



Cultural Diversity Calendar 2023-2024

SEPTEMBER 2023		
DATE	HOLIDAY	DESCRIPTION
1	Independence Day of Uzbekistan	<p><i>Independence Day is a public holiday in Uzbekistan, observed on September 1st.</i></p> <p><i>Known locally as 'Mustaqillik Kuni', this is Uzbekistan's National Day and marks independence from the Soviet Union on September 1st 1991.</i></p> <p><i>Source: Office Holidays</i></p>
2	Vietnam Independence Day	<p><i>On Sept. 2, 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared the independence of Vietnam from France.</i></p> <p><i>Source: Zinn Education Project</i></p>
4-5	Arba'in	<p><i>In Shia Islam, Arba'in marks forty days after Ashura, which is the death anniversary of Husayn ibn Ali, grandson of the Islamic prophet Muhammad and the third Shia imam.</i></p> <p><i>Source: Aljazeera</i></p>
6	Somhlolo Day	<p><i>Somhlolo Day is a public holiday that's observed annually on the 6th of September in Eswatini. This holiday commemorates the day when the country gained independence from Great Britain in 1968. This holiday is also known as Swaziland Independence Day or Sobhuza Day.</i></p> <p><i>Source: Holiday Calendars</i></p>
7	Brazil Independence Day	<p><i>The Independence Day of Brazil, commonly called Sete de Setembro, is a national holiday observed in Brazil on 7 September of every year. The date celebrates Brazil's Declaration of Independence from the United Kingdom of Portugal, Brazil and the Algarves on 7 September 1822.</i></p> <p><i>Source: National Today</i></p>
9	Tajikistan Independence Day	<p><i>The Independence Day of Tajikistan, officially known as the Day of State Independence of the Republic of Tajikistan, is the main national holiday of the Republic of Tajikistan.</i></p> <p><i>Source: National Today</i></p>
12	Enkutatash (Ethiopian New Year)	<p><i>Ethiopians follow a 13-month calendar similar to that used in many Eastern Orthodox churches, trailing the</i></p>

		<p><i>western calendar by seven years and eight months. On the Gregorian calendar, Ethiopian New year falls on the 11th September.</i></p> <p>Source: Brilliant Ethiopia</p>
14	Cochabamba Day	<p><i>The Day of the Cochabamba Department takes place on September 14th marking the second foundation of the city on that day in 1574.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
15	Costa Rica Independence Day	<p><i>On the 15th of September 1821, the whole of Central America officially broke free from Spanish rule and was independent for the first time in its history.</i></p> <p>Source: CostaRica.org</p>
15	Hispanic Heritage Month begins	<p><i>National Hispanic Heritage Month is annually celebrated from September 15 to October 15 in the United States for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.</i></p> <p>Source: National Museum of the American Latino</p>
15	El Salvador Independence Day	<p><i>El Salvador celebrates its Independence Day to commemorate the struggle of the El Salvadorans in the fight for liberation from Spain. This year marks the 202nd anniversary of El Salvador's independence.</i></p> <p>Source: U.S. Embassy in El Salvador</p>
15	Guatemala Independence Day	<p><i>Guatemala Independence Day is celebrated on September 15 every year and is also known as Guatemala's National Day. The day commemorates the independence of the region from Spanish rule. And while the full history of the events surrounding Guatemala's independence is usually debated, the independence celebrations on this day are usually filled with colorful parades, concerts, and numerous civic campaigns.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
15	Honduras Independence Day	<p><i>September 15 is a day of national pride for all Hondurans. It marks the 201st anniversary of their independence from Spain.</i></p> <p>Source: Our Little Roses</p>
15	Nicaragua Independence Day	<p><i>Nicaraguan Independence Day commemorates the signing of the Act of Independence of Central America in Guatemala City on September 15, 1821.</i></p> <p>Source: New York Latin Culture Magazine</p>
16	Mexican Independence Day	<p><i>On September 16, 1810, a progressive priest named Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla became the father of Mexican independence with a historic proclamation urging his fellow Mexicans to take up arms against the Spanish</i></p>

		<p>government. Known as the “Grito de Dolores,” Hidalgo’s declaration launched a decade-long struggle that ended 300 years of colonial rule, established an independent Mexico and helped cultivate a unique Mexican identity. Its anniversary is now celebrated as the country’s birthday.</p> <p>Source: History Channel</p>
16-17	Rosh Hashanah	<p>Rosh Hashanah commemorates the creation of the world and marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a 10-day period of introspection and repentance that culminates in the Yom Kippur holiday, also known as the Day of Atonement.</p> <p>Source: History.com</p>
17	National Heroes Day in Angola	<p>National Heroes Day is a public holiday in Angola on September 17th each year.</p> <p>This holiday is observed on the birthday of the national</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
18	Chile Independence Day	<p>September 18th, 1810 marks the date that Chile began fighting for independence from Spain. But it wasn't until eight years when they were finally considered an independent country. Chileans refer to the official holiday as “dieciocho.” This means “eighteen” in Spanish as the holiday falls on the 18th day of the month.</p> <p>Source: U.S. Department of State</p>
18	International Pay Day	<p>The International Equal Pay Day, celebrated on 18 September, represents the longstanding efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for work of equal value.</p> <p>Source: United Nations</p>
18/28	Ganesh Chaturthi	<p>Ganesh Chaturthi, also known as Vinayak Chaturthi or Ganeshotsav, is a Hindu festival that honors Hindu deity Ganesha. The festival is marked with the installation of Ganesha's clay murtis privately in homes and publicly on elaborate pandals. In 2023, it will be celebrated on September 18 and observed on September 28.</p> <p>Source: Britannica & mint</p>
20	Nuakhai	<p>This traditional festival has significance for farmers and the agricultural community of India as it is performed to welcome the season’s newly harvested rice. Nuakhai is celebrated precisely a day after Ganesh Chaturthi in the ‘Panchami tithi’ or the fifth day of the lunar fortnight that mainly falls in August or September.</p> <p>Source: Adda 24/7</p>
21	Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day	<p>This holiday commemorates the birthday of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana's first President.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>

22	Sree Narayana Guru Samadhi	<p><i>Sree Narayana Guru Samadhi is a regional public holiday in Kerala, India observed on September 20th each year.</i></p> <p><i>The state holiday marks the death anniversary of a notable Keralite social reformer who died on this day in 1928.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
23	National Day in Saudi Arabia	<p><i>Saudi National Day is a public holiday in Saudi Arabia celebrated annually on 23 September to commemorate the proclamation that renamed the Kingdom of Nejd and Hejaz as the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 1932 through a royal decree by King Abdulaziz ibn Saud.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
24-25	Yom Kippur	<p><i>Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is known as the holiest day of the Jewish year. Leading up to and on that day, Jews traditionally ask for forgiveness for our wrongdoings from God and from our fellow human beings.</i></p> <p>Source: Hebcal</p>
24	Cambodia Constitution Day	<p><i>This day commemorates the proclamation of the constitution on this day in 1993.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
26-27	Milad an-Nabi	<p><i>Mawlid, also known as Eid-e-Milad an-Nabi, is an observation of the day when the Islamic prophet Muhammad is reported to have been born. It is commemorated in Rabi' al-Awwal, the third month in the Islamic calendar.</i></p> <p>Source: The Times of India</p>
28	Indra Jatra	<p><i>Indra Jātrā, also known as Yenyā, is the biggest religious street festival in Kathmandu, Nepal. The celebrations consist of two events, Indra Jātrā and Kumāri Jātrā. Indra Jātrā is marked by masked dances of deities and demons, displays of sacred images and tableaux in honor of the deity Indra, the king of heaven.</i></p> <p>Source: Festivals in Nepal</p>
29	Binara Full Moon Poya Day	<p><i>Binara Poya (Binara Pura Pasalosvaka Poya Day) usually falls in September. Binara Poya is the day when Sri Lankan Buddhists commemorate the establishment of the Bhikkhuni Sasanaya (Bhikkhuni Sangha) or Order of the Female Buddhist Monastic.</i></p> <p>Source: Lakpura LLC</p>
30-Oct.6	Sukkot	<p><i>Sukkot is a Torah-commanded holiday celebrated for seven days, beginning on the 15th day of the month of Tishrei. It is one of the Three Pilgrimage Festivals on which those Israelites who could were commanded to make a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem.</i></p> <p>Source: Wikipedia</p>

OCTOBER 2023

LGBTQ+ History Month in USA, Global Diversity Awareness Month, Mes Mardos/Purple Month in Peru, National Disability Employment Awareness Month, National Bullying Prevention Month

Date	Holiday	Description
1	Nigeria Independence Day	<i>Independence Day is an official national holiday in Nigeria, celebrated on the 1st of October. It marks Nigeria's proclamation of independence from British rule on 1 October 1960.</i> <i>Source: British International Primary School</i>
1	National Day of the People's Republic of China	<i>National Day, officially the National Day of the People's Republic of China, is a public holiday in China celebrated annually on 1 October as the national day of the People's Republic of China, commemorating Mao Zedong's formal proclamation of the establishment of the People's Republic of China on 1 October 1949.</i> <i>Source: Britannica</i>
2	Independence Day in Guinea	<i>This day commemorates the country's independence from French colonial rule, which was achieved on October 2, 1958.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
2	Gandhi Jayanti	<i>Gandhi Jayanti, celebrated annually on 2nd October, marks the birthday of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, revered as Mahatma Gandhi.</i> <i>Source: The Times of India</i>
3	Gaechonjeol in Korea	<i>Gaechonjeol is a public holiday in South Korea on 3 October. Also known by the English name National Foundation Day, this holiday celebrates the legendary formation of the first Korean state of Gojoseon in 2333 BC. This date has traditionally been regarded as the date for the founding of the Korean people.</i> <i>Source: Greenheart Travel</i>
3	Morazan Day in Honduras	<i>Francisco Morazán Day is a public holiday in Honduras, it's annually observed on October 3, which is the birth anniversary of the second President of Central American Federation Francisco Morazán. Since he dominated the military and political scene in Honduras, this holiday is also known as Soldier's Day.</i> <i>Source: Office Holidays</i>
4	Independence Day in Lesotho	<i>Lesotho Independence Day is celebrated on October 4th every year as the day the nation became a sovereign state from the British in 1966. This day is</i>

		<p><i>significant to the Basotho people as it marks the end of colonial rule and the beginning of self-governance.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
5	Republic Day in Portugal	<p><i>Portugal's Republic Day is celebrated on October 5 every year and is also known as 'Implantation of the Republic' in Portugal. This important day marks the overthrow of the monarchy, the House of Braganca, in 1910.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
6-8	Shemini Atzeret	<p><i>Shemini Atzeret is a Jewish holiday. It is celebrated on the 22nd day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei in the Land of Israel, and on the 22nd and 23rd outside the Land, usually coinciding with late September or early October.</i></p> <p>Source: Exploring Judaism</p>
7-8	Simchat Torah	<p><i>Simchat Torah or Simhat Torah is a Jewish holiday that celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle.</i></p> <p>Source: Hebcal</p>
9	Indigenous People's Day (Native American Day)	<p><i>Typically on the second Monday of October, Indigenous Peoples' Day recognizes the Indigenous communities that have lived in the Americas for thousands of years.</i></p> <p>Source: PBS</p>
9	Independence Day in Uganda	<p><i>Independence Day in Uganda is a state holiday celebrated on October 9 every year. It celebrates Uganda's independence from the United Kingdom in 1962.</i></p> <p>Source: African Network LLR</p>
9	Independence of Guayaquil Day in Ecuador	<p><i>Guayaquil declared its independence from Spain on October 9, 1820. The Independence of Guayaquil is considered a national holiday.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
10	Fiji Day	<p><i>Fiji Day is the culmination of Fiji Week, a period celebrating the Fijian people's culture, religion, and history. It's a time for happiness and festivities, but it's also a time for introspection and remembrance. Fiji Day is celebrated in Australia and New Zealand as well.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
10	National Day in Taiwan	<p><i>The National Day of the Republic of China or the Taiwan National Day, also referred to as Double Ten Day or Double Tenth Day, is a public holiday on 10 October, now held annually as the national day in</i></p>

