor, Claudius II. This was the night before a festival called Lupercalia associated with fertility. Probably both customs became associated with this day.

**Feb 16 Louis Riel Day Indigenous** He was the famous Metis leader who in 1885 led a rebellion and lost against the Canadian authorities because he feared more Metis land would be taken away by the settlers. Today his name is a symbol for Native independence.

**Feb 22 Abu Simbel Festival Egypt** Built by Ramses II, his temple is angled so that the inner sanctum lights up twice a year - once on the anniversary of his rise to the throne and on Oct. 22, celebrating his birthday. Crowds pack in the temple before sunrise to watch the shafts of light illuminate the statues of Ramses, Ra and Amon. The other date for this event is Oct. 22.

**Feb 22 Girl Guides Thinking Day Canada, USA** This is the joint birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and his wife Olave who became the World Chief Guide.

**Feb 23 Heisei Emperor's Birthday Japan** This is the current Emperor's birthday. His reign has been named Heisei (Succeed at Peace).

**Feb 25-Mar 1 Intercalary Days Bahá'í** There are four or five days inserted into the calendar called Ayyam-i-ha adjusting the Bahá'í year to the solar cycle. This precedes a month of fasting from March 2-20. Gifts are exchanged, parties and public meetings are held to share the faith.

**Feb 25 People Power Day Philippines** Commemorates the bloodless revolution in 1986 in which President Ferdinand Marcos was toppled from power.

**Feb 26 Anti-Bullying Day Canada** Encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying.

**Feb 28 Kalevala Day Finland** Elias Lonnrot, a country doctor, folklorist and philologist compiled the Kalevala, Finland's national epic in 1835. This day is observed country wide with lectures, parades and recitations to honour him.

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# March 2022 observances

**Women's History Month USA, UK** National Women's History Month began as a single week and as a local event. In 1978, Sonoma County, California, sponsored a women's history week to promote the teaching of women's history. The week of March 8th was selected to include 'International Women's Day.' This day is rooted in such ideas and events as a woman's right to vote and a woman's right to work, women's strikes for bread, women's strikes for peace at the end of World War I, and the U.N. Charter declaration of gender equality at the end of World War II. This day is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development.

- Mar 1 Shivratri Hindu** On Shiva's night, the Hindu deity Lord Shiva performed the Tandav, the cosmic dance of creation and destruction. A 24-hour fast is kept and devotees make pilgrimages to major shrines for worship.
- Mar 1 Shrove Tuesday Christian** This is the day before Lent. Taken from the old word 'shrive', it means forgiveness. Traditionally it was a time to give up meat and dairy foods.
- Mar 1 Pancake Tuesday UK** Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras in French which means Fat Tuesday) is the last day before the beginning of Lent. Strict Christian Lenten rules prohibited the eating of all dairy products during Lent, so pancakes were made to use up their supplies of eggs, milk, butter and other fats. Pancake races are held in many parts of England.
- Mar 1-19 Alá (19-Day Fast Begins) Bahá'í** The nineteenth and final month in the Bahá'í calendar and the time of the 19-day fast in preparation of their new year, Now Ruz. The English translation of Alá (Arabic) is Loftiness.
- Mar 1 Martenitza Bulgaria** Bulgarians celebrate spring by exchanging red-and-white yarn designs to symbolize health. They wear the yarn designs on their clothing until they see a stork or a blossoming tree. They then either put the martenitza on a tree branch to bring on spring or hide it under a rock to represent the wish that the evil spirits in nature (and humankind) will go to sleep.
- Mar 1 St. David's Day Wales** He is the patron saint of Wales and died on this day.
- Mar 2 Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) Christian** This day marks the beginning of Lent. Ash symbolizes sorrow for wrong doings and foreheads of churchgoers are marked with the shape of the cross with ashes as a sign of penitence.
- Mar 3 Losar (New Year) Tibet, Buddhist** The Tibetan New Year is called Losar and is celebrated for three days by visiting, feasting and the relaxation the monastic discipline.
- Mar 7 Great Prayer Festival Tibet** Monks from the Three Great Monasteries of Tibet assemble in Jikhang to pray to Shakyamuni's image as if it were the Living Buddha. Philosophical debates are held among the candidates for the Doctor of Metaphysics.
- Mar 7 Clean Monday (Great Lent Begins) Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox** It is the beginning of the forty-day fast when Christians imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness before his crucifixion.
- Mar 12 Girl Scout Day Canada, USA** Juliette 'Daisy' Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually.
- Mar 16-20 Gahambar Hamaspathmaedem Zoroastrian** This day celebrates the creation of human beings.
- Mar 17 Purim Jewish** Purim is known as the Feast of Lots, which celebrates the deliverance of Jews in Persia from the machinations of Haman. Jews dress in costume and give gifts of food to each other.
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day N. Ireland, Ireland** The death anniversary of their patron saint. He used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Christian idea of the Holy Trinity, thus the idea of wearing a shamrock.
- Mar 18 Holi Sikh, Hindu** According to myth, a tyrannical king's son, Pralad, refused to worship his father as God and was condemned to death by burning. However, the boy's aunt, named Holika, transferred her own immunity from fire to Pralad, and burned to death in his place. This festival of colour celebrates Spring, where people play with liquid and powdered colours, light bonfires and blow horns to celebrate the destruction of Holika.
- Mar 18 Butter Lamp Festival Tibet, Buddhist** To celebrate Shakyamuni's victory over non-Buddhist opponents in 1409, Lord Neu Dzong, a noted patron of Tsongkapa, illuminated numerous butter lamps. The tradition has since then flourished.
- Mar 19 Hola Mohalla (Bikarami) Sikh** Mock battles are fought and martial arts are displayed in honour of Guru Gobind Singh, who took to armed struggle against tyranny.
- Mar 20 Eostre Wicca** A fertility festival celebrating the birth of Spring. The word Easter is derived from the Maiden Goddess. Celebrations including lighting fires at sunrise, ringing bells, and decorating hard-boiled eggs, an ancient Pagan custom associated with the Goddess.
- Mar 20 Shunki-Sorei-Sai Shinto** Ancestors are given reverence at home altars and considered active members of the living family. Gravesites are cleaned and purified.
- Mar 20 Shunbun no hi Japan** During the time of the Spring Equinox, Buddhists meditate on the harmony in the universe.
- Mar 21 Now Ruz (New Year) Afghanistan, Iran, Zoroastrian, Islam Ismaili, Bahá'í** Nowruz means "New Day" and is the traditional celebration of the ancient Persian New Year. Iranians celebrate it on March 20th. It is also a holy day for Zoroastrian, Sufi, Ismaili and the Baha'í faiths. Persians (Iranians, Afghans and Tajiks) and other Indo-Iranian groups (Kurds, Armenians, Azerbaijanis and Balochs) start preparing for the Nowruz with a major spring-cleaning of their houses and the purchase of new clothes to wear for the new year.
- Mar 25 Arbor Day USA** Communities across the United States plant trees in an ongoing effort to conserve American forests.
- Mar 25 Evangelismou Greece** The Greeks combined the national Independence Day with the Annunciation and what was earlier believed to be the spring equinox. Greeks wear traditional clothes and celebrate with speeches and folk dancing.
- Mar 26 Birth Of Prophet Zarathustra (Fasli) Zoroastrian** Zarathushtra (Zoroaster in Greek; Zarthosht in India and Persia) is the founder of the Zoroastrian religion dating back to some time between 1500 and 1000 BCE. He lived in Persia, modern day Iran. Zoroastrianism became the state religion of various Persian empires, until the 7th Century CE.
- Mar 27 Mothering Sunday UK, Ireland** Mothering Sunday is the celebration of motherhood in UK, and takes place on the fourth Sunday of Lent.



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# April 2022 observances

**Multicultural Communications Month International** Multicultural communications may seem difficult at first - differences in languages, backgrounds, customs and the like all seem a challenge. By learning more about our different cultures, it becomes easier to interact. This month has been dedicated to further this cause.

- Apr 1 Farvardin Iran** It is the 13th day after Nowruz or New Year. The number 13 is considered an unlucky number for the Persians, and therefore everyone leaves home for the day to go on picnics or trips.
- Apr 2 Ugadi India, Mauritius, Nepal** Ugadi marks the beginning of the new Hindu lunar calendar. Celebrated mainly in the southern states of India, people awake before the break of day, bathe and decorate the entrance of their homes with mango leaves.
- Apr 3 Ramadan Begins Islam** This is the holiest month in the Islamic Year and begins at the sighting of the new moon. It commemorates the period during which Prophet Mohammad received divine revelations. Observing Muslims fast between the hours of sunrise and sunset during the entire month, read the Qu'ran and worship in the mosque or at home. The dates vary by a day depending on whether the Saudi Arabia or the North American Calendar is being observed. This calendar follows the North American dates which is a day later.
- Apr 5 Ch'ing Ming Festival China, Taiwan** A national holiday when family graves are visited to ask for the blessings of the departed spirits.
- Apr 6 Chakri Day Thailand** A national holiday to honour King Rama I, who founded the Chakri Dynasty in 1782 and the founder of Bangkok as the capital of Thailand.
- Apr 10 Ram Navami Hindu** Ram Navami celebrates the birthday of Rama, the seventh incarnation of God Vishnu. Hindus read the Ramayan, a Hindu epic, which tells the story of Rama, during the previous eight days.
- Apr 10 Palm Sunday Christian** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was cheered by crowds who strew palm branches in his path. It is observed by worship services and parades using palm branches.
- Apr 13 Songkran/New Year Cambodia, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand** In southeast Asia, Songkran is recognized as the New Year for Buddhists. For Thais, it is a three-day religious festival in which homes are routinely cleaned, and water is sprinkled on monks paying visits and on statues of Buddha.
- Apr 14 Baisakhi Bangladesh, Sikh, Bangladesh, Hindu** The first day of the solar year, this is an agricultural festival celebrating the harvest, especially in North India. Tamils and Sri Lankans celebrate their New Year on this day. In Kerala, South India this day is called Vishu. Especially important to the Sikhs, it marks this day in 1699, when the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, established the order of 'Khalsa'.
- Apr 14 Holy Thursday Christian** On this day, Jesus ate the Last Supper and washed the feet of his disciples prior to his arrest and crucifixion.
- Apr 14 Mahavira Jayanti Jain** This day celebrates the birthday of Lord Mahavira who was the 24th leader of the Jain religion and born around 599 B.C.
- Apr 15 Adam's Peak Pilgrimage Sri Lanka** It is an ancient pilgrimage site to the sacred mountain, Sri Pada. According to legend, when Buddha visited Sri Lanka, he planted one foot on the north of the royal city, and the other foot on Sumana-Kuta (Adam's Peak), about a hundred miles distance.
- Apr 15 Pongol India** A three-day rice harvest festival in South India is celebrated with a cultural evening of song and dance.
- Apr 15 Good Friday Christian** This day commemorates the passion and death by crucifixion of Jesus and is a solemn day. Italian Catholics have a procession called the Way of the Cross.
- Apr 16-23 Pesach/Passover Jewish** Begin previous sundown at 6pm, Pesach lasts for eight days. This time commemorates the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. It begins with a ritual meal 'Seder' when no leavened bread is consumed with special prayers and symbolic foods.
- Apr 17 Easter Christian** This day celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from his grave. Most Christians welcome Easter Sunday with a sunrise service.
- Apr 18 Easter Monday Christian** Easter Monday commemorates the meeting of the women at Jesus' tomb with an angel who assured them that Jesus had been resurrected from death. It is observed as a holiday in some countries.
- Apr 20 Feast Of Ridvan thru May 2 Bahá'í** 'Ridvan' means paradise and the 12-day festival is the holiest time for the Bahá'ís. It commemorates the 12 days that Baha'u'llah spent in the Garden of Ridvan in the last days of his exile in Baghdad and announced that he was the prophet whose coming had been foretold. The Bahá'ís do not work on the first, ninth and twelfth day of Ridvan.
- Apr 21 Maundy Thursday Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox** On this day, Jesus ate the Last Supper and washed the feet of his disciples prior to his arrest and crucifixion.
- Apr 22 Holy Friday Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox** This day commemorates the passion and death by crucifixion of Jesus and is a solemn day. Eastern Orthodox members fast on this day. Macedonians make a plashtanitsa or picture of the dead Jesus on a large cloth to be carried in a procession.
- Apr 23 Matsu Festival China, Taiwan** Matsu saved her brother from drowning and at the age of 28 and ascended into heaven. She earned the title of Goddess of the Sea and is the patron of fishermen. There are rites and processions at Matsu temples.
- Apr 24 Pasha/Easter Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox** This day celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from his grave. Most Christians welcome Easter Sunday with a sunrise service.
- Apr 25 Easter Monday Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox** Easter Monday commemorates the meeting of the women at Jesus' tomb with an angel who assured them that Jesus had been resurrected from death. It is observed as a holiday in some countries.
- Apr 28 Yom HaShoah Israel, Jewish Holocaust Memorial Day** commemorates the death of 6 million Jews by the Nazi regime.
- Apr 28 Laylat al-Qadr Islam** Night of Power, commemorates the revelation of the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad in 610 CE. It begins the previous evening.
- Apr 28-30 Gathering Of Nations Pow Wow Indigenous American** Albuquerque, New Mexico is the venue of over 700 tribes and nations participating in a three-day event where over 3,000 participants share, teach and exchange traditions with each other.
- Apr 29 Showa no hi Japan** An annual holiday, it honors the birthday of Emperor Showa (Hirohito), the reigning Emperor before, during, and after World War II (from 1926 to 1989).
- Apr 30 Walpurgis Night Sweden** Walpurgis is Sweden's annual feast of the witches. Huge bonfires are lit all over the country to scare them away as they fly overhead, headed for their annual sabbath in Brocken in the Harz Mountains in Germany.
- Apr 30-May 4 Gahambar Maidyozarem Zoroastrian** This day celebrates the creation of the sky.