		<p><i>Taiwan.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
10	Huduma Day in Kenya	<p><i>Huduma Day is a cultural holiday celebrated in Kenya on October 10th every year. Formerly known as Moi Day, it was renamed to Huduma Day in 2019 to celebrate the country's public service.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
11	National Coming Out Day	<p><i>National Coming Out Day 2023 is an annual observance dedicated to celebrating and supporting individuals in the LGBTQ+ community as they share their authentic selves with the world. This day aims to raise awareness about the importance of coming out, challenge stereotypes and prejudices, and promote acceptance and inclusion.</i></p> <p>Source: Awareness Days</p>
12	Dia de la Raza	<p><i>Dia De La Raza celebrates the heritage, colonization, and cultural diversity of Latin America.</i></p> <p>Source: Imagine Mexico</p>
15	Evacuation Day in Tunisia	<p><i>Evacuation Day is celebrated every October 15 by Tunisians to commemorate the anniversary of the final retreat of the French army from Tunisian land in 1963.</i></p> <p>Source: Diversity Atlas</p>
15-24	Navaratri	<p><i>Navaratri is an annual Hindu festival observed in honor of the goddess Durga, an aspect of Adi Parashakti, the supreme goddess. It spans over nine nights, first in the month of Chaitra, and again in the month of Ashvin.</i></p> <p>Source: Hindi Online & Redbus</p>
16	Birth of the Bab	<p><i>An observance of the anniversary of the birth on Oct. 20, 1819, in Shiraz, Persia (now Iran), of Siyyid 'Ali-Muhammad, who later took the title of "the Báb," meaning "the Gate." The Báb is a prominent figure of the Baha'i Faith. The Birth of Báb is a joyous event and one of the nine holy days of the year when work is suspended.</i></p> <p>Source: Tokyo Baha'i Community</p>
16	Gur gadi diwas - Guru Granth Sahib	<p><i>Gur gadi is a Punjabi phrase which literally means "Guru's throne" and is used to refer to the installation of Guruship by each successive Sikh Gurus. The day when each Guru was installed as a Guru is referred to as "Gur gadi day" or "Gur gadi diwas".</i></p> <p><i>On this day many religious celebrations take place in Sikh Gurdwaras and homes. The most celebrated Gur-gadi day is the day when the Guru Granth Sahib was</i></p>

		<p><i>installed as Guru.</i></p> <p>Source: Babushahi & SikhiWiki</p>
16-17	Birth of Baha'u'llah	<p><i>The Birth of Bahá'u'lláh is one of nine holy days in the Bahá'í calendar that is celebrated by adherents of the Bahá'í Faith and during which work is suspended.</i></p> <p>Source: Indiana University</p>
17	Dessalines Day in Haiti	<p><i>Dessalines Day is commemorated on October 17 every year. In Haiti, the anniversary of Jean-Jacques Dessalines' death is celebrated with parties, parades, and historic reenactments of his life.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	<p><i>The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, celebrated annually on October 17th, aims to promote understanding and dialogue between people living in poverty and the wider society.</i></p> <p>Source: The United Nations</p>
20	Heroes' Day in Kenya	<p><i>Mashujaa Day, also known as Heroes' Day ("mashujaa" is Swahili for "heroes"), is a national day in Kenya, which is observed on 20 October as a public holiday to collectively honor all those who contributed towards the struggle for Kenya's independence or positively contributed in the post independence Kenya.</i></p> <p>Source: Google Arts and Culture</p>
20	Revolution Day in Guatemala	<p><i>On this day in 1944, a democratic rebellion overthrew over ten years of oppressive rule under military dictator Jorge Ubico.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
20-24	Durga Puja starts	<p><i>Durga Puja, also known as Durgotsava or Sharodotsav, is an annual Hindu festival originating in the Indian subcontinent which reveres and pays homage to the Hindu goddess Durga, and is also celebrated because of Durga's victory over Mahishasura.</i></p> <p>Source: Wikiwand</p>
23	King Chulalongkorn Day in Thailand	<p><i>Chulalongkorn Day is a national public holiday to commemorate the loss of a great king, and the advancements he had brought to the country. King Chulalongkorn's long reign of 42 years was an era of progressive and comprehensive reforms – political, social, educational, economical.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
24	Independence Day in Zambia	<p><i>Zambia Independence Day is celebrated on October 24th to commemorate the country's independence from British rule in 1964.</i></p>

		Source: Diversity Atlas
31	Martyrs' Day in Burkina Faso	<p><i>October 31 is an official remembrance day named Martyrs Day in the West African country of Burkina Faso. It is dedicated to the victims of the 2015 coup d'état.</i></p> <p>Source: Any Day Guide</p>
31	Reformation Day	<p><i>Reformation Day is a Protestant religious holiday celebrated on October 31. It recognizes the day German monk Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Church in 1517. This act is commemorated as the official starting point of the Protestant Reformation.</i></p> <p>Source: Newsweek</p>
10/31-11/1	Samhain	<p><i>Samhain is the Irish language name for the month of November and also a Gaelic festival on 1 November marking the end of the harvest season and beginning of winter or "darker half" of the year. Celebrations begin on the evening of 31 October, since the Celtic day began and ended at sunset.</i></p> <p>Source: Donegal Square</p>

NOVEMBER 2023

National Native American Heritage Month, National Family Caregivers Month

Date	Holiday	Description
1	All Saints' Day	<i>All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows, the Solemnity of All Saints, and Halloween, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown.</i> <i>Source: Christianity.com</i>
1	Karnataka Formation Day	<i>Karnataka Rajyotsava, also known as Karnataka State Day, is a state public holiday and celebrated on 1 November of every year. This was the day in 1956 when all the Kannada language-speaking regions of south western India were merged to form the state of Karnataka.</i> <i>Source: Wikiwand</i>
1	Movember	<i>Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. It is a portmanteau of the Australian-English diminutive word for moustache, "mo", and "November".</i> <i>Source: Movember</i>
1-2	Dios Los Muertos	<i>The Day of the Dead is a holiday traditionally celebrated on November 1 and 2, though other days, such as October 31 or November 6, may be included depending on the locality. It is widely observed in Mexico, where it largely developed, and is also observed in other places, especially by people of Mexican heritage.</i> <i>Source: Wikiwand</i>
2	All Souls Day	<i>All Souls' Day, also called The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed, observed by certain Christian denominations on 2 November.</i> <i>Source: Google Arts and Culture</i>
3	Japanese Culture Day	<i>Culture Day is a public holiday in Japan held annually on November 3 for the purpose of promoting culture, the arts, and academic endeavors. Festivities typically include art exhibitions, parades, and award ceremonies for distinguished artists and scholars.</i>

		Source: Wikiwand
5	Guy Fawkes Day	<p><i>The British holiday, celebrated with fireworks and bonfires, commemorates the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605.</i></p> <p>Source: The History Channel</p>
7	Election Day	<p><i>The 2023 United States elections are scheduled to be held, in large part, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The off- year election includes gubernatorial and state legislative elections in a few states, as well as numerous citizen initiatives, mayoral races, and a variety of other local offices on the ballot.</i></p> <p>Source: Wikipedia</p>
8	Intersex Day of Remembrance	<p><i>Intersex Day of Remembrance, also known as Intersex Solidarity Day, is an internationally observed civil awareness day designed to highlight issues faced by intersex people.</i></p> <p>Source: LGTBQ+ Australia</p>
9-10	Kristallnacht	<p><i>On November 9–10, 1938, Nazi leaders unleashed a series of pogroms against the Jewish population in Germany and recently incorporated territories. This event came to be called Kristallnacht (The Night of Broken Glass) because of the shattered glass that littered the streets after the vandalism and destruction of Jewish-owned businesses, synagogues, and homes.</i></p> <p>Source: Holocaust Encyclopedia</p>
10	Tradition Day of Argentina	<p><i>Tradition Day is celebrated in Argentina in commemoration of the birth of the writer and journalist José Hernández, on November 10, 1834, who composed El Gaucho Martín Fierro, a lyrical work that occupies the summit of gaucho literature.</i></p> <p>Source: Voluntario Global</p>
11	Veterans Day	<p><i>November 11 is Veterans Day, a federal holiday that is meant to honor all veterans of the uniformed services who served or are still serving during times of peace as well as war. Veterans Day has its origins at the end of World War I when at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the fighting ended with the signing of an armistice.</i></p> <p>Source: U.S. Department of Defense</p>
11	Remembrance Day in Canada	<p><i>Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace.</i></p> <p>Source: Government of Canada</p>

12	Diwali	<p><i>Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance".</i></p> <p>Source: The Times of India</p>
15	Shichi-Go-San	<p><i>Shichi-Go-San is a traditional Japanese rite of passage and festival day for three- and seven-year-old girls, five- year-old and sometimes three-year-old boys, held annually on November 15 to celebrate the growth and well-being of young children.</i></p> <p>Source: Wikiwand</p>
15	Bhai Dooj	<p><i>Bhai Tika, Bhai Dooj, Bhaubeej, Bhai Phonta or Bhratri Dwitiya is a festival celebrated by Hindus on the second lunar day of the Shukla Paksha of Kartika, the eighth month of the Vikram Samvat Hindu calendar or the Shalivahana Shaka calendar. It is celebrated during the Diwali or Tihar festival and Holi festival.</i></p> <p>Source: The Holiday Calendar</p>
16	International Day of Tolerance	<p><i>The International Day for Tolerance is an annual observance day declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance.</i></p> <p>Source: Glade</p>
16	Dutch American Heritage Day	<p><i>Celebrate the anniversary of Nov. 16, 1776 when an American warship sailed into the harbor of the Dutch island of St. Eustatius in the West Indies and was greeted by a friendly salute, the first ever given by a foreign power to the flag of the newly-independent United States.</i></p> <p>Source: National Park Service</p>
20	National Sovereignty Day of Argentina	<p><i>The National Sovereignty Day is a national public holiday of Argentina, celebrated during November 20. It commemorates the Battle of Vuelta de Obligado, which took place on 20 November 1845 during the Anglo-French blockade of the Río de la Plata.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
20	Transgender Day of Remembrance	<p><i>Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.</i></p> <p>Source: GLAAD</p>
23	Thanksgiving Day - United States	<p><i>An annual national holiday in the United States to celebrate the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their</i></p>

		<p><i>Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
24	Native American Heritage Day	<p><i>National Native American Heritage Day is observed on November 26, a day after Thanksgiving. American Indians are accorded special honor on this day, and their rich cultures, accomplishments, contributions, and heritage are celebrated. The history of America begins with Native Americans, and the bald eagle on the U.S. shield is an Iroquois symbol. On this day, we can enjoy displays of their cultural fashion and unique recipes and speak out against the grave injustices they have experienced.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	<p><i>Women's rights activists have observed 25 November as a day against gender-based violence since 1981. This date was selected to honor the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic who were brutally murdered in 1960 by order of the country's ruler, Rafael Trujillo (1930-1961).</i></p> <p>Source: United Nations</p>
26-28	Bon Om Touk	<p><i>In November, Cambodia erupts into one of the biggest celebrations of the year with Bon Om Touk, known as the Cambodian Water Festival. It has been celebrated since as early as the 13th century, marking the end of Cambodia's rainy season. This annual festival happens on the full moon of the Buddhist month of Kadeuk, the full moon is considered to bring good luck that can lead to an abundant harvest. Bon Om Touk is one of the most important celebrations for the Cambodian people.</i></p> <p>Source: Cambodia Angkor Air</p>
26	Umoja Karamu Celebration	<p><i>Umoja Karamu, meaning "unity feast" in Swahili, is an African-American celebration begun in 1971 by Dr. Edward Sims, Jr. Celebrated in a manner similar to Thanksgiving, Umoja Karamu is held on the fourth Sunday in November. Its purpose is to instill solidarity, black values, and appreciation of black heritage into black families. Prayers, libations to honor ancestors, historical readings, and feasts mark observances.</i></p> <p>Source: Academic Dictionaries and Encyclopedias</p>
28	Loi Krathong	<p><i>Loy Krathong Festival is an annual traditional Siamese festival celebrated by Thais to pay respect to the Goddess of Water and the Buddha.</i></p> <p>Source: Kids English Thailand</p>