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**Indigenous Gathering of Nations Pow Wow**  
US, Canada

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● New Moon

■ Farvardin Iran  
■ April Fools' Day  
Canada, UK, USA

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■ Ugadi  
India, Mauritius, Nepal  
● World Autism  
Awareness Day UN

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▲ Ramadan Begins  
Islam

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■ Independence Day  
Senegal

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■ Ch'ing Ming Festival  
China, Taiwan

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▲ Organization of The  
Church Christian - Mormon  
■ Chakri Day Thailand

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▲ Jalál (2nd Month) Bahá'í  
● World Health Day UN

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■ Independence Day  
Georgia

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▲ Palm Sunday Christian  
▲ Ram Navami Hindu

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▲ Easter Monday Christian  
■ Independence Day  
Zimbabwe

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✓ ▲ Songkran/New Year  
Cambodia, India, Myanmar,  
Sri Lanka, Thailand  
● Day of Pink International

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✓ ▲ Baisakhi  
Bangladesh, Sikh, Hindu  
✓ ▲ Mahavira Jayanti Jain  
▲ Holy Thursday Christian  
■ Bown Pinai/New Year  
Laos

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✓ ▲ Good Friday  
Christian  
■ Adam's Peak Pilgrimage  
Sri Lanka

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○ Full Moon

✓ ▲ Pesach /Passover  
(Apr 16 - Apr 23) Jewish

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✓ ▲ Easter Christian  
■ Independence Day Syria

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▲ Easter Monday Christian  
■ Independence Day  
Zimbabwe

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✓ ▲ Feast Of Ridvan  
(thru May 2) Bahá'í  
■ Administrative  
Professionals Day  
Canada, USA

21

▲ Maundy Thursday  
Christian - Coptic &  
Eastern Orthodox  
■ Kartini Day Indonesia

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EARTH DAY  
International

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■ Matsu Festival  
China, Taiwan  
■ St. George's Day Christian  
■ National Sovereignty &  
Children's Day Turkey

24

✓ ▲ Pasha/Easter  
Christian - Coptic &  
Eastern Orthodox  
■ Martyrs Day Armenia

25

▲ Easter Monday  
Christian - Coptic &  
Eastern Orthodox  
■ Liberation Day Italy  
■ Anzac Day  
Australia, New Zealand

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▲ Jamál (3rd Month) Bahá'í  
■ Freedom Day South Africa  
■ Kings Day Netherlands  
■ Independence Day Togo

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▲ Laylat al-Qadr Islam  
■ Yom HaShoah  
Israel, Jewish  
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Wow Indigenous, USA  
■ Daughter/Son To  
Work Day USA

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■ Showa no hi Japan

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● New Moon  
PARTIAL SOLAR ECLIPSE  
South America

▲ Gahambar Maidyozarem  
(30 - May 4) Zoroastrian  
■ Walpurgis Night Sweden

# May 2022 observances

**Asian Heritage Month Canada** The Senate of Canada passed a motion in December 2001, designating May as Asian Heritage month. Canadians take part in festivities commemorating the legacy of Asian Canadians and their many contributions which have helped Canada become the multicultural and diverse nation it is today.

**Asian Heritage Month USA** Generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have strengthened the US as a nation. Many ethnic groups worked tirelessly to build a national railroad, paving the way for western expansion. The first Asian/Pacific Heritage Week was celebrated in 1979, in response to little recognition of this population during the 1976 bicentennial. By 1990, the celebration was one month long and then made official in 1992.

**National Older Peoples Month USA** It was established by presidential proclamation in 1963. The entire nation is encouraged to pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. It is celebrated across the country through ceremonies and events.

**Jewish Heritage Month Jewish** May is declared Jewish Heritage Month in Canada and USA. It provides an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the incredible contributions that Jewish people have made to the country and in communities across North America.

**May Hopi Kachina Dances Indigenous** During late spring and early summer, long lines of Kachina Dancers representing many spirit-powers, perform dances in Hopi pueblos.

**April-May Iroquois Strawberry Season Indigenous** Thanksgiving and Great Feather Dance. Early summer.

**May 1 Beltane Wicca** Greets the summer. It takes its name from the Celtic God Bel who unites with the Earth Goddess on this day. It was a mid summer fertility festival in Celtic paganism. Maypole dances are presently held.

**May 1 Santa Cruzan Day Philippines** Filipinos consider this the first day of spring. It commemorates the corresponding day in the 4th century A.D. when St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine of Rome found the holy cross on which Jesus was crucified.

**May 3 Eid-ul-Fitr Islam** This marks the end of the Ramadan fast and is celebrated for 3 days. Date of observance may vary according to sighting of the new moon. Dates vary by a day depending on whether the Saudi Arabia or the North American Calendar is being observed. This calendar follows the North American dates, which are a day later.

**May 3 Akshaya Tritiya Jain** This day celebrates the day when Lord Rishabha broke his first year-long fast by drinking sugar cane juice. To begin anything new is considered very auspicious on this day.

**May 4 Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) Israel** This is Israel's Memorial Day honouring soldiers who died fighting for their country.

**May 4 Midori No Hi Japan** This day is also known as Greenery Day to appreciate nature.

**May 5 Cinco De Mayo Mexico** It marks the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the 'Batalla de Puebla' in 1862. Although the Mexican army was eventually defeated, it came to represent a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism. It is celebrated on a much larger scale in the United States than it is in Mexico.

**May 8 Mother's Day Canada, USA** In 1914, the 2nd Sunday in May was officially declared Mother's Day by President Wilson. Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia first suggested a day on which to honour mothers and motherhood.

**May 8 Buddha's Birthday Hong Kong, Korea** Buddhism, the fourth largest religion in the world, being exceeded in numbers only by Christianity, Islam and Hinduism was founded in Northern India by the first known Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama. In 535 BCE he attained enlightenment and assumed the title Lord Buddha (one who has awakened).

**May 9 Victory Day Russia** Commemorates the 1945 surrender of German forces in Eastern Europe and honors the 20 million Soviet people who died in World War II.

**May 13 Our Lady of Fatima Portugal** On May 13, 1917 in Portugal, three shepherd children saw and conversed with the Virgin Mary in a vision. This event occurred on the 13th day of the month for six months in a row.

**May 16 Wesak Buddhist** The most important Buddhist festival, Wesak celebrates the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha as one event. Different cultures observe this day with different customs, for example, **Sri Lankans** light lanterns, **Vietnamese** purchase captive animals and release them, and **Koreans** host a lantern parade.

**May 23 Victoria Day Canada** Queen Victoria's birthday (May 24, 1837-1901) was declared a holiday by the Legislature of the Province of Canada in 1845. United Kingdom celebrates her birthday in June.

**May 23 Day of the Patriots-Quebec Canada** Commemorates the French patriots of 1837-1838 for their contribution to freedom and national recognition.

**May 23 Declaration of Báb Bahá'í** The Bahá'í faith began in Persia (now Iran) on this day in 1844, by the prophet Báb who announced his mission as the founder. The event is celebrated about two hours after sunset.

**May 24 Indigenous Awareness Week Indigenous. Canada** first introduced in 1992, is held on the four days that follow the Victoria Day long weekend. It was designed to increase awareness of Indigenous peoples among federal public service employees.

**May 26 Ascension Christian** This day commemorates the ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

**May 26 National Sorry Day Australia** Also known as Journey of Healing Day commemorates the history of forcible removal of Indigenous & Torres Strait Islander children from their families and the painful repercussions of that action. In 1998 over half a million Australian people responded, signing Sorry Books and taking part in ceremonies on Sorry Day.

**May 28 Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh Bahá'í** The prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith passed away near Haifa, Israel. The event is observed at the actual time of his passing at 3am.

**May 29 Yom Yerushalayim Israel** This day marks the anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

**May 30 Memorial Day USA** A day of remembrance for those who have died in service to their country. The 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at about 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery.

**May 30 Joan of Arc Day France** St. Joan of Arc is the patroness of soldiers and of France. A peasant girl who, believing that she was acting under divine guidance, led the French army in a momentous victory at Orléans.



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# June 2022 observances

**National Indigenous History Month Canada** June is National Indigenous History Month as declared by the Canadian Parliament in 2009. It is a fitting tribute to the heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities across Canada. Indigenous History Month is an opportunity not only to recognize the historic contributions of Indigenous peoples to the development of Canada, but also the strength of present-day Indigenous communities and their promise for the future.

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month USA, Canada, Australia** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) Pride Events are celebrated by communities across Canada and United States on different dates during June through to early August. There is a Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras in Sydney, Australia annually in February/March. During this time people find that they are not alone and can take pride in their community's history. The most significant date in LGBT history occurring in June, was the 3-day protest in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, an event that marked the first time the gay community joined together to fight for its rights, thereby gaining national attention. Anniversary of this event was one of the reasons June was chosen as the nationally proclaimed month to celebrate LGBT Pride.

**National Caribbean American Heritage Month USA** Proclaimed in May 2011 by the US President, it commemorates a time to celebrate the history and culture of Caribbean Americans.

**Jun 1-3 Red Earth Fair Indigenous, Canada, USA** Cultural Festival takes place in Oklahoma City for 3 days. Over 150 Native tribes from U.S. and Canada gather in downtown Oklahoma City to share and participate in their rich and diverse heritage through highest quality original art, drum and dance juried competitions.

**Jun 1 Gawai Dayak Malaysia** This day marks the traditional rice harvest. Rituals are performed to express thanks to the spirits of the paddy with requests for a better harvest during the next planting season. It is an open house for friends and relatives with celebrations usually lasting three days.

**Jun 2 Ascension Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox** This day commemorates the ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

**Jun 3 Dragon Boat Festival China, Hong Kong** This day honours the patriot poet Chu Yuan who drowned himself in the Milo River, south of China in protest of the political injustice in 277 B.C. The villagers raced to the river and jumped into dragon boats but never found him. As they searched, they beat drums to scare off fish and dragons that might attack his mortal remains. It is a holiday celebrated by boat races in the shape of dragons.

**Jun 5 Pentecost Christian** The holy Spirit was felt amongst the 12 apostles after Jesus' death. New members of the church are baptized on this day. It is called White Sunday because white clothes are worn for baptism.

**Jun 5-6 Shavuot Jewish** Begins previous sundown at 6pm. Called the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost which means 50 and therefore celebrated on the 50th day at the end of Passover. Shavuot celebrates the time when the Ten Commandments were given to Moses on Mount Sinai. This feast lasts 2 days.

**Jun 11 Trooping The Colour UK, England** The official birthday of the Queen is marked each year by a colourful and historic military parade and march-past, known as Trooping the Colour. It takes place in June on Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall, England.

**Jun 12 Pentecost Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox** The holy Spirit was felt amongst the 12 apostles after Jesus' death. New members of the church are baptized on this day. It is called White Sunday because white clothes are worn for baptism.

**Jun 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sikh** He was the fifth Guru (1563-1606) and the first Sikh martyr executed by the Mughal emperor Jehangir. He built the Golden Temple in Amritsar with doors facing all four directions to emphasize that the Sikh way was open to all, regardless of caste.

**Jun 19 Juneteenth UK** June 19, 1865, also known as National Freedom Day, is considered the official end of slavery in the United States. Slaves in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas were not told about their freedom until this day, even though other Southern states had known since April, 1863.

**Jun 19 Father's Day Canada, UK, USA** The origins of the day to honor fathers began in 1910, when Louise Dodd of Spokane, Washington, suggested to her minister that a day be set aside. Her own father was a Civil War veteran who raised his six children on the family farm after his wife died in childbirth. Interest in the day grew, and in 1966 a presidential proclamation established Father's Day as the third Sunday in June.

**Jun 20 Litha Wicca** Litha falls on the summer solstice. The Latin word solstice means 'the sun stood still'. Wiccans celebrate the Sun at the height of its power for providing good harvests.

**Jun 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day Canada** This is an event growing in importance in Canada when the outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Metis are recognized.

**Jun 24 Matariki Indigenous/Maori, New Zealand** When the star cluster Matariki (Pleiades) appears in the dawn sky, Maori New Year starts. It is a time for connecting with, and giving thanks to the land, sea and sky, for the community to come together to farewell the dead and to begin planning ahead for the coming year.

**Jun 24 Inti Raymi Peru** Inti Raymi is celebrated in Cusco, and is the second biggest festival in Latin America. This Inca festival celebrates the winter solstice, where the God of the Sun, Wiracocha, is honoured.

**Jun 24 Dia de San Juan Puerto Rico** This day commemorates the island's patron saint, St. John the Baptist. People gather at the beaches in the afternoon. Then at midnight, they jump into the ocean backwards three times to symbolize baptism, immersion and new life.

**Jun 24 St. Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec) Canada** He is the patron saint of French-Canadians in Quebec, Canada. It is a national holiday and there are parades, bonfires and fireworks to celebrate his birthday.

**Jun 27 Multiculturalism Day Canada** The Government of Canada officially recognized June 27th as Canadian Multiculturalism Day on Nov. 13, 2002. This day acknowledges the contributions that various communities make to Canadian society and to celebrate the country's richness and diversity.

**Jun 28 Stonewall Rebellion Day LGBT** This day commemorates the U.S. anniversary of the protest against police harassment in New York City's Greenwich Village in 1969. The event has been commemorated by a Pride Parade each year in New York City on the last Sunday in June. Events and Pride Parades are held in many metropolitan cities throughout the United States and Canada.

**Jun 29-Jul 3 Gahambar Mailyoshem Zoroastrian** This day celebrates the creation of animals. It is also a time for the equitable sharing of food.

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# July 2022 observances

**July-August Sun Dance Ritual Indigenous** For many tribes of the Plains Indians, the Sun Dance was a major communal religious ceremony. Generally held in early summer, the four-day dance ceremony involves sacrifice and supplication to insure harmony between all living beings. Iroquois - late spring; Cree, Arapaho, Cheyenne, Sioux and other Plains Peoples - summer.

**July-August Green Corn Ceremony Indigenous** Performed by some Oklahoma tribes as a time of renewal. The ceremony involves participation in sweatlodge ceremonies, dances, offerings and fasting.

**Jul 1 Canada Day Canada** On July 1, 1867, the British North America Act created the Canadian federal government. The BNA proclaimed 'one Dominion under the name of Canada,' hence the original title of the holiday, 'Dominion Day.' Dominion Day was officially renamed 'Canada Day' by an act of Parliament on October 27, 1982.

**Jul 1 SAR Establishment Day Hong Kong** Hong Kong was a British colony ruled by a British Governor until it was reunited with China as a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on 1 July, 1997.

**Jul 3 NAIDOC Australia** NAIDOC stands for "National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee". A week-long celebration around Australia during the first week in July to focus on the history, culture and achievements of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people.

**Jul 4 Independence Day USA** In 1776, the 13 Colonies signed the declaration of Independence proclaiming their separation from England and formed the United States of America. It is celebrated with picnics, fireworks, parades and outdoor activities.

**Jul 6 Dalai Lama's Birthday Tibet, Buddhist** His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is the spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people. Born to a peasant family in northeastern Tibet, he was recognized as the 14th Dalai Lama (Mongolian for 'Ocean of Wisdom'). In Tibetan Buddhism, the Dalai Lama is believed to be an incarnation of Avalokitesvara, the Buddha of Compassion.

**Jul 7 Tanabata Japan** Meaning "Seven Evenings" is a Japanese star festival, derived from Obon traditions and the Chinese star festival, Qi Xi. The festival is usually held on July 7, and celebrates the meeting of Orihime (Vega) and Hikoboshi (Altair).

**Jul 8 Day of Hajj (Day of Arafat) Islam** Muslims perform the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. The pilgrimage is one of the five Pillars of Islam. All Muslims are expected to perform the Hajj at least once in their lifetime if they have the physical and financial capacity. About 6 million Muslims from over 70 countries journey to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. In one of the rites of the Hajj, pilgrims move in a circular, counter clockwise procession around the Ka'bah.

**Jul 9 Martyrdom of The Báb Bahá'í** The Báb was executed at the age of 31 by a firing squad in Tabriz in 1850 C.E. The event is observed at noon. Work and commerce are suspended on this day.

**Jul 10 Eid-ul-Adha Islam** It concludes the Hajj and is a three-day festival celebrating Abraham's test of obedience to Allah when he was asked to sacrifice his son Ismael. Since Eid is determined by the first sighting of the new moon, the date varies by a day depending on whether the Saudi Arabian or North American sighting is being observed. This calendar follows the North American dates which is a day later.

**Jul 11 Imamat Day Islam Ismaili** Imamat Day is celebrated every year by Ismailis on the day that the Imamat or religious leader transferred from the past Imam to the present Aga Khan.

**Jul 11 Nadaam Festival Mongolia** The festival lasts for three days where the men compete in the Three Manly national sports of archery, wrestling and horse riding.

**Jul 13 Wassana / Dhamma Day Buddhist** This day marks the beginning of the 3-month 'Rains Retreat' for self-examination and peace-making for monks and nuns. It also celebrates Buddha's first teaching.

**Jul 13 Guru Purnima Jain, Hindu** Is celebrated by disciples to revere and honour their Gurus (spiritual masters).

**Jul 14 Bastille Day France** Commemorates the event that launched the French Revolution. On this date in 1789, the Bastille, which held political prisoners and became a symbol of oppression by the monarchy, was stormed and prisoners freed.

**Jul 18 Umi no hi Japan** Japanese honour the importance of the sea and its role in Japanese history on this day.

**Jul 20 Munoz-Rivera Day Puerto Rico** This day celebrates the anniversary of Luis Munoz-Rivera, a Puerto Rican patriot, poet and journalist.

**Jul 24 Pioneer Day Christian - Mormon** This day honours the U.S. pioneers led by Brigham Young, who first settled in Utah in 1847. This day is celebrated with parades to remember their pioneering ancestors.

**Jul 24 Simon Bolivar Day Venezuela, Ecuador** Simon Bolivar (1783-1830) was one of South America's greatest generals. His victories over the Spaniards won independence for Bolivia, Panama, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

**Jul 30 Oh-Harai-Taisai Shinto** During the Grand Purification Ceremony, Japanese worshippers walk through a large ring of woven grass and reeds that are placed at the entrance of the shrines as an act of inner purification for sins and offenses committed during the first half of the year.

**Jul 30 1st Muharram - Islamic New Year Islam** Islamic New Year, 1443 AH. The first of Muharram marks the first day of the first month (Muharram) of the Islamic year. Muharam lasts for 29-30 days depending on the moon sighting. It begins at sundown the previous day. The dates vary by a day depending on whether the Saudi Arabia or the North American Calendar is being observed. This calendar follows the North American dates which is a day later.

**Jul 31 Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola Spain** Commemorates the life of St. Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556), who founded the Society of Jesus, the Roman Catholic religious order whose members are known as Jesuits.



# July 2022

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- Nadaam Festival [Mongolia](#)
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- [Canada](#)

# August 2022 observances

**August Native Wild Rice Harvest Indigenous** Northern Cree, Ojibwa, Algonkians. Celebrates last full moon in August.

**August Hopi Snake Dance Indigenous** This dance requires two weeks of ritual preparation and snakes are gathered and kept watch over by children. The dancers then take an emetic and dance with the snakes in their mouths, with an Antelope priest in attendance. After the dance, the snakes are released to carry their prayers.

**Aug 1 Lughnasa Wicca** Its name is taken from the Celtic God Lugh, or Samildanach, which means 'he of many gifts'. It celebrates the ancient festival of the first harvesting of grain in August.

**Aug 2 Ilinden Macedonia** Commemorates the Macedonians revolt against the Ottoman army on August 2, 1903, on Ilinden, or St. Elijah's Day.

**Aug 6 Hiroshima Day Canada, Japan, USA** This solemn day commemorates the day that United States dropped the first atomic bomb in Hiroshima, Japan in 1945. People from different backgrounds unite on this day to declare their commitment to never letting another nuclear bomb be used against humans again.

**Aug 7 Tish'a B'Av Jewish** Jews mourn the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. and 70 C.E. It is a day of mourning and fasting.