30	Commemoration Day in UAE	<p><i>Commemoration Day recognises the sacrifices and dedication of Emirati martyrs, who have given their lives in the UAE and abroad in the field of civil, military and humanitarian service.</i></p> <p>Source: Gulf News</p>
30	Saint Andrew's Day	<p><i>St Andrew has been celebrated in Scotland for over one thousand years, with feasts being held in his honor as far back as the year 1000 AD. However, it wasn't until 1320, when Scotland's independence was declared with the signing of The Declaration of Arbroath, that he officially became Scotland's patron saint.</i></p> <p>Source: Scotland.org</p>

DECEMBER 2023

Date	Holiday	Description
1	Farmer's Day in Ghana	<p><i>The official Ghana Farmer's Day on the first Friday in December celebrates the country's farmers and fishermen. The agricultural industry contributes at least 20% to 30% of revenue to the country's socio-economic fronts.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
1	Indigenous Faith Day	<p><i>Indigenous Faith Day is celebrated every year in the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh on December 1 to safeguard and promote all indigenous faiths across the state. In so doing, the day honors the unique identities of the people of the beautiful and lush North-Eastern Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	<p><i>The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, 2 December, marks the date of the adoption, by the General Assembly, of the United Nations Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others (resolution 317(IV) of 2 December 1949).</i></p> <p><i>The focus of this day is on eradicating contemporary forms of slavery, such as trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, the worst forms of child labour, forced marriage, and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict.</i></p> <p>Source: United Nations</p>
2	National Day in UAE	<p><i>Celebrated each year on 2 December, the UAE National Day is one of the most anticipated holidays in the country. And in 2021, the country will be marking its golden anniversary of 50 years. On 2 December, 1971, the rulers of the emirates signed a unification agreement to create the United Arab Emirates, thus transforming the separate states into one thriving nation.</i></p> <p>Source: Dubai Culture</p>
2	National Day in Laos	<p><i>Lao National Day on December 2 is an annual holiday in the Southeast Asian country of Laos. The holiday marks the end of the monarchy's rule and the establishment of the Lao People's Democratic Republic in 1975.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
7	Armed Forces Flag Day in India	<p><i>Since 1949, the day has been observed on December 7 across the country with an aim to collect funds from people for the betterment of the Armed Forces Staff. It</i></p>

		<p><i>has become a tradition to observe this day as an honor to the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of India.</i></p> <p>Source: <u>Jagran Josh</u></p>
7-15	Hanukkah/Chanukah	<p><i>The eight-day Jewish celebration known as Hanukkah or Chanukah commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, where according to legend Jews had risen up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt. Hanukkah, which means “dedication” in Hebrew, begins on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar and usually falls in November or December. Often called the Festival of Lights, the holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts.</i></p> <p>Source: <u>The History Channel</u></p>
8	Bodhi Day	<p><i>Bodhi Day is observed to mark the moment that took place 2,500 years ago when Siddhartha Gautama achieved enlightenment and became the Buddha or ‘awakened one’. Bodhi Day is celebrated in Japan on December 8 every year. It generally falls on the eighth day of the 12th month of the lunisolar calendar. In Japan, the day is known as Rohatsu and was moved to its current date when Emperor Meiji began the westernization of Japan and introduced the Gregorian calendar. It is a spiritually invigorating day that is beneficial to many.</i></p> <p>Source: <u>National Today</u></p>
8	Feast of Immaculate Conception	<p><i>The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God’s gift to humanity in Mary, the mother of Jesus, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.</i></p> <p>Source: <u>Catholic News Agency</u></p>
10	Constitution Day in Thailand	<p><i>Thailand’s Constitution Day is a national holiday being held annually on December 10th. Commemorated only a few days after Thai Father’s Day, this day is also important to Thai people as it commemorates Thailand’s adoption of a constitutional monarchy in 1932.</i></p> <p>Source: <u>Thailand Now</u></p>
10	World Human Rights Day	<p><i>10 December 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of one of the world’s most groundbreaking global pledges: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). This landmark document enshrines the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.</i></p>

		<p><i>The Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 and sets out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected.</i></p> <p><i>Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world.</i></p> <p>Source: <u>United Nations</u></p>
12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	<p><i>People in Mexico and in the United States celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. Mary is the Patron Saint of Mexico and Patroness of the Americas. Every year, thousands of people from all over the country make a pilgrimage to the Basilica in Mexico City. The day commemorates her apparition to Saint Juan Diego in the hills of Tepeyac in 1531. She asked him to go to the bishop and tell him that the Ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, sent him to ask for a church to be built atop Tepeyac hill.</i></p> <p><i>Today, as a sign of their devotion to Mary, many pilgrims travel to this site on their knees for many miles. They do this as a sign of their devotion to Mary and to show gratitude for favors received from her.</i></p> <p>Source: <u>Saints Resource</u></p>
12	Jamhuri Day in Kenya	<p><i>Jamhuri Day, also called Independence Day, one of the most important national holidays in Kenya, observed on December 12. The holiday formally marks the date of the country's admittance in 1964 into the Commonwealth as a republic and takes its name from the Swahili word jamhuri ("republic"); December 12 is also the date when Kenya obtained its independence from Great Britain in 1963.</i></p> <p>Source: <u>Britannica</u></p>
14	Martyred Intellectuals Day in Bangladesh	<p><i>In Bangladesh, Martyred Intellectuals Day is observed on 14 December. The day honors over 1,000 intellectuals killed by Pakistan forces during the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971. Just when victory was on the horizon, Pakistan abducted and brutally killed some of the best minds in Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan).</i></p> <p><i>The aim was to annihilate the entire intellectual class of Bangladesh. Martyred Intellectuals Day ensures that the world never forgets the efforts and bravery of these exceptional individuals.</i></p> <p>Source: <u>National Today</u></p>
16	Day of Reconciliation in South Africa	<p><i>Day of Reconciliation, also called Day of the Vow, Day of the Covenant, or Dingane's Day, a public holiday observed in South Africa on December 16. The holiday originally commemorated the victory of the Voortrekkers (southern Africans of Dutch, German, or</i></p>

		<p><i>Huguenot descent who made the Great Trek) over the Zulus at the Battle of Blood River in 1838. Before the battle, the Voortrekkers had taken a vow that, if they succeeded in defeating the Zulus, they would build a church and observe the day as a religious holiday. The observance became known as Dingane's Day (after the Zulu king Dingane), and in 1910 the day was established as a public holiday.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
16	Kazakhstan Independence Day	<p><i>Kazakhstan's biggest national holiday since 1991 has naturally been its Independence Day, celebrated on December 16. What makes it even bigger is the fact that it is often celebrated across two days — December 16 and 17. Not just that, if December 16 falls on a weekend, the following Monday is considered a holiday. The Kazakhs set up yurts, indulge in delicacies, and dance the night away to folk music! They also dress up in traditional fashion for the ceremony at Ak Orda Presidential Palace.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
16-24	Las Posadas	<p><i>Las Posadas, (Spanish: "The Inns") religious festival celebrated in Mexico and some parts of the United States between December 16 and 24. Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. When they were unable to find lodging in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary were forced to seek shelter in a stable, where the Christ Child was born.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
17	Martyrdom of Fatima in Iran	<p><i>The Martyrdom of Fatima, also known as the Martyrdom of Hazrat Fatimah, is a bank holiday that's observed in Iran and is observed on the third day of the Islamic month of Jumada al-Thani.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
18	Republic Day in Niger	<p><i>Republic Day of Niger is celebrated every year on December 18. It is a national holiday observed in Niger to commemorate the creation of the Republic, alongside the establishment of the office of the Presidency. Before this, Niger was under French rule. Though December 18 is not the Republic's official Independence Day, it marks the founding of its national institutions.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
21-25	Pancha Ganapati in India	<p><i>Pancha Ganapati is a modern Hindu festival honoring the Five-Faced (pancha means "five") Maha Ganapati— Lord of Categories. It falls during the 30 days of the</i></p>

		<p>ancient Markali Pillaiyar home festival and lasts for five days. From December 21 to 25, Hindus worship Lord Ganesha, the elephant-headed Lord of culture and new beginnings. Family members work to mend past mistakes and bring His blessings of joy and harmony into five realms of their life, a wider circle each day: family, friends, associates, culture and religion.</p> <p>Source: Pancha Ganapti</p>
21	Winter Solstice	<p>The winter solstice marks the exact moment when half of Earth is tilted the farthest away from the sun. It usually happens on December 21 or 22, at the exact same second around the world.</p> <p>Source: Kids National Geographic</p>
22	Dongzhi (Winter Solstice) Festival in East Asia	<p>Dongzhi (冬至) literally means 'Winter's Arrival'. It is one of the 24 solar terms of China's traditional solar calendar. It has long been celebrated on (China's) Winter Solstice when the night is longest, and the day is shortest in the Northern Hemisphere. Dongzhi became an imperially recognized traditional festival during the Han Dynasty era (206 BC – 220 AD).</p> <p>Source: China Highlights</p>
23	Victory Day in Egypt	<p>On the 23rd of December, Egypt celebrates the anniversary of the Victory Day, which is considered the National Day of Port Said Governorate. On that day, the Egyptian people and army repelled the British, French and Israeli tripartite aggression.</p> <p>Source: State Information Service - Egypt</p>
24	Christmas Eve	<p>For centuries, Christmas was celebrated not as a single day, but as a whole season in parts of the world, beginning with December 24, Christmas Eve.</p> <p>Source: Christianity.com</p>
25	Christmas Day	<p>Christmas Day, on December 25, is one of the most festive Christian holidays in many countries around the world. It celebrates Jesus' birth.</p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
26	Boxing Day	<p>Boxing Day, in Great Britain and some Commonwealth countries, particularly Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, is a holiday (December 26) on which servants, tradespeople, and the poor traditionally were presented with gifts. By the 21st century it had become a day associated with shopping and sporting events.</p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
12/26-1/1	Kwanzaa	<p>Celebrated every year from December 26 through January 1, Kwanzaa is a week of festivities honoring</p>

		<p><i>African American culture and heritage. Friends and family gather each day to give thanks, exchange gifts, and share feasts.</i></p> <p>Source: Kids National Geographic</p>
29	Wounded Knee Day	<p><i>On December 29, 1890, hundreds of U.S. troops surrounded a Lakota camp and opened fire, killing more than 300 Lakota women, men, and children in a violent massacre.</i></p> <p>Source: Equal Justice Initiative</p>
31	Ōmisoka in Japan	<p><i>December 31, the final day of the year, is called omisoka in Japan. In order to usher in the new year feeling fresh, families and homes try to finish cleaning their house and prepare for the New Year holidays by omisoka.</i></p> <p>Source: Web Japan</p>
31	New Year's Eve	<p><i>Any of the social, cultural, and religious observances worldwide that celebrate the beginning of the new year. Such festivals are among the oldest and the most universally observed.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>