**Aug 8-17 Fravardeghan Zoroastrian** Fravardeghan lasts ten days in preparation for Now Ruz for those who follow the Shenshai calendar. Ancestors are memorialized during this time.

**Aug 8 Ashura Islam** The tenth day of the first Islamic month (Muharram). For Shi'ite Muslims, this day mourns the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Husain, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad. Devout Shi'a commemorate this day of sadness with retelling the story of the battle fought in Kerbala.

**Aug 11 Raksha Bandhan Hindu** According to legend, God Indra was warring with demons. His wife tied a silk charm around his wrist to protect him and he was able to defeat his enemies. Hindu girls now tie a threaded amulet or 'rakhi' on their brothers for protection against evil.

**Aug 15 Assumption Christian** This refers to Mary's death and ascent to heaven and is celebrated by Catholic and Orthodox Churches. Special mentions: Sicilian-Canadians hold an outdoor procession for the Madonna del Assunta, Polish-Canadians celebrate the Feast of the Mother of God of the Herbs, an early harvest festival, Armenian Orthodox bless the first grapes of the season, Ukrainians take flowers to the church to be blessed.

**Aug 18 Now Ruz (Shenshai) Zoroastrian** Now Ruz means 'new day' and is celebrated by Zoroastrians who follow the Shenshai calendar and by all Ismaili Muslims around the world. The New Year celebrates the creation of fire on this day on which Zarathustra received his revelation.

**Aug 19 Janmashtami Hindu** Celebrates the birth of Lord Krishna and his rescue from potential death by the demon Kansa. Lord Krishna was born in a prison, then carried by his father to another village where he was secretly exchanged with a cow herder's daughter for his safety.

**Aug 24 Birth of Prophet Zarathustra (Shenshai) Zoroastrian** Zarathustra (Zoroaster in Greek; Zartosht in India and Persia) is the founder of the Zoroastrian religion, dating back to sometime between 1500 and 1000 BCE. He lived in Persia, modern day Iran. Zoroastrianism became the state religion of various Persian empires, until the 7th Century CE. When Arabs, followers of Islam, invaded Persia in 650 CE, a small number of Zoroastrians fled to India where most are concentrated today.

**Aug 25-Sep 1 Paryushana-Parva Jain** Celebrated for eight days, Paryushana-Parva is the holiest time of the year and is marked by fasting and worship of the 24 realized teachers of the Jain faith known as Tirthankaras or Jinas.

**Aug 27 Notting Hill Festival UK, England** The Notting Hill Festival is held during the last weekend in August. This is a West Indian Street carnival with floats, bands, and stalls. It began in 1964 with the focus of deterring racism toward Caribbean and other Black immigrants and bringing together the people of the Notting Hill area.

**Aug 30 St. Rosa of Lima Peru** Commemorates a Peruvian saint who lived in Lima. Her home is now a pilgrimage site, where every 30th of August, people come to pray and throw coins, messages and icons into a water well near her home.

**Aug 31 Ganesh Chaturthi Hindu** It is in honour of one of Hindu's major deities, Ganesh, the elephant-headed god. He is known as the 'remover of all obstacles' and is invoked at the beginning of all new undertakings.

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# September 2022 observances

**National Hispanic Heritage Month USA** Initiated in 1968 as 'National Hispanic Heritage Week' but was established in 1988 by the U.S. Congress, and includes the days between September 15 through October 15. Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15 because this day marks the anniversary of independence for five Hispanic countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico achieved independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18. Latinos from all across the nation take a moment to reflect upon their history, customs and culture, as well as the contributions their people have made to the U.S.

**September Sunrise Dance Indigenous Apache** This is an ancient rite of passage for 14-year old girls and lasts four days. After a girl's first menstruation, the girl is massaged and prayed for by an elder female relative. Then, the girl's family decides which ceremony will be sponsored, which medicine man to choose, and whom to ask to be her godparents and co-sponsors of the ceremony.

**Sep 1 Samvatsari Jain** This day is dedicated to introspection, confession and penance, especially for the Shvetambara sect.

**Sep 1 Dashalakshani-Parva Jain** Celebrated by the Digambara sect and lasts ten days, each day dedicated to a virtue: humility, honesty, purity, forgiveness, truthfulness, selfrestraint, asceticism, study, celibacy and detachment.

**Sep 3 Red Earth Native American Fair Indigenous, USA** Cultural Festival takes place in Oklahoma City for 3 days. Over 150 Native tribes from U.S. and Canada gather in Downtown Oklahoma City to share and participate in their rich and diverse heritage through highest quality original art, drum and dance juried competitions.

**Sep 7 Onam India** Onam is a Hindu festival celebrated by the people of Kerala in India. Lasting for four to ten days, it is a harvest festival commemorating the homecoming of the legendary Emperor Mahabali from Patala (the underworld) who visits every Malayali home and during this time.

**Sep 9 Ananta-Chaturdasi Jain** 'Festival of Ten Virtues' is a 10-day fast and meditation for the Jains.

**Sep 10 Harvest Moon Festival China, Hong Kong, Taiwan** The festival is celebrated with family reunions, moon gazing and eating of moon cakes. In **Vietnam**, it is called 'Trung Thu.' On that night children form a procession and travel through the streets with bright lanterns, singing and dancing to the beat of drums. In **Korea** it is called 'Chusok'. It is observed by paying homage to ancestors and expressing gratitude for rich crops.

**Sep 10 Ksamavani Jain** Ksamavani is the 'day of universal forgiveness' for wrongs committed by them and to them.

**Sep 11 Day Of Remembrance USA** The effects of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in 2001 impacted Americans and most other nations and has brought us to focus on the devastation terrorism has caused in the world.

**Sep 11 Meskerem (New Year) Ethiopia** Coptic Orthodox Christians are found in all of Africa. They include Egypt, Libya, Sudan and Ethiopia. During the time of Pharaohs 4,000 years ago, the appearance of Soothis (Dog Star) marked the signal that the Nile River would rise, flooding the fertile plains so that planting could begin. The end of the rainy season became known as the New Year.

**Sep 12-16 Gahambar Paitishahem Zoroastrian** This day celebrates the creation of earth.

**Sep 17 Oktoberfest Germany** Originally it was meant to be just a simple horse race event but the bavarian character quickly took over and it became a happy gathering of cheerful beer drinkers. The Oktoberfest attracts approximately 7 million visitors each year and lasts for three weeks.

**Sep 19 Keiro No Hi Japan** Respect of the Aged Day, or Keiro no Hi, was established as a national holiday in 1966 to express respect for the elders in the community, and to recognise and thank them for their contributions to society and last but not least, celebrate their long lives.

**Sep 23 Mabon Wicca** This day celebrates the fall equinox and the end of the harvest season. Apples are juiced for cider and grapes for wine.

**Sep 23 Shuki sorei sai Japan, Shinto** On this Autumnal Equinox Day, the Japanese honour family ancestry, visiting ancestral graves and having family reunions.

**Sep 23 Chichen Itza Festival Mexico** During the Autumn Equinox, thousands gather at the Mayan Temple of Kukulcan to see the interplay of sun and shadow as it forms the impression of a long-tailed serpent leading downward to the stone head of the serpent Kukulcan.

**Sep 24 Our Lady of Las Mercedes Dominican Republic, Peru** In Carhuaz, Peru celebrations are held in honor of the virgin, with traditional processions, bands of musicians, bullfights and fireworks. In the Dominican Republic, a procession is held at the site of the 16th-century shrine of Our Lady of Las Mercedes, where Columbus fought a battle against the Indians and the Virgin Mary appeared to him.

**Sep 26-27 Rosh Hashanah/New Year Jewish** Begins previous sundown at 6pm and observed for two days. Literally 'Head of the Year' marks the first and second day of the Jewish New Year and the anniversary of the creation of the world. It, ends 10 days later with Yom Kippur. It is celebrated with prayers and religious services.

**Sep 28 Fiesta San Miguel Mexico** The festival of the Archangel San Miguel is in honor of the Patron Saint of the city of San Miguel. Cultural, social, artistic and sporting events are held throughout the city, along with bullfights.

**Sep 30 San Geronimo Day Indigenous, USA** Named after St. Jerome (1829-1909), an Apache fighter, this day is celebrated by the Native Americans in Taos Pueblo, New Mexico. Among the ceremonies are the morning races, the sacred clowns and the pole climb.



# September 2022

**National Hispanic Heritage Month USA**  
**September Sunrise Dance Indigenous**

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# October 2022 observances

**Disability Employment Awareness Month USA** In 1945, in an effort to assist disabled veterans, Congress designated the first week of October as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. In the 1970s, a historic shift in disability public policy occurred. For the first time, the exclusion of people with disabilities was viewed as discrimination. The efforts of disability activists led to significant changes in laws, such as the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990 and the designation of a full month to recognize the potential of America's millions of working-age people with disabilities.

**Women's History Month Canada** Established in 1992 by the Government of Canada, this special month provides an opportunity to learn more about women's historic accomplishments and their contributions to Canadian society.

**Black History Month UK** In Britain, Black History Month was first celebrated in October 1987 as part of African Jubilee Year. The decision to make this an annual event each October was endorsed by the Association of London Authorities. It has since grown to recognise and embrace the contributions and traditions of other black communities.

**Latin American Heritage Month Canada** Proclaimed by the Parliament of Canada on June 21, 2018, this month is an opportunity for Canadians to recognize the valuable contribution of members of the Latin American community to this country's social, economic, political and cultural fabric.

**Oct 2 Mehragan Iran, Zoroastrian** The word 'Mehr' in Persian means kindness, love and friendship. Mehragan is celebrated by Zoroastrian and Persian (Iranian) people and was based on the concept that all of the farmers would bring their harvest in the middle of the town square and split it up evenly.

**Oct 3 Gandhi's Birthday India** Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948) is the National Father of India, who adopted 'non-violence' in fighting for the country's freedom.

**Oct 3 Durga Puja Hindu** This day celebrates the divine creative force of the universe and honours the 10-armed goddess Durga, wife of Shiva, and the destroyer of demons.

**Oct 4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Italy** St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals was born in 1182 at Assisi. He founded the Franciscan Order, which today has about 33,000 members.

**Oct 4 Chung Yeung Festival China, Hong Kong, Taiwan** Families visit the graves of their ancestors.

**Oct 5 Yom Kippur Jewish** The Day of Atonement is the holiest and most solemn of all days in the Jewish year. They believe that once you atone for your mistakes, you can be 'at one' with God. Jews do not work, and they fast, from sunset to sunset.

**Oct 5 Dussehra Hindu** Dussehra means 'the tenth' and celebrates the triumph of Lord Ram over the demon Ravan who stole his wife Sita. The great Hindu epic poem, the Ramayana, is read and enacted, called Ram Lila. A big effigy of Ravan is burnt accompanied by fireworks.

**Oct 9 Han-Gul Day Korea** This day commemorates the creation of the Korean alphabet of 29 phonetic symbols called han-gul by King Sejong between 1443 and 1446.

**Oct 9 Eid-Maulad-un-Nabi Islam** Anniversary of the birth of Prophet Muhammad. Some Muslims mark this occasion by special prayers, whilst other Muslims may mark the occasion by dedicating more time to reading the Koran.

**Oct 9 Pavarana Buddhist** Buddha went into intensive practice during the rainy season. This marks the end of the retreat.

**Oct 10-16 Sukkot Jewish** Begins previous sundown at 6pm. The Feast of Booths is a joyful harvest festival lasting 9 days. A little hut called 'sukkah' is built outdoors where families eat to remember the time Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years, sleeping and eating under the stars.

**Oct 10 Taiiku no hi Japan** Also known as Health-Sports Day or Sports Day, is a national holiday in Japan held annually on the second Monday in October.

**Oct 10 Thanksgiving Canada** Early Canadian settlers gave thanks for good harvests by decorating their churches with fruits and vegetables and celebrated dinner with venison and waterfowl.

**Oct 10 Kathina Buddhist** New robes and necessities are given to ordained monks and nuns.

**Oct 12 Nossa Senhora de Aparecida Brazil** In 1717, a group of Brazilian fisherman pulled up a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary which was followed by an abundant catch after a fruitless fishing day. They enshrined the statue and in 1929, the Brazilian nation declared Nossa Senhora De Aparecida the Patroness of Brazil.

**Oct 12-16 Gahambar Ayathrem Zoroastrian** This day celebrates the creation of plant life.

**Oct 13 Karva Chauth Hindu** A one-day fast kept by married Hindu women for the well-being and longevity of their husbands. The husbands feed the first bite to their wives only after they see the moon.

**Oct 17 Shemini Atzeret Jewish** On the eighth day of Sukkot, special prayers for rain are offered.

**Oct 18 Simchat Torah Jewish** Simchat Torah or Rejoicing in the Torah is the beginning of the synagogue's annual reading cycle. It begins at previous sundown.

**Oct 18 Birthday Of The Báb Bahá'í** Born Siyyid 'Ali Muhammad in Southwestern Iran in 1819. His title, in Arabic, means 'The Gate'. Work is suspended and Bahá'ís come together for prayer and festivities.

**Oct 19 Birth Of Bahá'u'lláh Bahá'í** Born Mirza Husayn 'Ali into one of the leading noble families of Persia in 1817. His name is a title, in Arabic, meaning 'The Glory of God'.

**Oct 22 Abu Simbel Festival Egypt** Built by Ramses II, his temple is angled so that the inner sanctum lights up twice a year: on the anniversary of his rise to the throne and, once again, on his birthday. Crowds pack the temple before sunrise to watch the shafts of light illuminate the statues of Ramses, Ra and Amon.

**Oct 23 Chulalongkorn Day Thailand** This day commemorates the birth of Rama V, a progressive ruler who lived in 1868-1910.

**Oct 24 Diwali Sikh, Hindu** It means 'row of lights' and is the Hindu New Year. Diwali lasts for 5 days: Day 1 - New Year for business, Day 2 - the triumph of god Vishnu over the evil demon, Day 3 - Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity visits homes lit by lamps, Day 4 - Bali worship day, Day 5 - devoted to brothers and sisters.

**Oct 24 Mahavira Nirvana Jain** This day celebrates the attainment of Moksha by Lord Mahavira and is the 'Festival of Lamps'.

**Oct 31 Samhain Wicca** Traditionally, animals were slaughtered for winter provisions and the spirits of those who have died in the last year are invited to a final celebration.

**Oct 31 Halloween Canada, USA** This tradition goes back to the Celtic people 2,000 years ago who celebrated their New Year in late autumn and honoured Samhain or Lord of the Dead. The Irish traditionally carved lanterns out of turnips or potatoes, but in North America they use pumpkins.

# October 2022

Women's History Month **Canada**

Disability Employment Awareness Month **USA**

Black History Month **Canada, UK**

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- Independence Day **Cyprus, Nigeria**
- Int'l Day For The Elderly **UN**

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# November 2022 observances

**National Indigenous Month USA.** Since 1900, many have sought to recognize the great influence American Natives have had on the history, cultural development, and continuing growth of the US. Various dates and weeks were acknowledged until 1976, when Congress authorized a week in October as Native American Awareness Week. Finally, in 1990, the month of November was chosen because it is traditionally a time when many American Natives gather for fall harvest festivals, world-renewal ceremonies, and powwows.

**Oct-Nov Iroquois Harvest Ceremony Indigenous** This is a day-long ceremony to give thanks to the earth spirits for providing now and in the future.

- Nov 1 All Saints' Day Christian** This day is for honouring saints, known and unknown.
- Nov 2 All Souls Day Christian** Catholic Christians day of prayers of intercession for the dead. Prayers of the faithful are seen as helping to cleanse the souls of the departed.
- Nov 2 Dia de los Muertos Mexico** This day is also known as the Day of the Dead, and is celebrated in parts of the United States and Central America. Families build altars in their homes surrounded with flowers, food and burning candles.
- Nov 2 Dia de Finados Portugal** This holiday is celebrated by people visiting the deceased. They bring hearts and crowns made of flowers to the graves.
- Nov 2 Take Our Kids to Work Canada** Parents are encouraged to bring their daughters (and/or sons) to work on this day, and to use this opportunity to educate their children on the nature of employment.
- Nov 3 Bunka No Hi Japan** A national holiday dedicated to the love of freedom and promotion of Japanese culture.
- Nov 5 Guy Fawkes Day UK, England** This is also known as Bonfire Night. Guy Fawkes was a leader of a group of Catholic men who were plotting to blow up the king and Parliament but were arrested in time. The English and Irish burn bonfires topped by a figure known as the guy. West Indians from the Bahamas and Barbados also celebrate.
- Nov 8 Guru Nanak's Birthday (Bikarami) Sikh** Born in 1469 CE, he was the first of the Ten Gurus of the Sikh faith and founded Sikhism. An accomplished poet, 974 of his hymns are in the Sikh scriptures, the Sri Guru Granth Sahib.
- Nov 8 Lokashah Jayanti Jain** This day commemorates the birth of a famous 15th century reformer, Lonka Saha, who opposed temple worship and use of images.
- Nov 11 Veterans Day USA** It was first proclaimed as Armistice Day in 1919 to commemorate the termination (at 11 AM on November 11, 1918) of World War I.
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day Australia, Canada, UK** This day commemorates the soldiers killed in World Wars I and II and is in remembrance for all those who have given their lives in service of their country. Canadians always set aside this day in memory of those who gave their lives for freedom. Many observers wear red poppies as a symbol of this day.
- Nov 15 Shichi-Go-San Japan** Prayers are offered for children's growth. The ages of three and five for boys, three and seven for girls--are celebrated. On this day, children dress up in their gala dresses and go with their parents to a Shinto shrine to pay a visit to the tutelary deity.
- Nov 18 Day of Covenant Bahá'í** The eldest son and appointed successor of Bahá'u'lláh, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, referred to this day as the 'Centre of the Covenant' which was established to safeguard the unity of the community.
- Nov 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance LGBT** Begun in 1999, vigils, services and a variety of other events are held to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice.
- Nov 23 Kinro Kansha No Hi Japan** This is the Japanese Labour Thanksgiving Day when people express gratitude to each other for their labours throughout the year.
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day USA** Early American settlers gave thanks for good harvests by decorating their churches with fruits and vegetables and celebrating dinner with venison and waterfowl.
- Nov 24 Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur Sikh** This day commemorates his martyrdom (1621-1675). He was the ninth of the Ten Sikh Gurus and executed in Delhi by the Mughal emperor. He died for the Sikh faith and also for religious liberty.
- Nov 25 St. Catherine's Day Canada, France** She is the patron saint of virgins and philosophers, lived in Alexandria in the 4th century A.D. and was martyred after being tortured on a spiked wheel. At one time, match-making balls were held on this day.
- Nov 27 Ascension Of Abdu'l-Bahá; Bahá'í** After years of serving his father and safeguarding the unity of the Faith, Abdu'l-Bahá; passed away in Haifa, Israel in 1921.
- Nov 27 First Sunday of Advent Christian** The Christian church year begins with Advent (from the Latin adventus meaning 'coming' or 'arrival') which is also a time when Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- Nov 30 St. Andrew's Day Scotland** This day commemorates the life of the patron saint of Scotland.



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# December 2022 observances

**Universal Human Rights Month UN** The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted by the UN in 1948 as a response to the Nazi holocaust and to set a standard by which the human rights activities of all nations, rich and poor alike, are to be measured. Some of the Rights are: No one shall be subjected to cruel and inhuman punishment, being entitled to a fair and public hearing by an impartial tribunal, the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and the right to a standard of living.

**Dec 1 Rosa Parks Day USA** Commemorates the arrest of Rosa Parks, in 1955, for defying segregation by refusing to give up her seat on the bus for a white passenger. The incident led to the end of segregation.

**Dec 6 St. Nicholas Day Christian** He is the patron saint of Russia and came from a town in Turkey. Being known as a protector of children, the tradition of leaving shoes out in the hopes of receiving treats is practiced in the Dutch, German and Eastern European communities.

**Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day USA** This day commemorates the attack of the Imperial Japanese Navy and Air Force on the armed forces of the United States stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, killing two thousand people. This caused the United States to enter into World War II.

**Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Christian** According to the Catholic religion, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was conceived without Original Sin in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

**Dec 8 Bodhi Day Buddhist** In Japanese Zen, Bodhi Day is called "Rohatsu" and is the observance of enlightenment of the historical Buddha. Zen monasteries observe this day with a meditation retreat lasting several days. On the last night of a Rohatsu sesshin, monks and students often sit in meditation until dawn, as the Buddha did 25 centuries ago.

**Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mexico** An important religious festival in Mexico. It commemorates the appearance of the Blessed Virgin to an Indian boy in 1531. Processions, dances and visits are led to her Mexico City shrine.

**Dec 13 Luciadagen Sweden** This day is also known as 'Queen of Light'. A candlestick parade takes place.

**Dec 15 Navidades Puerto Rico** Marks the beginning of the Christmas season and ends with Three Kings Day on January 6th.

**Dec 16-24 Posadas Mexico** A nine-day traditional celebration throughout Mexico. Processions of pilgrims go door to door asking for posada, which means shelter, commemorating the search by Mary and Joseph for shelter.

**Dec 16 Bijoy Dibash Bangladesh** Signifies independence after a 9-month Liberation War against Pakistan in 1971. East Pakistan became Bangladesh.

**Dec 19-26 Hanukkah Jewish** Begins previous sun down at 6pm. The Festival of Lights is celebrated for eight days. Approximately in 164 B.C., Maccabees, a small group of Jews fighting for religious freedom won victory over the Syrians. The legend goes that to rededicate the Temple, they found only one jar of holy oil and miraculously the candelabra remained lit for 8 days. An eight candle menorah is lit.

**Dec 21 Yule Wicca** During the winter solstice – the longest night of the year, the rebirth of the sun which is life sustaining is celebrated. The Yule tree is decorated with fruit and candles are lit to represent the sun.

**Dec 21 Tohji-Tasai Shinto** The sun is of central importance in Japan and this day celebrates the end of the Yin period of the Sun in its declining strength and the growing power of the Yang period.

**Dec 23 Joseph Smith's Birthday Christian - Mormon** He was the American Mormon Leader, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

**Dec 25 Christmas Day Christian** This day celebrates Jesus Christ's birth over 2000 years ago. Customs include lighting candles, exchanging gifts and using ever green decorations to celebrate this day, the most widely observed Christian festival of the year. In most communities it is a family day.

**Dec 26-1 Kwanzaa African-American / Canadian** A professor who wanted to encourage African Americans to celebrate their heritage started Kwanzaa's in California in 1966. Kwanzaa means first fruit in Swahili and is a harvest festival. Families exchange gifts and have African-style feasts. Seven-pronged candleholders are lit on each consecutive night for the seven principles: unity, self-determination, working together, sharing, purpose, creativity and faith.