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Date	Holiday	Description
1	New Year's Day	<p><i>New Year festival, any of the social, cultural, and religious observances worldwide that celebrate the beginning of the new year. Such festivals are among the oldest and the most universally observed.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
1	National Liberation Day in Cuba	<p><i>Triumph of the Revolution, also known as Liberation Day, is celebrated on January 1 every year to commemorate the victory of the revolutionaries led by Fidel Castro. The Cuban Revolution was an armed rebellion against the military dictatorship of Cuban President Fulgencio Batista. It started in 1953 and ended in 1959 with the triumph of the revolutionaries and the fleeing of the dictator to the U.S. as Castro established his government in Cuba. The day is marked by celebratory military parades, revolutionary poster marches, concerts, and fireworks all over Cuba.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
1	Republic Day in Taiwan	<p><i>Republic Day is a public holiday in Taiwan on January 1st. While the holiday is also celebrated as New Year's Day, it commemorates the foundation of the Republic of China on January 1st 1912.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
2	Ancestry Day	<p><i>Ancestry Day is celebrated in Haiti on January 2 every year. It is a national holiday to commemorate the sacrifices and struggles of the Haitian ancestors who laid down their lives in the fight for freedom. It is a day to remember all the loss of lives during the Haitian Revolution and the people's struggle for emancipation and self-determination, which culminated in a declaration of independence on January 1, 1804. Haitians have these two holidays back to back and they commemorate them by having state events, dancing, and eating the traditional 'journou' soup.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
2	Nyilo in Bhutan	<p><i>Nyilo(ཉིལོ) is Bhutanese winter solstice and it roughly falls in 11th Bhutanese month and coincides with early January. Nyilo literally means 'the return of the sun'. It is the day from which the duration of sunlight time increases, signifying the start of longer days.</i></p> <p>Source: Mandala</p>
3	Revolution Day in Burkina Faso	<p><i>Revolution Day is a public holiday in Burkina Faso on January 3rd each year. This holiday commemorates the Upper Volta coup d'état that overthrew the regime of President Yaméogo on this day in 1966.</i></p>

		Source: Office Holidays
4	Martyrs' Day in the Democratic Republic of Congo	<p><i>This public holiday in the Democratic Republic of Congo is observed on January 4th each year. It is a day that remembers the victims of the violence from human rights violations as well as those who were fighting for justice.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
4	Independence Day in Myanmar (Burma)	<p><i>Independence Day is an annual public holiday in Myanmar on January 4th. The holiday marks the date in 1948 when Myanmar proclaimed its independence from Britain.</i></p> <p>Source: Assumption University of Thailand</p>
4	World Braille Day	<p><i>We celebrate World Braille Day every year on January 4th because it's Louis Braille's birthday. He's the inventor of braille</i></p> <p>Source: Braille Works</p>
6	Army Day in Iraq	<p><i>Army Day is a public holiday in Iraq on January 6th each year. This holiday marks the anniversary of the activation of the Iraqi Army on this day in 1921</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
6	Epiphany for Christians	<p><i>A Christian holiday primarily commemorating the Magi's visit to the baby Jesus and the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Eastern traditions, which usually call the holiday Theophany, focus on Jesus' baptism, seen as the manifestation of Christ as both fully human and fully divine.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
7	Constitution Day in Ghana	<p><i>Constitution Day is a statutory public holiday in Ghana, observed on January 7th. This day marks the coming into effect of the 1992 Constitution and the birth of the Fourth Republic on this day in 1993.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
7	Orthodox Christmas	<p><i>Many Orthodox Christians annually celebrate Christmas Day on or near January 7 to remember Jesus Christ's birth, described in the Christian Bible. This date works to the Julian calendar that pre-dates the Gregorian calendar, which is commonly observed.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
9	Martyrs' Day in Panama	<p><i>Martyrs' Day in Panama, observed on January 9 every year, is a national day of mourning commemorating the anti-American riots over the sovereignty of the Panama Canal Zone on January 9, 1964. Students were slain after a clash between Canal Zone Police officers and locals when a Panamanian flag was vandalized, which sparked the unrest. After Canal Zone police</i></p>

		<p>succumbed to the ensuing violence, U.S. Army soldiers had to intervene.</p> <p>Approximately 22 Panamanians and four American soldiers were killed after three days of warfare.</p> <p>According to the Torrijos-Carter Treaties of 1977, the United States decided to hand over the authority of the Canal Zone to Panama as a result of this incident.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
11	Prithvi Jayanti in Nepal	<p>Prithvi Jayanti is a holiday in Nepal, observed on January 11th. It has not been a public holiday in recent years, though it is widely observed. The leaders ranging from the President of the country to the party leaders and commoners all observe the day with zeal and a sense of gratitude. The day commemorates King Prithvi Narayan Shah, the founder of modern Nepal.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
11	Proclamation of Independence in Morocco	<p>Proclamation of Independence Day, also known as Takdim watikat al-istiqlal, is a national holiday celebrated on 11th January. It commemorates Morocco's first proclamation of independence on 11 January 1944.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
12	Memorial Day in Turkmenistan	<p>Memorial Day is a national holiday in Turkmenistan on January 12th each year. This holiday is also known as "Memory Day of heroes of 1881 battle with the Russians at Geok Tepe". This is to avoid confusion with Earthquake Memorial Day.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
12	Revolution Day in Tanzania	<p>Zanzibar Revolution Day is a public holiday in Tanzania observed on January 12th. The day marks the 1954 revolution that overthrew the Sultan following independence from Britain.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
12	Yennayer in Algeria	<p>Amazigh people in Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, and parts of Egypt, as well as the diaspora, will celebrate Yennayer, the Amazigh new year.</p> <p>Source: Middle East Eye</p>
14	Orthodox New Year	<p>The Orthodox New Year, also known as the Old New Year, according to the Julian calendar is on January 14 in the Gregorian calendar. The Julian calendar pre-dates the Gregorian calendar.</p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
14	Lohri in India	<p>The people of Punjab celebrate Lohri with utmost zest every year on 13th January. It is believed that the festival is celebrated on the day when days start becoming shorter and the nights start becoming longer.</p>

		<p><i>This festival is celebrated as the harvest festival and on this day people light a bonfire, sing and dance in joy to pay respect to the Dulha Batti.</i></p> <p>Source: Utsav</p>
15-18	Pongal for Tamil Hindus	<p><i>Three-day Hindu festival held throughout South India. It is celebrated on the winter solstice, when, according to the traditional Hindu system of reckoning, the Sun, having reached its southernmost point, turns to the north again and reenters the sign of makara (Capricorn), usually on January 14.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
15	MLK Day	<p><i>The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America. We commemorate as well the timeless values he taught us through his example — the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that so radiantly defined Dr. King’s character and empowered his leadership. On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit.</i></p> <p>Source: Gov Info</p>
15	Arbor Day in Jordan	<p><i>individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees</i></p> <p>Source: Arbor Day.org</p>
16-17	Heroes' Day in the Democratic Republic of Congo	<p><i>This public holiday is celebrated annually on January 17. It commemorates the death of Patrice Lumumba, the Congo's popular leader. It is one of the two festivals that commemorate Lumumba's fight for human dignity in the region.</i></p> <p>Source: iExplore</p>
17	Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti Celebration	<p><i>Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti (also spelled Govind Singh) is a Sikh festival that commemorates the birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Guru of the Sikhs. It is a religious celebration in which prayers for prosperity are offered.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
20	Army Day in Mali	<p><i>Army Day is a national holiday in Mali on January 20th each year. Also known as Armed Forces Day, this holiday recognises the role of the military in the nation and honors those who have given their lives in service.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
20	Martyrs Day in Azerbaijan	<p><i>Martyrs' Day (Azerbaijani: Qara Yanvar) is a national holiday in Azerbaijan. It may also be known as 'the Day of the Nationwide Sorrow'.</i></p>

		Source: Office Holidays
21	Altagracia Day in Dominican Republic	<p><i>The Day of the Lady of Altagracia (high grace) is a national holiday in the Dominican Republic, celebrated on January 21st. Depending on what day of the week, January 21st falls on, this holiday can be moved to a Monday or Friday. It is one of two national holidays dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Our Lady of Altagracia is a portrait of the Virgin Mary.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
21	Errol Barrow Day in Barbados	<p><i>The holiday is celebrated on January 21st. If January 21st falls on a Sunday, the following Monday will be a public holiday. This public holiday celebrates the birthday of Errol Barrow, the first Prime Minister of Barbados.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
24-Feb. 1	Virgen De La Candelaria in Peru	<p><i>In the beginning of February, hundreds of troupes march among a great artistic environment that embellishes this ritual, whose main objective is to pay tribute to “Mamacha” Candelaria, patron saint of Puno.</i></p> <p>Source: Peru Travel</p>
25	Mahayana New Year for Buddhists	<p><i>Celebrated by Buddhists around the world. The term Mahayana encompasses Buddhist ideologies and philosophies. Mahayana is one of the two main branches of Buddhism and is mostly practiced in Northeast Asia — China, Japan, Tibet, Taiwan, Mongolia, and Korea. Each region has its own customs and traditions for practicing Mahayana Buddhism.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
25-26	Thaipusam for Tamil Hindus	<p><i>Celebrated during the full moon in the Tamil month of Thai (January/February), which is January 21 this year, it's a time to ask Lord Murugan, son of Lord Shiva, for forgiveness, good health and peace in the new year.</i></p> <p>Source: Times of India</p>
26	Duarte Day in Dominican Republic	<p><i>Duarte Day takes place on January 26 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the writer, political activist, and nationalist politician Juan Pablo Duarte. It is a nationally revered holiday in the Dominican Republic, observed in the honor of Duarte, who was one of the founding fathers of the country. A mass gathers at the Santa Barbara Church in Santo Domingo to honor Duarte's baptism, and the common folks come out in droves to fly the flag of the country.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
26	Liberation Day in Uganda	<i>NRM Liberation Day is a national holiday in Uganda</i>

		<p><i>observed on January 26th each year. Also commonly known as National Liberation Day, the holiday marks the overthrow of the previous government by the National Resistance Movement on this day in 1986.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
26	Republic Day in India	<p><i>Celebrated annually to commemorate the adoption of the constitution of India on January 26, 1950</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	<p><i>The United Nations General Assembly designated January 27—the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau—as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.</i></p> <p><i>On this annual day of commemoration, the UN urges every member state to honor the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of other victims of Nazism and to develop educational programs to help prevent future genocides.</i></p> <p>Source: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum</p>
27	Saint Dévote's Day in Monaco	<p><i>This public holiday in Monaco is always celebrated on January 27th. Saint Devota (French: Saint Dévote) is the Patron Saint of Monaco and her feast day in the Catholic Church is January 27th.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
28	Army Day in Armenia	<p><i>National Army Day in Armenia is a public holiday on January 28th. Also known as Homeland Defender's Day, this non-working day commemorates the formation of the armed forces of the newly independent Republic of Armenia in 1992</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
30	Martyrs' Day in India and Nepal	<p><i>This day is celebrated to honor the people who have lost their life while fighting for their country.</i></p> <p>Source: There is a Day For That</p>
31	Independence Day in the Republic of Nauru	<p><i>Nauru Independence Day is celebrated as a national holiday on January 31 each year. On this day in 1968, the Republic of Nauru declared independence. The 22nd anniversary of the Nauruans' return from Truk was also honored on this day. Chuuk Lagoon is the name given to Truk nowadays. The day is celebrated all over the island nation with parades, dances, carnivals, and remembering the struggle for independence.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>