**Dec 26 Wren Day/St Stephen's Day Ireland** On Wren Day, boys in wren costumes go from house to house with a captured wren, singing songs and gathering coins. These coins help to pay for a big celebratory feast in the evening.

**Dec 31-Jan 4 Gahambar Mailyarem Zoroastrian** This day celebrates the creation of animals. It is also a time for the equitable sharing of food.

**Dec 31 Omisoka Japan** To usher in the new year, families clean their homes, eat toshi-koshi buckwheat noodles in the hope that one's life will be stretched out as long as these noodles. As midnight approaches, Shinto temples around the country begin ringing out the old year, sounding the temple bell 108 times, signifying the 108 human worldly desires removed by the striking of the bell.

# December 2022

Universal Human Rights Month UN

*It's time to order your 2023 calendar!*

November 2022							January 2023						
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				Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosa Parks Day USA</li> <li>National Day Romania, Laos, UAE</li> <li>Independence Day Portugal</li> <li>World AIDS Day UN</li> </ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Int'l Day for the Abolition of Slavery UN</li> </ul>	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Int'l Day for Disabled Persons UN</li> </ul>
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday			
4	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discovery Day Haiti</li> <li>Int'l Volunteer Day for Economic &amp; Social Development UN</li> </ul>	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Nicholas Day Christian</li> <li>Independence Day Finland</li> <li>Constitution Day Spain</li> </ul>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pearl Harbor Day USA</li> <li>Int'l Civil Aviation Day UN</li> </ul>	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full Moon</li> <li>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Christian</li> <li>Bodhi Day Buddhist</li> </ul>	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independence Day Tanzania</li> <li>Int'l Anti-Corruption Day UN</li> </ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constitution Day Thailand</li> <li>Human Rights Day UN</li> </ul>
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masá'il (15th Month Bahá'í)</li> <li>Int'l Mountain Day UN</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Lady of Guadalupe Mexico</li> <li>Jamhuri (Independence Day) Kenya</li> </ul>	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aga Khan's Birthday Islam Ismaili</li> <li>Luciadagen Sweden</li> </ul>	14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bill of Rights Day USA</li> <li>Navidades Puerto Rico</li> </ul>	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Posadas (Thru Dec 24) Mexico</li> <li>Independence Day Bahrain</li> <li>Bijoy Dibash Bangladesh</li> </ul>	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Day Bhutan</li> </ul>
18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independence Day Qatar</li> <li>Int'l Migrants Day UN</li> </ul>	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hannukah (Dec 19 - 26) Jewish</li> </ul>	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human Solidarity Day UN</li> </ul>	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOLSTICE International</li> <li>Yule Wicca</li> <li>Tohji-Tasai Shinto</li> </ul>	22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Moon</li> <li>Joseph Smith's Birthday Christian - Mormon</li> </ul>	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independence Day Libya</li> </ul>
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# Explanations of Religions



## Indigenous Peoples

The circle and the four cardinal directions are: sacred objects, sacred feathers, sacred herbs and sacred art.

Indigenous Peoples' religions represent examples of primal traditions that have existed for some 30,000 to 60,000 years. Due to their migrations across North America over successive time periods, generalizations regarding Indigenous People traditions are difficult to make. Differences amongst hundreds of tribal groups with their languages, together with contrasts of geography and climate to which the people have adapted has resulted in specific ceremonies unique to each tribe. In no Indigenous People language is there a term that translates as 'religion' and thus the term 'tradition' is preferable. Basic Indigenous People concepts are grounded in the experience of time and process. Therefore, the seasons of nature are understood in a cyclical manner. They have developed an interrelation with the natural environment and the sacred lore, thus the ending of seasons for activities such as hunting, fishing and agricultural pursuits are celebrated through dance, song and recital of legends, mythical stories and clan histories.

Indigenous Peoples' festivals have been listed as a separate group each month, since different tribes perform their ceremonies according to individual tribal time frames.



## Bahá'í

The nine-pointed star is used to symbolize the teachings of the Bahá'í Faith regarding the oneness of humanity and the oneness of religion.

The Bahá'í Era began in 1844 with the declaration of the Báb (1819-1850) who claimed to be the forerunner of Bahá'u'lláh (1817-1892), the Promised One of all ages and religions. There are over 5 million Bahá'ís who come from virtually every ethnic group, culture, profession and social or economic class, and are from more than 235 countries of the world. The Bahá'í World Center is located on Mount Carmel in Haifa, Israel. In the words of Bahá'u'lláh, the Founder of their Faith, "The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens." The Badi' Calendar was established by the Báb. Based on the solar year, each year is divided into nineteen months of nineteen days, each with four intercalary days (five in leap year).

The Bahá'í year begins on March 21 and the Bahá'í day begins at sunset. Fasting season lasts 19 days beginning March 2. Baha'i holy days begin at sundown the day before the date listed and end at sundown on the date listed.



## Buddhist

The eight-spoked wheel represents the Eight-Fold Path which, when practiced together, enables a person to reach a state of equanimity and compassion.

The word buddha means 'one who has woken up'. Siddhatha, the founder was born in India in 6th century BCE and gained enlightenment at the age of 35. Buddhism teaches that the way to Nirvana is

through leading a moral life and meditation on the Eight-fold path. It is based on compassion for all living beings. Buddhists accept belief in reincarnation and karma, the result of good and evil actions. Buddhism coexists with indigenous religious traditions, adapting to local folk religions such as Hinduism, Confucianism, Shinto and Taoism. The three great traditions of Buddhism are distinct historically and geographically: Southern Buddhism, with 100 million followers who live in Sri Lanka, Burma, Cambodia and Thailand; Eastern Buddhism practiced in China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam; Northern Buddhism covers Tibet, Mongolia, the Himalayas and parts of Soviet Union. There is no single Buddhist calendar and events related to the Buddha are celebrated at different times in different temples. The full moon is commonly recognized as the most important day for celebration.



## Christian

The Crucifix is a symbol used to represent the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The term 'Christian' was first recorded in the New Testament in Acts 11:26 in Antioch, Syria to describe a group of people who demonstrated attachment to 'Christos', a Greek translation of the Hebrew term 'Messiah' used by the Jews. The Christian movement has produced a diversity of expressions, but allegiance to 'Christ', Jesus the Son of God, who began preaching at age 30, is crucial to them all. Jesus proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom of God here on earth and taught that the greatest commandments of the Bible are to love God and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Sharpened by geographical isolation, five 'great traditions' of Christianity have developed. These may be identified as Eastern, Oriental, Latin, Western and African. In most Christian communities, Sunday is the first day of the week, although many minority groups i.e. Seventh-day Adventists and many African churches, insist on a literal observance of the Ten Commandments and the special status of Saturday.

The Gregorian (Western) calendar has been adopted by all Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches. Most Eastern churches, however, continue to use the Julian (Eastern) calendar for religious purposes, though only a few use it exclusively. At the present time, the Julian and Gregorian calendars are approximately 13 days out of phase.

## Christian - Coptic and Eastern Orthodox

The Eastern Orthodoxy is the main group of the Eastern Christianity. The Eastern Orthodox Church comprises of Russian Orthodox, Greek and Cypriot Churches and uses the Julian (Eastern) Calendar for moveable feasts such as Easter. The modern use of the term "Coptic" describes Egyptian Christians. The Coptic Church is based on the teachings of Saint Mark who brought Christianity to Egypt during the reign of the Roman emperor Nero in the first century. The Coptic Orthodox Church's clergy is headed by the Pope of Alexandria and includes Bishops who oversee the priests ordained in their dioceses. There are over 10 million Copts in Egypt and another 2.2 million emigrant Copts all over the world.

## Christian - Mormon

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, widely known as the LDS Church or the Mormon Church was founded by Joseph Smith Apr. 6, 1830. The church is headquartered in Salt Lake City Utah and has established congregations and temples worldwide. The church teaches that it is a restoration of the church instituted by Jesus Christ. It teaches that before Joseph Smith restored the true church, an apostasy occurred shortly after the death of Peter and the other original apostles.

Latter-day Saints believe in the divine authority of the Old Testament and New Testament and also have additional books in the scriptural canon: The Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants and the Pearl of Great Price.



## Hindu

OM expresses the complete nature of God. 'Hindu' is, in origin, simply the Persian word for people of the Indus Valley civilization. The earliest indications are derived from artifacts 4000-2200 BCE. Hinduism teaches that there is one ultimate reality or energy behind the universe, called Brahman. The many gods and goddesses are the various manifestations of Brahman. God also takes birth on earth as different Incarnations or Avatars.

The same reality exists in human beings, who through reincarnation, or repeated births, try to realize their unity with God. The word 'Hinduism' is used to refer to the complex religious tradition which has evolved in the Indian subcontinent and is represented by highly diverse beliefs and practices of over 500 million Hindus. Hinduism has no founder nor is it prophetic. No particular doctrine, dogma or practice is essential to it. The major scriptures of Hinduism are the Vedas, the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita. Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism arose within the Hindu tradition. Hinduism has been described as a religion of fasts, feasts and festivals. As with pilgrimage, festivals are local, regional and all-Indian. Festivals are connected with seasons as well as with major gods of Hinduism. Hindu festivals and holy days are based on a lunar calendar.



## Islam

The Islamic crescent symbolizes the new moon that determines the Islamic calendar. For its followers, Islam is a total way of life. Islam, which in Arabic means 'submission' (to God), proclaims a religious faith and sets forth certain rituals as well as prescribing patterns of order for society in matters of family life, law, business, food, dress and etiquette. There are five fundamental religious duties, called the Pillars of Islam, incumbent upon every Muslim. Muslims believe that God's final message was revealed to Muhammad (born approximately 570 AD) through the angel Gabriel, and is contained in the Qu'ran. With over 700 million Muslims, Islam is the second largest religious group in the world. There are over 72 sects, the major ones being the Sunnis and the Shi'ites. The largest Islamic community is in the Indian sub-continent, followed by South-East Asia and Indonesia; Arab countries; Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan; Sub-Saharan Africa; Russia and China; and Europe (Balkans). The times of observance

of annual practices, notably Ramadan and the pilgrimage to Mecca, are determined by the Islamic lunar year of 354 days.

Although Islamic dates are always on the same day of the Islamic calendar, the date on the Gregorian calendar varies from year to year, since the Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar and the Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar. This difference means the Islamic dates move in the Gregorian calendar approximately 11 days every year. The dates also vary from country to country depending on whether the moon has been sighted or not. The dates vary by a day depending on whether the Saudi Arabia or the North American Calendar is being observed. This calendar follows the North American dates which is a day later.

## Islam Ismaili

The Ismailis are considered another branch of Shia Islam. It grew out of a dispute over who should lead the Shia community after the death of the Sixth Imam, Jaafar al-Sadiq. Ismailis believe it was Ismail, the son of the sixth Imam, and so the sect takes its name from Ismail. Ismaili groups today can be found in India, Pakistan, Yemen, and East Africa. They are led today by the Harvard educated Aga Khan who oversees a global economic development and charitable program much respected in progressive Western circles.



## Jain

The stylized hand is in a gesture of blessing. On the palm is inscribed "Ahimsa" meaning 'non-injury'. The phrase at the bottom of the symbol translates "All life is bound by mutual support and interdependence."