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Date	Holiday	Description
1	Federal Territory Day in Malaysia	<p><i>Federal Territory Day is an annual regional celebration that is observed on February 1 in Malaysia to mark the anniversary of the formation of the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur in 1974. Kuala Lumpur, the much newer Putrajaya, and Labuan are the three federal territories of Malaysia.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
1	National Freedom Day	<p><i>This day was founded to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as U.S. citizens, freedoms that we should never take for granted. Specifically, the holiday commemorates the day in 1865 when President Abraham Lincoln signed what would later become the 13th Amendment. This amendment is so important because it effectively ended slavery in the United States.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
3	Heroes' Day in Mozambique	<p><i>Mozambican Heroes Day is observed on February 3 annually in the Republic of Mozambique. On this day, Mozambicans honor their national heroes who laid down their lives for the cause of their independence. Mozambican Heroes Day is a public holiday in the country that citizens observe by paying respects to these great men. Tales of patriotism are reiterated, patriotic events are organized, and citizens partake in social activities.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
3	Martyrs' Day in São Tomé and Príncipe	<p><i>Martyr's Day is a public holiday on the island nation of São Tomé and Príncipe observed on February 3rd each year. Known as Dia de Mártires da Liberdade in Portuguese, this holiday commemorates the Batepá massacre that took place on this day in 1953</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
4	Independence Day in Sri Lanka	<p><i>National Day in Sri Lanka, or Independence Day, is celebrated on February 4 every year. The day commemorates the country's independence from British rule after years of being under colonial dominance.</i></p> <p><i>Citizens of Sri Lanka patriotically celebrate their identity and culture on National Day. The day is marked by a number of events throughout the country, including parades, flag-hoisting ceremonies, dances, and performances.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>

4	Rosa Parks Day in Michigan	<p><i>In observation of Rosa Parks' 110th birthday, the Southfield City Council and Mayor have officially declared February 4, 2023 as "Rosa Parks Day" in the City of Southfield in recognition of her passionate activism and meaningful contributions to the civil rights movement.</i></p> <p><i>This commemoration is a tribute to her remarkable legacy which is an inspiration to us all.</i></p> <p>Source: City of Southfield</p>
5	Constitution Day in Mexico	<p><i>Constitution Day (Día de la Constitución) is an official holiday that celebrates the anniversary of Mexico's current constitution, which was promulgated on February 5, 1917.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
5-6	Tu B'Shevat for Israel and Jews	<p><i>The celebration of Tu B'Shevat (alternative spellings include Tu BiShvat or Tu B'Shvat) is the New Year of Trees which is one of the four New Years referenced in the Mishnah or Mishna. This is a minor Jewish Holiday in modern times serving as a tree planting festival and celebration. The holiday is believed to have originated as an agricultural festival indicating the onset of Spring and the fiscal new year of agriculture.</i></p> <p>Source: Shiva.com</p>
6	Waitangi Day in New Zealand	<p><i>Waitangi Day is celebrated annually on February 6 to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, New Zealand's founding document. This day is recognized as a public holiday in New Zealand, unless the date falls on a weekend, in which case the Monday that immediately follows becomes a public holiday. Ceremonies take place at Waitangi and all around the country to commemorate the signing of the treaty.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
6-7	Lailat al Miraj	<p><i>Many Muslims in the United States observe Isra and Mi'raj (Al Isra' wal Miraj, Lailat al Mi'raj, or Laylat al Miraj). This event commemorates the Prophet Muhammad's journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and his ascent into heaven. It is observed on the 27th day of Rajab, the seventh month in the Islamic calendar.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
9	Feast of Saint Maron in Lebanon	<p><i>St. Maroun Day is a tribute to a great saint and spiritual leader who spread the word of Christ to all people he met. St Maroun was guided by his spiritual and ascetic methods of worship and gained many followers in his lifetime.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
10	Losar in Bhutan	<p><i>The holiday is observed on a variety of days, depending on local customs (Bhutan, Tibet, India and</i></p>

		<p><i>Nepal). The observance is a new year's festival that is celebrated on the first day of the Tibetan lunisolar calendar, which coincides with February/March in the Gregorian calendar.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
10	Lunar New Year	<p><i>Lunar New Year, Chinese Chunjie, Vietnamese Tet, Korean Solnal, Tibetan Losar, also called Spring Festival, a festival typically celebrated in China and other Asian countries that begins with the first new moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon of the lunar calendar, 15 days later.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
11	National Foundation Day in Japan	<p><i>National Foundation Day is celebrated on February 11 annually. This holiday acts as a reminder for the Japanese to commemorate the establishment of Japan by Emperor Jimmu in 660 B.C. National Foundation Day, also known as Kenkoku Kinen No Hi, is the perfect opportunity to look back on the difficulties borne by the forefathers for the foundation of the country. This holiday allows us to nourish our love for the country and bring out our patriotic spirit.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
12	Myanmar Union Day	<p><i>The Republic of the Union of Myanmar celebrates Union Day on February 12 to commemorate the anniversary of Burma's unification under the leadership of nationalist leader Bogyoke Aung San. Upon subsequent liberation from the British Empire, the Union of Myanmar became an independent republic.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
13	Shrove Tuesday	<p><i>Shrove Tuesday is a Christian festival celebrated in many countries across the globe. It falls on the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent – a period of around six weeks leading up to Easter. During Lent, Christians give up luxuries to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray.</i></p> <p>Source: National Geographic for Kids</p>
14	Valentine's Day	<p><i>Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14. It is a festival of romantic love and many people give cards, letters, flowers or presents to their spouse or partner. They may also arrange a romantic meal in a restaurant or night in a hotel. Common symbols of Valentine's Day are hearts, red roses and Cupid.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
14	Ash Wednesday	<p><i>Those who celebrate Ash Wednesday reflect, fast, repent and celebrate. The ashes represent death and</i></p>

		<p><i>repentance and Ash Wednesday services focus on both. In many churches, the ashes are made from the palm branches that are burned from the previous Palm Sunday service.</i></p> <p>Source: National Day Calendar</p>
15	Nirvana Day	<p><i>Parinirvana Day, also known as Nirvana Day, is celebrated annually on February 15 to commemorate the death of the Buddha when he attained complete nirvana or parinirvana.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
15	Susan B. Anthony Day	<p><i>We celebrate Susan B. Anthony Day on February 15, the day of her birth. Although she was not able to see her dream of women being given the right to vote before her death in 1906, her work contributed to the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920 that gave women that right.</i></p> <p>Source: University of Northern Colorado</p>
16	Independence Day in Lithuania	<p><i>March 11 is the second independence day celebration in Lithuania. It is known as Independence Restoration Day.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
19	Presidents' Day in USA	<p><i>The federal holiday on the third Monday of February is called Washington's Birthday, while several US states celebrate it as "Presidents' Day" (spellings vary). The holiday creates a long weekend.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
20	World Day of Social Justice	<p><i>World Day of Social Justice is observed on 20 February to promote gender equality, indigenous peoples and migrants' rights. This day also focuses on achieving the goal of full employment and social integration. Let's read more about World Day of Social justice, 2023 themes, history, and its significance.</i></p> <p>Source: Jagranjosh</p>
21	Language Day in Colombia	<p><i>This holiday celebrates the importance of the Spanish language as a language used internationally and recognizes the almost 500 million speakers of this language who live around the world.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
21	Language Movement Day in Bangladesh	<p><i>It is a day dedicated to honoring the sacrifices of those who fought for their language. The day is a national holiday in Bangladesh. It is also called Language Movement Day or State Language Day. The celebration commemorates the Bengali language movements and their martyrs. The day is observed globally to celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity. Also, West Bengal, an Indian state sharing borders with Bangladesh, celebrates the day. Shahid Dibash, or</i></p>

		<p><i>Bhasha Dibas, as it is known, has the same level of reverence and dedication in West Bengal too.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
23	Brunei National Day	<p><i>The National Day commemorates the day Brunei seceded from Great Britain and became an independent nation.</i></p> <p>Source: National Day</p>
23	The Emperor's Birthday in Japan	<p><i>Only changes when a new emperor is crowned. We are supercharged to celebrate the historic day with all Japanese flair and style. Japan has the oldest monarchy in the world. There have been 126 emperors since the inception of Japan, all traceable to the first emperor and the founder of what is today Japan.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
23	Republic Day in Guyana	<p><i>Republic Day is a national holiday in the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana on February 23rd.</i></p> <p><i>Also known as Mashramani, this holiday is the National Day of Guyana and commemorates the country becoming a republic on this day in 1970.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
24	Lantern Festival in China	<p><i>Lantern Festival, also called Yuan Xiao Festival, is a holiday celebrated in China and other Asian countries that honors deceased ancestors on the 15th day of the first month (Yuan) of the lunar calendar. The Lantern Festival aims to promote reconciliation, peace, and forgiveness. The holiday marks the first full moon of the new lunar year and the end of the Chinese New Year</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
24	Magha Puja (Sangha Day)	<p><i>Magha Puja Day is also known as Sangha Day or Fourfold Assembly Day in most Buddhist countries, and is observed on the first full moon day of the month of Magh, which tends to fall in the Gregorian months of January or February. The day commemorates a time when 1,250 Buddhists spontaneously came together to pay their respect to the Buddha. The festival is in honor of the Sangha, or the Buddhist community and is a chance for people to reaffirm their commitment to Buddhism.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
24	Makha Bucha Day in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia	<p><i>Maka Bucha is a public holiday in several Mekong region countries such as Cambodia and Thailand. This festival is the second most important Buddhist festival. As with most Buddhist festivals, its date depends on the Lunar cycle. The holiday may also be known as Magha Puja or Lord Buddha Day.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>

24-25	Birthday of Imam Mahdi in Iran	<p><i>Imam Mahdi's Birthday is a national holiday in Iran on Mid-Sha'ban, the fifteenth day of the eighth month of the Islamic lunar calendar.</i></p> <p><i>As the Islamic calendar is about 11 days shorter than the western calendar, please see our table to see what date it falls on.</i></p> <p><i>This holiday commemorates the anniversary of the birth of the 12th and last Imam of Twelver Shia Islam.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
25	National Day in Kuwait, Anniversary of EDSA Revolution in the Philippines	<p><i>EDSA Revolution Anniversary is celebrated each year on February 25 in the Philippines. The revolution is also known as the "February Revolution" and the "People Power Revolution". Protestors took to the streets in Manila, the capital city of the Philippines, to demonstrate against dictatorship and restore democracy in the country. The EDSA Revolution is one of the most significant people's movements of the 20th century. EDSA Revolution Anniversary commemorates the efforts taken to bring back democracy to the Philippines and encourage citizens to participate in democratic movements, ensure that their democratic rights are respected, and foster a culture of communication and accountability from the government.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
25	Shab e Barat	<p><i>Muslims believe that on the night of Shab e-Barat, God writes the destinies of all men for the coming year by taking into account the deeds committed by them in the past.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
26-29	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)	<p><i>The Bahá'í leap year occurs when five extra days, instead of four, are added between the last two months of the calendar. This usually happens every four years.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
27	Independence Day in Dominican Republic	<p><i>Dominican Republic Independence Day is celebrated every year on February 27. The first celebration was observed in 1844 and it has been almost two centuries since. The Dominican Republic was under Haitian rule for 22 years before the independence war finally set them free. After they gained autonomy, the island of Hispaniola was divided into Haiti and Dominican Republic. Today, the Dominican Republic is the most visited destination in the Caribbean which has the largest economy in the region. The country's citizens are mainly of mixed African and European descent.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
29	Leap Year	<p><i>Leap years are years where an extra day is added to the end of the shortest month, February. This so-called</i></p>

		<i>intercalary day, February 29, is commonly referred to as leap day.</i> <i>Source: Time and Date</i>
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March (Women's History Month) 2024