Jainism is one of the oldest religions of the world. Jains take their name from the term 'Jina' which means 'conqueror' and is given to honour the twenty-four great teachers. The founder of Jainism, Vardhamana Mahavira (599-527 BCE) was the last of the great teachers. India's most famous Jain was Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest champion of non-violence. The Jain philosophy encompasses the principal of non-violence, harmony through compassion towards all living beings, tolerance and forgiveness, and following a vegetarian diet. At present, the community includes approximately 10 million Jains (about one-half of one per cent of India's population). Because of their philosophy of non-injury towards any living thing, most Jains are members of mercantile and professional classes.



## Shinto

The torii is the gateway to a Shinto shrine. The ends of the horizontal bars reach toward heaven. Shinto means "Way of the Kami", and is the oldest religion in Japan. The Shinto worship all the deities of Heaven and Earth and their belief is that the world is populated by millions of Kami, spirits that inhabit the nature world which is regarded with awe and respect rocks, trees, heavenly bodies; the guardian deities: souls of ancestors, renowned persons and Buddha incarnations. Shinto ceremonies dedicated to Kami, are held at shrines in homes and processions.





## Jewish

The Shield of David or “six-pointed star” is the symbol of Judaism. Judaism is based on the covenant, or promise made by the Jewish people to follow the teachings of the Torah and by God to protect the people who followed those laws. Though Abraham is considered the first Jew because he eschewed idols for an invisible, all powerful deity, the covenant took place when God gave the Torah, or sacred law, to the Jewish people through Moses at Mount Sinai about 4000 years ago. The Torah, which means laws, consists of the first five books of Moses.

Modern religious Jews, whether affiliated with an Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, or Reform synagogues, are members of a worldwide faith community. Today there are nearly 15 million Jews in the world, the biggest concentration in the U.S.A., followed by Israel and the Soviet Union. Jews of all races live throughout the world, primarily in France, Britain, Canada, South America and South Africa.

The main precepts of Judaism are obedience to moral law, justice, mercy, and compassion. The Jewish year is based on a lunar calendar of 12 months. Each month begins with the new moon. The year begins in late September/early October with Rosh Hashanah, the “head of the year,” and the holy day on which Jews reflect on their actions the previous year. A week later on Yom Kippur, Jews repent for their mistakes and sins, but not before having asked how to make retribution to those wronged. All holidays and Sabbaths (Friday -Sat). begin and end at sundown. No matter where Jews live, their rituals, music, holidays and Sabbaths are celebrated in fundamentally the same ways. Judaism is a religion, not a race or a nationality. The language of prayer is Hebrew.



## Sikh

The Sikh symbol, known as the “Khanda”, represents two basic principles of the faith: the need to balance temporal obligations with spiritual duties, and the duty of every Sikh to first serve those who are poor, oppressed, voiceless or disadvantaged in any way. Sikhism began in 15th century Punjab - a land that now spans across modern-day India and Pakistan - with the simple message that there is One Creator, and therefore all people, regardless of gender, caste, race, color, ethnicity or religious belief, are equal. Sikhs are unequivocally monotheistic and reject all forms of ritual, superstition and idol worship. They are guided by the teachings of Ten Teachers, the first being Nanak (1439-1539) and the last Gobind Singh (1666-1708). Their compositions, in poetry and set to music, constitute the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh Scripture also revered as the Living Teacher.

The word ‘Sikh’ literally means ‘student’ or ‘one who is learning’. Sikhs are easily recognized by their turbans. Those who take on the full discipline adopt the five “K’s”: Kangha (wooden comb); Kara (steel bracelet); Kirpan (sword); Kaccha (pair of shorts); Kesh (long hair).

Today, it is the fifth largest world religion with more than 25 million adherents living mainly in Punjab, Hong Kong, Singapore and other Commonwealth countries. Approximately 1.2 million Sikhs now call North America their home. Since 1999, Sikh high holidays have been demarcated in the solar Nanakshahi Calendar, which does not vary from year to year (as was the case with the traditional lunar Bikarami calendar) and is now in accordance with the western calendar.



## Wicca

The Pentacle is the most common symbol used in Wicca. Its five points symbolize Air, Fire, Water, Earth and Spirit, in the circle of eternity. Wicca is the common term for many different traditions of Neo-Pagan nature religions that celebrate seasonal and life cycles, and revere a Goddess and a God. There are eight seasonal festivals called Sabbats: four equinoxes and four agricultural and herd-farming times. The basic tenets are: worship of the Goddess in her three aspects, Maiden, Mother and Crone; worship of her consort Pan, the Horned God; the use of magic within a definite code of ethics, including the Wiccan rede, “And ye harm none, do what ye will”; reverence for nature and ecological principles; belief that the divine is in everything; that there are multiple deities and many different pathways to the divine; and acceptance of reincarnation. Wiccans are found in Great Britain, U.S.A., Canada, Australia, Germany and Holland.



## Zoroastrian

FRAVASHI, the divinity in humanity, is represented by symbol. The prophet Zarathustra lived in Persia around 1800 BCE. The Zoroastrians of India are called Parsis and follow the Shenshai calendar. The Zoroastrians in Iran follow the Fasli calendar. Zarathustra in his Gathas or ‘verses’ declared the sovereignty of the one God, Ahura Mazda “Lord of All Wisdom”, and the opposition of good and evil forces. Zoroastrian worship centers around a continually burning sacred fire. Although prosperous, the community is numerically very small, residing primarily in India, Iran, England, Canada, Australia and the U.S.A. There are seven obligatory holy days known as the six gahambars and Nowruz (‘New Day’) which celebrates the beginning of the year and is dedicated to the seventh creation, fire, the symbol of righteousness.

# Summary of Religious Holidays for 2022

✓ *The most important dates to take into consideration when scheduling meetings and events at work. Some form of accommodation for religious observances may be required.*



## Bahá'í

All holy days begin at sunset the day before the date listed and end at sundown on the date listed

Intercalary Days	Feb 25-Mar 1
Alá (19-Day Fast Begins)	Mar 1-Mar 19
Now Ruz (New Year) ✓	Mar 21
Feast Of Ridvan ✓	Apr 20-May 2
Declaration of Báb	May 23
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh ✓	May 28
Martyrdom of The Báb	Jul 9
Birthday Of The Báb	Oct 18
Birth Of Bahá'u'lláh	Oct 19
Day of Covenant	Nov 18
Ascension Of Abdu'l-Bahá	Nov 27



## Buddhist

Chinese New Year ✓	Feb 1
Losar (New Year Tibet)	Mar 3
The Great Prayer Festival	Mar 7
Butter Lamp Festival (Tibet)	Mar 18
Wesak ✓	May 16
Dalai Lama's Birthday (Tibet)	Jul 6
Wassana / Dhamma Day	Jul 13
Pavarana	Oct 9
Kathina	Oct 10
Bodhi Day	Dec 8



## Christian

Occidental calendar (Gregorian)

Epiphany	Jan 6
Three Kings' Day	Jan 6
Christmas - Armenia ✓	Jan 6
Shrove Tuesday	Mar 1
Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)	Mar 2
St. Joseph's Day	Mar 19
Annunciation	Mar 25
Palm Sunday	Apr 10
Holy Thursday	Apr 14
Good Friday ✓	Apr 15
Easter ✓	Apr 17
Easter Monday	Apr 18
St. George's Day	Apr 23
Ascension	May 26
Pentecost	Jun 5
Assumption	Aug 15
All Saints' Day	Nov 1
All Souls Day	Nov 2
First Sunday of Advent	Nov 27
St. Nicholas Day	Dec 6
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Dec 8
Christmas Day ✓	Dec 25

## Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox

Coptic & Eastern Orthodox (Julian) Calendar

Christmas ✓	Jan 7
New Year - Eastern Orthodox	Jan 14
Timkat / Theophany	Jan 20
Clean Monday (Great Lent Begins)	Mar 7
Maundy Thursday	Apr 21
Holy Friday ✓	Apr 22
Pasha/Easter ✓	Apr 24
Easter Monday	Apr 25
Ascension	Jun 2
Pentecost	Jun 12

## Christian - Mormon

Organization of The Church	Apr 6
Pioneer Day	Jul 24
Joseph Smith's Birthday	Dec 23



## Hindu

Lohri	Jan 13
Makar Sankranti	Jan 14
Basant Panchami	Feb 5
Shivratri	Mar 1
Holi ✓	Mar 18
Ram Navami	Apr 10
Baisakhi ✓	Apr 14
Guru Purnima	Jul 13
Raksha Bandhan	Aug 11
Janmashtami ✓	Aug 19
Ganesh Chaturthi	Aug 31
Navratri	Sep 26
Durga Puja	Oct 3
Dussehra	Oct 5
Karva Chauth	Oct 13
Diwali ✓	Oct 24



## Islam

Dates are subject to sighting of moon

Ramadan Begins	Apr 3
Laylat al-Qadr	Apr 28
Eid-ul-Fitr ✓	May 3
Day of Hajj (Day of Ararat)	Jul 8
Eid-ul-Adha ✓	Jul 10
1st Muharram - Islamic New Year	Jul 30
Ashura ✓	Aug 8
Eid-Maulad-un-Nabi	Oct 9

## Islam Ismaili

Now Ruz (New Year) ✓	Mar 21
Imamat Day ✓	Jul 11
Aga Khan's Birthday ✓	Dec 13



## Indigenous Peoples

Indigenous Peoples' Day - Canada ✓	Jun 21
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - Canada	Sep 30
Indigenous Peoples' Day-USA	Oct 12



## Jain

Mahavira Jayanti ✓	Apr 14
Akshaya Tritiya	May 3
Guru Purnima	Jul 13
Paryushana-Parva ✓	Aug 25-Sep 1
Samvatsari	Sep 1
Dashalakshani-Parva	Sep 1
Ananta-Chaturdasi	Sep 9
Ksamavani	Sep 10
Mahavira Nirvana	Oct 24
Lokashah Jayanti	Nov 8



## Jewish

All holy days begin at previous sundown  
\*Some Jews may abstain from work

Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day)	Jan 17
Purim ✓	Mar 17
Pesach /Passover ✓	Apr 16-23
Yom HaShoah	Apr 28
Shavuot ✓	Jun 5-6
Tish'a B'Av	Aug 7
Rosh Hashana ✓	Sep 26-27
Yom Kippur ✓	Oct 5
Sukkot ✓	Oct 10-16
Shemini Atzeret ✓	Oct 17
Simchat Torah ✓	Oct 18
Hannukah	Dec 19-26



## Sikh

The old lunar calendar is Bikarami; the new solar calendar is Nanakshahi. The dates below are mostly Nanakshahi unless otherwise indicated

Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday	Jan 5
Lohri	Jan 13
Holi ✓	Mar 18
Hola Mohalla (Bikarami)	Mar 19
Baisakhi ✓	Apr 14
Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev	Jun 16
Diwali ✓	Oct 24
Guru Nanak's Birthday (Bikarami) ✓	Nov 8
Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur	Nov 24



## Shinto

Gantan-Sai	Jan 1
Shunki-Sorei-Sai	Mar 20
Oh-Harai-Taisai	Jul 30
Shuki sorei sai	Sep 22
Tohji-Tasai	Dec 21



## Wicca

Imbolg	Feb 2
Eostre	Mar 20
Beltane	May 1
Litha	Jun 20
Lugnasad	Aug 1
Mabon	Sep 23
Samhain	Oct 31
Yule	Dec 21