Date	Holiday	Description
1	Independence Movement Day in South Korea	<i>March First Movement, also called Samil Independence Movement, series of demonstrations for Korean national independence from Japan that began on March 1, 1919, in the Korean capital city of Seoul and soon spread throughout the country.</i> <i>Source: Britannica</i>
1	Remembrance Day in Marshall Islands	<i>March 1st is Nuclear Victims Remembrance Day in the Marshall Islands. It is a day in remembrance of the victims and survivors of nuclear testing done by the United States in the 1950s.</i> <i>Source: Monsoon Iowa</i>
1	St. David's Day	<i>Today, the holiday is as much a celebration of Wales as it is of her patron saint. Children participate in recitation and singing, parades line the streets, the flag of Saint David is raised, and some girls wear traditional Welsh clothing.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
1	United Nations Zero Discrimination Day	<i>Source: WHO (World Health Organization)</i>
2	Adwa Victory Day in Ethiopia	<i>Battle of Adwa, Adwa also spelled Adowa or Italian Adua, (March 1, 1896), military clash at Adwa, in north-central Ethiopia, between the Ethiopian army of Emperor Menilek II and Italian forces.</i> <i>Source: Britannica</i>
2	James Ronald Webster Day	<i>This day commemorates the birth of James Ronald Webster, known as the Father of Anguilla. The day celebrates bravery and integrity, which were crucial to Webster in his vocation. He was known as the Father of Anguilla and would become the island's chief minister three times.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
2	Peasants' Day 2023 in Myanmar	<i>Also known as Farmers' Day, Peasants' Day is an annual public holiday in Myanmar on March 2nd.</i> <i>The holiday is a day to mark and honor the contribution of agriculture and farming to Myanmar.</i> <i>Source: Office Holidays</i>
3	Hinamatsuri/Doll's Day in Japan	<i>Hinamatsuri (translated as Doll's Day or Girls' Festival) is a Japanese festival celebrating girlhood. It is held each year on March 3. The festival features food, song, and, most prominently, the display of special dolls.</i> <i>Source: Wake Forest University</i>
3	Liberation Day in Bulgaria	<i>Bulgarian Liberation Day is commemorated on March 3 each</i>

		<p><i>year. The Treaty of San Stefano recognized Bulgaria as an independent state in 1878. This festival commemorates the Bulgarian volunteers who, with the help of Russian and Romanian soldiers, freed Bulgaria from nearly 500 years of Ottoman control during the Russo-Turkish War (1877-1878).</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
3	International Day for Ear and Hearing Loss	<p><i>World Hearing Day is held on 3 March each year to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world.</i></p> <p>Source: WHO (World Health Organization)</p>
4	Guam History And Chamorro Heritage Day	<p><i>Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day reclaims some of these lost narratives. It is a day of traditional song, dance, food, and storytelling and isn't just a celebration of the Chamorro identity but provides a vision for their future.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
5	Missionary Day in French Polynesia	<p><i>Missionary Day is a public holiday in French Polynesia, observed on 5th March. It commemorates the arrival of the Christian missionaries on this day in 1797.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
5	International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness	<p><i>Observed on 5 March, the International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness plays a role in deepening the global public's understanding about how disarmament efforts contribute to enhancing peace and security, preventing and ending armed conflicts, and curbing human suffering caused by weapons.</i></p> <p>Source: UN (United Nations)</p>
6	Independence Day in Ghana	<p><i>The celebrations commemorate Ghana's independence from the United Kingdom in 1957.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
6	Veteran's Day in Kosovo	<p><i>The holiday seeks to immortalize those who died fighting for the nation's independence and honor veterans who continue to serve the country.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
8	Maha Shivaratri	<p><i>The most important sectarian festival of the year for devotees of the Hindu god Shiva.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
8	Mothers' Day in Albania and North Macedonia	<p><i>Saint Teresa Canonisation Day Mother Theresa Day (Albanian: Dita e Nënë Terezës) is an annual national holiday in Albania and is always held on September 5th. The holiday marks the canonisation of Saint Teresa by Pope Francis in 2016.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>

8	Revolution Day in Syria	<p><i>It commemorates the Syrian coup d'état that caused power in the country to be seized by the military committee of the Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
8	International Women's Day	<p><i>International Women's Day (IWD), day (March 8) honoring the achievements of women and promoting women's rights.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
9	National Heroes and Benefactors Day in Belize	<p><i>Until 2008, this holiday was known as Baron Bliss Day as the day is dedicated to Baron Bliss, who willed nearly two million Belize dollars to a trust fund for the benefit of the citizens of what was then the colony of British Honduras, now Belize.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
9	Teachers' Day in Lebanon	<p><i>This day, like all of the days celebrating teachers around the world, is a day when people are encouraged to give thanks to all of the educators who have taken part in their education.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
10	International Day of Women Judges	<p><i>By marking the day, we will reaffirm our commitment to develop and implement appropriate and effective national strategies and plans for the advancement of women in judicial justice systems and institutions at the leadership, managerial and other levels.</i></p> <p>Source: UN (United Nations)</p>
10	Mothering Sunday	<p><i>Mothering Sunday was originally a day celebrating mother churches in the U.K., Ireland, and several other places. Its genesis can be traced to the middle ages, and it is usually held every year on the fourth Sunday of Lent, which is the period that Christians engage in their yearly fast.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
10 – Apr 9	Start of Ramadan	<p><i>Ramadan (also known as Ramadhan or Ramzan) is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is a time when Muslims around the world focus on prayer, fasting, giving to charity, and religious devotion. The last third of Ramadan is a particularly holy period, as it commemorates when the Koran's (Qu'ran) first verses were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (Mohammad or Muhammed).</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
11	Longtaitou Festival in China	<p><i>This festival is observed on the first day of the second month of the Chinese Lunar Calendar-which means that sometimes it's observed in February and sometimes March on the Gregorian calendar. It's a holiday that celebrates the "waking of the dragon" and is followed by the Longtaitou Festival that falls on the second day of the second month on the Chinese Lunar Calendar.</i></p>

		<p><i>The translation of Longtaitou means “dragon raising its head.”</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
11	Moshoeshoe Day in Lesotho	<p><i>Moshoeshoe Day is a public holiday that takes place on March 11 in Lesotho to mark the birth of Moshoeshoe I. Moshoeshoe I was the leader of the Basotho people.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
12	Arbor Day in China	<p><i>In China, Arbor Day is a public holiday celebrated on March 12. The date was chosen to commemorate the passing of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, known as the father of modern China, in 1925.</i></p> <p>Source: ArborDay.org</p>
12	Mauritian National Day	<p><i>This day celebrates the island country of Mauritius and its people, culture, and traditions on the anniversary of the day that Mauritius became an independent state within the Commonwealth.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
12	Youth Day in Zambia	<p><i>This holiday highlights the importance of the youth to the country on the anniversary of disturbances in 1962 that resulted in the deaths of young Zambians during the nation's turbulent journey to independence.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
13	Decoration Day in Liberia	<p><i>Decoration Day is a National Holiday in the Republic of Liberia, on the second Wednesday of March each year.</i></p> <p><i>The day is observed in recognition of the nation’s past heroes and heroines, who have lived and died in the interest of their country.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
13	Commonwealth Day	<p><i>On Commonwealth Day, 56 nations spanning five geographical regions, including some of the largest economies on earth as well as the smallest of islands, celebrated their unity of vision and common commitment to peace and justice in an increasingly polarized world.</i></p> <p>Source: The Commonwealth.org</p>
14	Constitution Day in Andorra	<p><i>Constitution Day in Andorra commemorates the Principality of Andorra each year.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
15	Constitution Day in Belarus	<p><i>It commemorates the date that Belarus adopted the country’s Basic Law — three years after declaring independence from the Soviet Union — and became a democratic nation governed by the institution of the presidency.</i></p>

		Source: National Today
15	Revolution Day in Hungary	<i>This day marks the beginning of the revolution against the Austrian Empire that happened in 1848 here in Hungary. It is a symbol of democracy and national independence.</i> Source: University of Pecs
15	International Day to combat Islamophobia	<i>Muslims worldwide too often face discrimination and hatred based on their religious beliefs. Last year, the United Nations declared March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia.</i> Source: State Gov
17	St. Patrick's Day	<i>St Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture on or around March 17. It particularly remembers St Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the fifth century.</i> Source: Time and Date
17	Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Birthday	<i>It celebrates Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who is regarded as the father of the nation of Bangladesh, also popularly known as "Bangabandhu" (Friend of Bengal).</i> Source: National Today
18	National Anthem and Flag Day in Aruba	<i>The first to present a formal proposal for Aruba's separation from the Netherlands Antilles.</i> Source: National Today
19	Fathers' Day in Honduras	<i>Father's Day is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children. This day celebrates fatherhood and male parenting.</i> Time and Date
19	Fathers' Day in Bolivia	<i>Father's Day is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children. This day celebrates fatherhood and male parenting.</i> Source: Time and Date
19	Navruz/Nowruz	<i>Nowruz marks the first day of spring and is celebrated on the day of the astronomical vernal equinox, which usually occurs on 21 March. It is celebrated as the beginning of the new year by more than 300 million people all around the world and has been celebrated for over 3,000 years in the Balkans, the Black Sea Basin, the Caucasus, Central Asia, the Middle East and other regions.</i> Source: UN (United Nations)
19	St. Joseph's Day	<i>St. Joseph's Day is a feast day of the highest rank in the provinces of the Anglican Communion and a feast in the Lutheran Church.</i> Source: National Today
19	Spring Equinox	<i>The vernal equinox takes place on March 20 or March 21 and signals the start of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. During the vernal or spring equinox, the amount of</i>

		<p>daylight and darkness is nearly the same in length. (The word equinox comes from the Latin “aequus,” meaning equal, and “nox,” meaning night.)</p> <p>Source: History.com</p>
20	International Francophonie Day	<p>It is celebrated in commemoration of the 1970 Niamey Convention, where French-speaking states signed to align their mutual interest.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
20	Independence Day of Tunisia	<p>The holiday was established to celebrate the anniversary of Tunisia's independence from France on March 20th 1956 and is Tunisia's national holiday.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
20	International Day of Happiness	<p>The United Nations General Assembly recognizes this goal and calls for “a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth that promotes the happiness and well-being of all peoples.”</p> <p>Source: UN (United Nations)</p>
21	Harmony Day in Australia	<p>Recognise the diversity and inclusion activities that take place during the week e.g. at schools and workplaces</p> <p>Source: Reachout Australia</p>
21	Human Rights Day in South Africa	<p>It is commemorated each year in order to remind South Africans of the sacrifices that came with achieving democracy.</p> <p>Source: University of Pretoria</p>
21	Namibian Independence Day	<p>Namibia Independence Day is marked on March 21 every year to commemorate the day the nation became a sovereign state.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	<p>The 2023 theme of the International Day focuses on the urgency of combating racism and racial discrimination, 75 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).</p> <p>Source: UN (United Nations)</p>
21	Mothers' Day in Lebanon and Syria	<p>In Egypt, Syria and most other Arab countries, Mother’s Day is celebrated on March 21st, the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
21	World Down Syndrome Day	<p>World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) , 21 March, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.</p> <p>The date for WDSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy)</p>