## Zoroastrian

Sadeh	Jan 30
Gahambar Hamaspathmaedem	Mar 16-20
Now Ruz (New Year) ✓	Mar 21
Birth Of Prophet Zarathustra (Fasli)	Mar 26
Gahambar Maidyozarem	Apr 30-May 4
Gahambar Maidyoshem	Jun 29-Jul 3
Fravardeghan	Aug 8-17
Now Ruz (Shenshai) ✓	Aug 18
Birth of Prophet Zarathustra (Shenshai)	Aug 24
Gahambar Paitishahem	Sep 12-16
Mehragan	Oct 2
Gahambar Ayathrem	Oct 12-16
Death of Prophet Zarathustra ✓	Dec 26
Gahambar Maidyarem	Dec 31-Jan 4

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<b>Afghanistan</b>	Now Ruz (New Year) Independence Day	Mar 21 Aug 19	<b>Canada - Indigenous Peoples</b>	Louis Riel Day Indigenous Peoples Awareness Week Indigenous Peoples' Day National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Feb 15 May 24 Jun 21 Sep 30	<b>Egypt</b>	Abu Simbel Festival Armed Forces Day Abu Simbel Festival Suez Victory Day	Feb 22 Oct 6 Oct 22 Oct 24	<b>Iceland</b>	Independence Day	Jun 17
<b>African-American/Canadian</b>	Caribana Parade Kwanzaa	Jul 30 Dec 26	<b>Canada</b>	Groundhog Day National Flag Day Louis Riel Day Family Day Mother's Day Victoria Day Day of the Patriots-Quebec Father's Day St. Jean Baptiste Day-Quebec Multiculturalism Day Canada Day Caribana Parade Civic Holiday Hiroshima Day Labour Day Thanksgiving Halloween Take our Kids to Work Remembrance Day Boxing Day	Feb 2 Feb 15 Feb 21 Feb 21 May 8 May 23 May 23 Jun 19 Jun 24 Jun 27 Jul 1 Jul 30 Aug 1 Aug 6 Sep 5 Oct 10 Oct 31 Nov 2 Nov 11 Dec 26	<b>El Salvador</b>	Independence Day	Sep 15	<b>India</b>	Makar Sankranti Thaipooasam Cavadee Republic Day Ugadi Songkran/New Year Pongol Independence Day Onam Gandhi's Birthday	Jan 14 Jan 18 Jan 26 Apr 2 Apr 13 Apr 15 Aug 15 Sep 7 Oct 3
<b>Albania</b>	Independence Day	Nov 28	<b>Canada</b>	Canada Day	Jul 1	<b>England</b>	Pancake Tuesday Mothering Sunday May Day Bank Holiday Spring Bank Holiday Trooping The Colour Notting Hill Festival Summer Bank Holiday Guy Fawkes Day Remembrance Day Boxing Day	Mar 1 Mar 27 May 2 May 30 Jun 11 Aug 27 Aug 29 Nov 5 Nov 11 Dec 26	<b>Indonesia</b>	Kartini Day Independence Day	Apr 21 Aug 17
<b>Algeria</b>	Revolution Day	Nov 1	<b>Canada</b>	Canada Day	Jul 1	<b>Eritrea</b>	Independence Day	May 24	<b>International</b>	New Year's Day Kindness Awareness Week World Day Of Prayer Spring Equinox Int'l Day of the Francophonie	Jan 1 Feb 14 Mar 4 Mar 20 Mar 20
<b>Antigua &amp; Barbuda</b>	Independence Day	Nov 1	<b>Canada</b>	Caribana Parade Civic Holiday Hiroshima Day Labour Day Thanksgiving	Jul 30 Aug 1 Aug 6 Sep 5 Oct 10	<b>Estonia</b>	Independence Day	Feb 24	<b>Iran</b>	Day of Pink Earth Day Labour Day World Red Cross Day African Liberation Day Summer Solstice Autumn Equinox Int'l World Kindness Day Solstice	Apr 22 Apr 13 Apr 22 May 1 May 8 May 23 Jun 20 Sep 23 Nov 13 Dec 21
<b>Argentina</b>	Revolution Day Independence Day Day of Cultural Diversity National Sovereignty Day	May 25 Jul 9 Oct 8 Nov 27	<b>Cayman Islands</b>	Constitution Day	July 1	<b>Ethiopia</b>	Meskerem (New Year)	Sep 11	<b>Iraq</b>	Sadeh Now Ruz (New Year) Farvardin Mehragan	Jan 30 Mar 21 Apr 1 Oct 2
<b>Armenia</b>	Martyrs Day Independence Day	Apr 24 Sep 21	<b>Channel Islands</b>	Liberation Day	May 9	<b>Fiji</b>	Fiji Day	Oct 10	<b>Ireland</b>	Republic Day	Jul 14
<b>Aruba</b>	Flag Day	Mar 18	<b>Chile</b>	Navy Day St. Peter and Paul Day Independence Day Reformation Day	May 21 Jun 29 Sep 18 Oct 31	<b>Finland</b>	St. Knut's Day Kalevala Day Vappu Day Independence Day	Jan 13 Feb 28 May 1 Dec 6	<b>Israel</b>	Robert Burns' Night Mothering Sunday St. Patrick's Day	Jan 25 Mar 27 Mar 17
<b>Australia</b>	Australia Day Harmony Day Anzac Day National Sorry Day NAIDOC Father's Day Remembrance Day	Jan 26 Mar 21 Apr 25 May 26 Jul 3 Sep 4 Nov 11	<b>China</b>	Kitchen God Celebration Chinese Lunar New Year Ch'ing Ming Festival Matsu Festival Dragon Boat Festival Harvest Moon Festival National Day Chung Yeung Festival	Jan 25 Feb 1 Apr 5 Apr 23 Jun 3 Sep 10 Oct 1 Oct 4	<b>France</b>	Mother's Day Joan of Arc Day Bastille Day Armistice Day St. Catherine's Day	May 29 May 30 Jul 14 Nov 11 Nov 25	<b>Italy</b>	Republic Day	Jul 14
<b>Austria</b>	National Day	Oct 26	<b>Colombia</b>	Independence Day	Jul 20	<b>Gambia</b>	Independence Day	Feb 18	<b>Ireland</b>	Robert Burns' Night Mothering Sunday St. Patrick's Day	Jan 25 Mar 27 Mar 17
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	Martyrs' Memorial Day Republic Day Independence Day	Jan 20 May 27 Oct 18	<b>Congo</b>	Independence Day	Jun 30	<b>Georgia</b>	Independence Day	Apr 9	<b>Israel</b>	May Day Bank Holiday June Bank Holiday Summer Bank Holiday Bank Holiday Wren Day/St Stephen's Day Boxing Day	May 2 Jun 6 Aug 1 Oct 24 Dec 26 Dec 26
<b>Bahamas</b>	Flag/Labour Day Independence Day Discovery Day Junkanoo	Jun 1 Jul 10 Oct 12 Dec 26	<b>Costa Rica</b>	Independence Day	Sep 15	<b>Germany</b>	Oktoberfest Day of German Unity	Sep 17 Oct 3	<b>Ireland</b>	Robert Burns' Night Mothering Sunday St. Patrick's Day	Jan 25 Mar 27 Mar 17
<b>Bahrain</b>	Independence Day	Dec 16	<b>Croatia</b>	Independence Day	Oct 8	<b>Ghana</b>	Independence Day	Mar 6	<b>Italy</b>	May Day Bank Holiday June Bank Holiday Summer Bank Holiday Bank Holiday Wren Day/St Stephen's Day Boxing Day	May 2 Jun 6 Aug 1 Oct 24 Dec 26 Dec 26
<b>Bangladesh</b>	Independence Day Baisakhi Bijoy Dibash	Mar 26 Apr 14 Dec 16	<b>Cuba</b>	Day of National Rebellion Independence Day	Jul 26 Oct 10	<b>Greece</b>	St. Basil's Day Greek Education Day Evangelismou Ataturk Commemoration Sports Day National Day 'Ochi'	Jan 1 Jan 30 Mar 25 May 19 Oct 28	<b>Northern Ireland</b>	Mothering Sunday St. Patrick's Day May Day Bank Holiday Spring Bank Holiday Battle of Boyne Summer Bank Holiday	Mar 27 Mar 17 May 2 May 30 Jul 13 Aug 29
<b>Barbados</b>	Independence Day	Nov 30	<b>Curacao</b>	Curacao Day	Oct 10	<b>Greenland</b>	National Day	Jun 21	<b>Israel</b>	Yom HaShoah Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) Yom HaAtzma'ut (Independence Day) Yom Yerushalayim	Apr 28 May 4 May 5 May 29
<b>Belgium</b>	Independence Day	Jul 21	<b>Cyprus</b>	Independence Day	Oct 1	<b>Grenada</b>	Independence Day	Feb 7	<b>Italy</b>	Liberation Day Republic Day Feast Of St. Francis Of Assisi	Apr 25 Jun 2 Oct 4
<b>Bermuda</b>	Bermuda Day Emancipation Day	May 24 Jul 31	<b>Czech Republic</b>	National Day	Oct 28	<b>Guatemala</b>	Independence Day	Sep 15	<b>Jamaica</b>	Labour Day Independence Day National Heroes Day	May 23 Aug 6 Oct 16
<b>Bhutan</b>	National Day	Dec 17	<b>Denmark</b>	Constitution Day	Jun 5	<b>Guyana</b>	Independence Day	May 26	<b>Japan</b>	Gantan-Sai Seijin No Hi Setsubun-Sai	Jan 1 Jan 10 Feb 3
<b>Bolivia</b>	Independence Day	Aug 6	<b>Dominica</b>	Independence Day	Nov 3	<b>Haiti</b>	Independence Day Discovery Day	Jan 1 Dec 5	<b>Japan</b>	National Foundation Day Heisei Emperor's Birthday Shunbun no hi Showa no hi Constitution Day Midori No Hi Kodomo No Hi Tanabata Umi no hi Hiroshima Day Keiro No Hi	Jan 1 Jan 10 Feb 11 Feb 23 Mar 20 Apr 29 May 3 May 4 May 5 May 5 Jul 7 Jul 18 Aug 6 Sep 19
<b>Bosnia</b>	Independence Day National Day	Mar 1 Nov 25	<b>Dominican Republic</b>	Independence Day Our Lady of Las Mercedes Constitution Day	Feb 27 Sep 24 Oct 6	<b>Hawaii</b>	Kuhio Day	Mar 26	<b>Japan</b>	Gantan-Sai Seijin No Hi Setsubun-Sai	Jan 1 Jan 10 Feb 3
<b>Brazil</b>	Carnaval Parade Independence Day Nossa Senhora de Aparecida Republic Day	Mar 1 Sep 7 Oct 12 Nov 15	<b>Ecuador</b>	Simon Bolivar Day Independence Day	Jul 24 Aug 10	<b>Hong Kong</b>	Chinese Lunar New Year Buddha's Birthday Dragon Boat Festival Tuen Ng Festival HKSAR Establishment Day Harvest Moon Festival National Day Chung Yeung Festival	Feb 1 May 8 June 3 June 3 Jul 1 Sep 10 Oct 1 Oct 4	<b>Japan</b>	Gantan-Sai Seijin No Hi Setsubun-Sai	Jan 1 Jan 10 Feb 3
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Martenitza Independence Day	Mar 1 Sep 22				<b>Hungary</b>	Memorial Day	Mar 15			