		<p><i>of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.</i></p> <p>Source: World Down Syndrome</p>
22	Emancipation Day in Puerto Rico	<p><i>Puerto Ricans celebrate the day their national assembly abolished slavery in the country, even as the island was still a Spanish colony.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
22	Ugadi in India	<p><i>A joyous celebration signifying the fading of cold days as the warm weather of spring sets in, Ugadi, like most Hindu spring festivals, is a time for new beginnings, as the longer and brighter days invigorates and inspires hope for prosperous growth in one's work, relationships, and spiritual practices.</i></p> <p>Source: HinduAmerican.org</p>
22	Sajibu Nongma Panba in India	<p><i>Sajibu Nongma Panba is a public holiday in the Indian state of Manipur on the first day of the lunar month of Sajibu, which means it usually falls in April in the western calendar.</i></p> <p><i>Also known as Meetei Cheiraoba or Sajibu Cheiraoba, this is the traditional lunar new year for followers of the Sanamahism religion.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
23	Day of the Sea in Bolivia	<p><i>This holiday was created to remember the historic injustice of the country losing access to its 250-mile Pacific Coast when Bolivia lost to Chile in the War of the Pacific.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
23	Pakistan National Day	<p><i>Pakistan Independence Day on August 14 could be considered a double day of liberation. Muslim Indians also fought to be free of British rule and later re-armed to battle for their own nation- state, present day Pakistan — once part of the Indian subcontinent.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
23-24	Purim for Jews	<p><i>Purim, (Hebrew: "Lots") English Feast of Lots, a joyous Jewish festival commemorating the survival of the Jews who, in the 5th century BCE, were marked for death by their Persian rulers.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
24	Commonwealth Covenant Day in the Northern Mariana Islands	<p><i>This day marks the founding of the commonwealth union between the United States and the Northern Mariana Islands (N.M.I.).</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
24	Day of Remembrance for Truth and Justice in	<p><i>The Day of Remembrance for Truth and Justice is a day of commemoration held on March 24 in Argentina to honor</i></p>

	Argentina	<p><i>the memory of those who died during the state-sponsored terror known as the “Dirty War.”</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
24	Holika Dahan in India	<p><i>Holika Dahan is an extremely popular tradition and is celebrated with fervor all across the country and is symbolic of the triumph of good over evil.</i></p> <p>Source: HoliFestival.org</p>
24	International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights	<p><i>This annual observance pays tribute to the memory of Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was murdered on 24 March 1980. Monsignor Romero was actively engaged in denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable individuals in El Salvador.</i></p> <p>Source: UN (United Nations)</p>
25	Dol Jatra	<p><i>Doljatra, also known as Dolyatra, is a regional public holiday in the Indian state of West Bengal. It may also be known as Dol Purnima in Assam and Odisha. It is celebrated on the same day as Holi, the last full moon in the Hindu calendar, and also has the moniker 'Festival of Colours'.</i></p> <p><i>It differs from Holi in that it is the last festival of the Bengali Year and is based on a different legend to that of Holi.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
24	Palm Sunday	<p><i>This celebration commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, mentioned in each of the four Gospels.</i></p> <p>Source: Christianity.com</p>
25	Greek Independence Day	<p><i>Commemorating the start of the War of Greek Independence in 1821.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
25	Holi (Festival of Colors) in India	<p><i>This ancient tradition marks the end of winter and honors the triumph of good over evil. Celebrants light bonfires, throw colorful powder called gulal, eat sweets, and dance to traditional folk music.</i></p> <p>Source: National Geographic for Kids</p>
25	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	<p><i>The day honors and recalls the more than 15 million people who were brutalized for over 400 years as a result of a slave system. The Panamanian port city of Portobelo is a key entry site during the transatlantic slave trade for enslaved Africans who would then be transported to various locations if they survive the treacherous ocean voyages. Despite its abolition, slavery still exists today in various ways.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
25	Bengali Genocide	<p><i>The loss of estimated three million people's lives, chastity and</i></p>

	Remembrance Day	<p><i>honor of between 2,00,000 to 4,00,000 women and girls, looting and plundering of the homes and businesses of innocent Bengali citizens, displacement of nearly 10 million refugees, forced religious conversions and many other countless heinous acts can be attributed to the Pakistani marauders and their collaborators.</i></p> <p>Source: TBS News</p>
26	Martyrs' Day in Mali	<p><i>It commemorates the protesters who lost their lives during demonstrations against President Traoré in March 1991 during the 1991 Malian coup d'état.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
26	Independence Day of Bangladesh	<p><i>Bangladesh declared its independence from Pakistan.</i></p> <p>Source: MicroForm</p>
26-27	Nuzul Al-Quran in Perak	<p><i>Nuzul Al-Quran is a holiday that commemorates the day when the words of the holy book of Islam, the Qur'an, were first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It's a holiday that's also known as Qur'an Revelation Day and is observed on the 17th day of the month of Ramadan every year.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
27	Myanmar Armed Forces Day	<p><i>Known locally as 'Tatmadaw Nay,' it honors the people of Myanmar who rose against the Japanese during World War II. Armed Forces Day in Myanmar memorializes the army's resistance to the Japanese occupation of the country in 1945.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
28	Maundy Thursday	<p><i>It is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples.</i></p> <p>Source: Christianity.com</p>
29	Good Friday	<p><i>Good Friday occurs two days before Easter Sunday in the United States. It is the day when Christians commemorate Jesus Christ's crucifixion, which plays an important part in the Christian faith. It is not a federal holiday in the United States, although it is a state holiday in some states.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
29	Martyrs' Day in Madagascar	<p><i>Every March 29, a holiday in Madagascar, the pro-independence insurrection that faced the French colonial power in 1947 is honored.</i></p> <p>Source: #MemoriasSituadas</p>
29	National Vietnam War Veterans Day in USA	<p><i>Vietnam War Veterans Day: a day to pay tribute, honor those who served in Vietnam.</i></p> <p>Source: Joint Base San Antonio</p>
29	Youth Day in Taiwan	<p><i>This holiday commemorates the victims of the Second Guangzhou uprising, also known as the Yellow Flower Mound revolt.</i></p> <p>Source: Any Day Guide</p>

29	Commemoration of Boganda	<p><i>It is a national holiday there and aims at honoring Barthélemy Boganda, the nation's first prime minister, on the anniversary of his death.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
30	Spiritual Baptist/Shouter Liberation Day in Trinidad and Tobago	<p><i>In 1951, the Spiritual Baptists were granted religious freedom once the law was removed. Spiritual Baptist Liberation Day was established in 1996 by Prime Minister Basdeo Panday to commemorate the repeal of prohibition and the fight for religious freedom.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
31	Easter	<p><i>Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter takes place three days after Jesus's death on Good Friday.</i></p> <p>Source: Boston Public Library</p>
31	Freedom Day in Malta	<p><i>This holiday marks the day when Malta officially became free from British occupation.</i></p> <p>Source: Festivals.Mt</p>

April (Arab American Heritage Month) 2024

Date	Holiday	Description
1	Cyprus National Day	<i>This holiday commemorates the start of the insurgency against the British in 1955.</i> Source: Office Holidays
1	April Fools' Day	<i>April Fools' Day—occurring on April 1 each year—has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery. April Fools' Day traditions include playing hoaxes or practical jokes on others, often yelling “April Fools!” at the end to clue in the subject of the April Fools' Day prank.</i> Source: History.com
2	Union Day of Belarus and Russia	<i>It commemorates the agreement signed between Russia’s President, Boris Yeltsin, and Belarus’ President, Alexander Lukashenko, on April 2, 1996, in Moscow. The “Agreement on the Union of Belarus and Russia” enhanced the integration of both countries and strengthened their resolve to offer mutual support to one another.</i> Source: National Today
2	Day of the Veterans in Argentina	<i>It is a public holiday commemorating the loss of lives during the 1982 Falklands War.</i> Source: National Today
4	Peace Day in Angola	<i>Peace Day is a national holiday in Angola on April 4th each year. Día da Paz, the Day of Peace and Reconciliation commemorates the end of the Angolan Civil War on this day in 2002.</i> Source: Office Holidays
4	Senegal Independence Day	<i>It has been celebrated annually since they gained independence from France on April 4, 1960.</i> Source: National Today
4	Children's Day in Taiwan	<i>Children's Day celebrations focus on honoring model students around Taiwan and by numerous parent-children activities sponsored by government and civic organizations. Thus, the day not only focuses on children but also aims to strengthen the bond between parents and their children.</i> Source: Office Holidays
4	Qing Ming Jie in China	<i>As a holiday devoted to remembering and honoring the deceased, people sweep and decorate gravesites, burn incense and paper money, and make food offerings.</i>

		Source: The Smithsonian
5	Arbor Day is South Korea	<i>It's a national celebration to promote trees, forests, tree-planting and gardening.</i> Source: Korea.net
5	Jumma-Tul-Wida	<i>Jumatul Bidah is celebrated on the last Friday in the Islamic month* of Ramadan. It is a public holiday in Bangladesh and a regional holiday in the Indian states of Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand, where it is known as 'Jumat-ul-Wida'.</i> Source: Office Holidays
6	National Tartan Day in Canada	<i>Tartans of all varieties are worn on Tartan Day, which recognizes and celebrates the contributions of Scots and their descendants in Canada on April 6.</i> Source: Time and date
6	President Ntaryamira Day in Burundi	<i>It's a solemn day commemorating the anniversary of the death of President Cyprien Ntaryamira in 1994.</i> Source: National Today
6	Chakri Memorial Day in Thailand	<i>Chakri Day is a national holiday in Thailand where citizens honor the royal family and celebrate their contributions to the country.</i> Source: National Day
6	Laylat al-Qadr	<i>Islamic festival that commemorates the night on which God first revealed the Qur'ān to the Prophet Muhammad through the angel Gabriel (Jibrīl).</i> Source: Britannica
7	People's Revolution Day in Kyrgyzstan	<i>This holiday marks the anniversary of the Kyrgyz Revolution of 2010 that ousted authoritarian President Kurmanbek Bakiev.</i> Source: Office Holidays
7	Tutsi Genocide Memorial Day in Rwanda	<i>On April 7th, Rwanda memorialises victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. Unlike other official holidays in Rwanda, this holiday is always observed on the same date, even if it falls on a weekend.</i> <i>Also known as Kwibuka ('To Remember'), this day marks the beginning of the national mourning period.</i> Source: Office Holidays
7	Women's Day in Mozambique	<i>It marks the anniversary of Josina Muthemba Machel's death in 1971 — the activist who fought for the emancipation of African women, specifically Mozambican women, in the liberation struggle.</i> Source: National Today
9	Martyrs' Day in Tunisia	<i>This day remembers the Tunisians who were killed when French troops suppressed nationalist demonstrations in 1938.</i> Source: Office Holidays
9	Vimy Ridge Day in Canada	<i>Observed on April 9 in Canada to honor and commemorate the Battle of Vimy Ridge, which took place during the First World War at Vimy Ridge, France, in 1917.</i> Source: National Today
9	Day of National Unity in	<i>This public holiday marks the commemoration of the Tbilisi Massacre (also known as the April 9th tragedy 1989 or</i>

	Georgia	<i>Tbilisi tragedy), when a peaceful anti-Soviet demonstration on Rustaveli Avenue, in Tbilisi was dispersed by the Soviet Army, resulting in at least 20 deaths and hundreds of injuries.</i> Source: Office Holidays
9	Day of Valor in Philippines	<i>The holiday may also be known as 'Bataan Day' or 'Bataan and Corregidor Day'. It commemorates the fall of the Bataan peninsula during the second world war.</i> Source: Office Holidays
9-10	Eid al-Fitr	<i>Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting, and is celebrated during the first three days of Shawwāl, the 10th month of the Islamic calendar (though the Muslim use of a lunar calendar means that it may fall in any season of the year).</i> Source: Britannica
12	Children's Day 2023 in Bolivia	<i>Every year on April 12, the importance of children's rights and the position of children in society is reflected on.</i> Source: Amigos De Potosi
12	Fast and Prayer Day in Liberia	<i>For the safety and welfare of the nation and its people with penitent reverence to God. The day is usually observed as a day of supplication, meditation, fasting, and prayer.</i> Source: National Today
13-15	Songkran Water Festival in Thailand begins	<i>Songkran is Thailand's most famous festival. An important event on the Buddhist calendar, this water festival marks the beginning of the traditional Thai New Year. The name Songkran comes from a Sanskrit word meaning 'passing' or 'approaching'.</i> Source: Marshall.edu
13	Maha Thingyan (Water Festival) in Myanmar begins	<i>Thingyan culminates in the Burmese New Year and the period of holidays is the most important and the biggest festival in Myanmar.</i> Source: Office Holidays
13	Vaisakhi in India	<i>Every April, the Sikh community all over the world gathers to celebrate Vaisakhi. For decades, Vaisakhi has marked the beginning of the spring harvest, and Punjabi farmers have observed the occasion with community gatherings and celebrations. Vaisakhi is also known as Baisakhi.</i> Source: Sikhnet.com
13-16	Khmer New Year	<i>The Cambodian New Year, or the 'Khmer' New Year, is an occasion that has its roots in the history and culture of Cambodia.</i> Source: National Today
14	Ambedkar Jayanti in India	<i>The celebration pays tribute to the life of the renowned polymath, jurist, economist, and civil rights activist — Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar. He is fondly known as the "Father of the Indian Constitution," and was instrumental in shaping the democratic structure of India</i> Source: National Today
14	Bengali New Year	<i>Bengali New Year, also known as 'Shubho Nabo Barsho'</i>

		<p>or 'Pohela Boishakh' is the first day in the Bengali calendar.</p> <p>Poila means 'first' and Boishakh is the first month of the Bengali calendar. King Shoshangko of ancient Bengal is credited with starting the Bengali era. The starting point of the Bengali era is estimated to be 594 in the Gregorian calendar.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
14	Puthandu in Mauritius	<p>It is a public holiday in Sri Lanka and in India, it is a public holiday in many regions.</p> <p>The Tamil year starts on April 14th in the Gregorian calendar. It is similar to the Vernal Equinox which is usually celebrated on or around March 21st. The date differs due to the position of the Tamil region in the northern hemisphere and some ancient and impressive astronomical observations involving the orbits of Jupiter and Saturn.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
14	Maha Thingyan (Water Festival) in Myanmar ends	<p>Thingyan culminates in the Burmese New Year and the period of holidays is the most important and the biggest festival in Myanmar.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
14	Good Friday (Eastern) in Russia	<p>Orthodox Good Friday is celebrated Friday before Easter according to the Julian calendar. Thus, they observe Good Friday and celebrate Easter at a much later date than the Western churches.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
15	Songkran in Thailand ends	<p>Songkran is Thailand's most famous festival. An important event on the Buddhist calendar, this water festival marks the beginning of the traditional Thai New Year. The name Songkran comes from a Sanskrit word meaning 'passing' or 'approaching'.</p> <p>Source: Marshall.edu</p>
15	Birthday of José de Diego 2023 in Puerto Rico	<p>The poet, journalist, and politician is best remembered for his prolific contributions to the cause of Puerto Rican Independence.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
17	Rama Navami in India	<p>Ram Navami is celebrated to commemorate the birth of Lord Rama to the king of Ayodhya, King Dasharatha. It is known that King Dashratha.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
17	Women's Rights Day in Gabon	<p>This day was enacted to celebrate women in government and marks the death anniversary of Rose Francine Rogombé, the first female head of state of Gabon.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
17	Evacuation/Independence Day in Syria	<p>This is Syria's National Day and commemorates the evacuation of the last French soldier from Syria on this day in 1946.</p>

		Source: Office Holidays
17	American Samoa's Flag Day	<i>This holiday marks the anniversary of American Samoa becoming a U.S. territory on this day in 1900.</i> Source: Office Holidays
17-18	Yom HaAliyah in Israel	<i>To commemorate the historic events of the Jewish People entering the Land of Israel as written in the Bible, which happened on the tenth of the Hebrew month of Nisan. The holiday was established to acknowledge Aliyah, immigration to the Jewish state, as a core value of the State of Israel, and honor the ongoing contributions of Olim ("Jewish immigrants") to Israeli society.</i> Source: ICH-Israel
18	Independence Day of Zimbabwe	<i>This holiday marks independence from the United Kingdom on this day in 1980 and is the National Day of Zimbabwe.</i> Source: Office Holidays
18	Hùng Kings' Festival in Vietnam	<i>The Hung Kings' Temple Festival is a week-long expression of gratitude to the ancient ancestors of the Vietnamese nation. The festival is held on the 10th day of the third lunar month at Hung Temple in Phu Tho province, outside Hanoi.</i> Source: Vietnam Travel
20	Ridvan starts	<i>Riḍván is a twelve-day festival that celebrates the beginnings of the Bahá'í Faith in 1863. It does this by commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's declaration that he was a Manifestation of God.</i> Source: Boston Public Library
21	Mahavir Janma Kalyanak	<i>the auspicious celebration of the day when Trishla Mata gave birth to Lord Mahavir, over 2600 years ago. We celebrate it on the thirteenth day of the bright half of the Indian month Chaitra.</i> Source: Young Jains
21	Tiradentes Day in Brazil	<i>Tiradentes Day in Brazil commemorates the execution of Brazilian national hero Joaquim Jose da Silva Xavier (August 16th 1746 - April 21st 1792).</i> Source: Office Holidays
22-30	Passover	<i>holiday commemorating the Hebrews' liberation from slavery in Egypt and the "passing over" of the forces of destruction, or the sparing of the firstborn of the Israelites, when the Lord "smote the land of Egypt" on the eve of the Exodus.</i> Source: Britannica
23	National Sovereignty and Children's Day in Turkey	<i>Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the first president of Turkey, dedicated April 23 to all the world's children — keepers and creators of the future. The day also commemorates the dawn of a new Turkish republic in 1923 after the fall of the Ottoman empire.</i> Source: National Today
23	Saint George's Day	<i>The accepted date of Saint George's death. Saint George is the patron saint of England, Portugal, Bulgaria, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, the Republic of</i>

		<i>Macedonia, and many other cities across Europe.</i> Source: National Today
24	Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day	<i>The day Armenians commemorate the victims of Armenian Genocide, the most tragic element of Armenian history.</i> Source: Genocide Museum Information
24	Action Day for Tolerance and Respect between People in Argentina	<i>It is a national day that commemorates and recognizes the attempts by the Ottoman Empire in 1915 to systematically eradicate the Armenian people from their homeland.</i> Source: National Today
24	Concord Day in Niger	<i>A truce was agreed in 1994, which led to talks between the government and rebels. This eventually led to the signing of the April 24th 1995 Peace Accord, negotiated in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso.</i> Source: Office Holidays
25	Anzac Day in Australia	<i>ANZAC Day, in Australia and New Zealand, a holiday (April 25) that commemorates the landing in 1915, during World War I, of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) on the Gallipoli Peninsula.</i> Source: Britannica
25	Liberation Day in Italy	<i>Liberation Day is a national holiday in Italy that is annually celebrated on April 25. It marks the fall of Mussolini's Italian Social Republic and the end of the Nazi occupation in Italy in 1945, towards the end of the second World War.</i> Source: Time and Date
25	Liberation Day in Portugal	<i>To commemorate the Carnation Revolution that took place in the country. The day marks the beginning of a bloodless coup that ended the dictatorship in the country and honors the establishment of democracy in Portugal.</i> Source: National Today
25	Sinai Liberation Day in Egypt	<i>It serves to mark the liberation of the peninsula of Sinai. Egypt recovered the land of Sinai in 1982 and this was an important event in the country.</i> Source: National Today
26	International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day	<i>On 26 April 1986, following a routine 20-second system shut down in Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, a surge created a chemical explosion. The accident and the fire that followed released massive amounts of radioactive material into the environment over large parts of the Soviet Union, now the territories of Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Federation, exposing millions of people to radiation. In 2016, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution designating 26 April as International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day.</i> Source: Geneva Environment Network
27	Children's Day in Colombia	<i>Children's Day in Colombia, celebrated on the last Saturday of April, is an annual event that honors the joy of childhood and emphasizes the importance of children's rights and well-being.</i>

		Source: Day Finders
27	King's Day in Curaçao	<p><i>This is a holiday that's observed in Aruba, Sint Maarten, Curacao, and the Netherlands. The purpose of this holiday is to commemorate the birthday of King Willem Alexander—who is the King of the Netherlands.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
27	Day of Uprising Against Occupation in Slovenia	<p><i>The Liberation Front was founded in 1941 on the Day of Uprising Against Occupation, commonly known as Resistance Day.</i></p> <p><i>Slovenia was overrun by the Nazis, as well as the fascist regimes of Italy and Hungary, on April 6, 1941. Finally, in response to foreign occupation, Slovenia created the Liberation Front of the Slovene Nation on April 26, 1941. The Liberation Front evolved into a military force fighting fascist regimes.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
27	Sierra Leone Independence Day	<p><i>The country was renamed British Sierra Leone and became a commonwealth realm when it declared independence from the United Kingdom in 1961.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
28	National Heroes Day (in Barbados)	<p><i>This public holiday celebrates the contribution of 10 national heroes to Barbados. The people chosen were deemed to have given outstanding service to Barbados and contributed to the improvement of the economic and social conditions of Barbados.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
28	Saint Pierre-Chanel Day in Wallis and Futuna Island	<p><i>Saint Pierre-Chanel Day is a public holiday in the Territory of the Wallis and Futuna Islands on April 28th each year. This holiday is observed on the Feast Day of Saint Pierre-Chanel who was martyred on this day in 1841.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
29	Shōwa Day in Japan	<p><i>Showa Day or Showa No Hi is an annual holiday in Japan held on April 29 to commemorate the birthday of Emperor Hirohito, known as Emperor Shōwa following his death. Emperor Shōwa reigned from 1926 to 1989 as the 124th Emperor of Japan during some of the most complex and turbulent periods in Japan's history.</i></p> <p>Source: JrPass</p>
29	International Dance Day	<p><i>International Dance Day or World Dance Day is celebrated across the world to raise awareness about the importance of dance among the general public. It also aims to persuade governments all over the world to provide a proper place for</i></p> <p><i>dance in all systems of education</i></p> <p>Source: Jagranjosh</p>
30	Liberation/Reunification Day in Vietnam	<p><i>Acknowledges the pivotal moment when the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North) and the Republic of Vietnam (South) were reunited together under one, united government.</i></p>

		Source: HoianNow
30	Walpurgis Night	<p><i>The festival is often referred to as “the second Halloween” by Neo-Pagans in the present day as it bears a number of similarities to the observance of Samhain (31 October) when bonfires are lit, people gather for parties, and children go trick-or-treating.</i></p> <p>Source: WorldHistory.org</p>

May 2024

Asian American Pacific Islander [AAPI] Heritage Month, Haitian Heritage Month,
Jewish American Heritage Month

Date	Holiday	Description
1	International Workers' Day/International Labour Day	<i>May Day, also called Workers' Day or International Workers' Day, is a day of commemorating the historic struggles and gains made by workers and the labor movement, observed in many countries on May 1. In the United States and Canada a similar observance, known as Labor Day, occurs on the first Monday of September.</i> <i>Source: Britannica</i>
1	Marshall Islands Constitution Day	<i>It commemorates the anniversary of their new constitution and independence. The day is marked with parades, field day events amongst schools, sports contests, pageants, and other competitions. The Marshallese people use this day as an opportunity to celebrate their country and culture. The governments of the Marshall Islands and the U.S.A. also celebrate their historic friendship that endured after the Islands secured independence from America.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
2	Polish National Flag Day	<i>The auspicious day of May 2 celebrates the republic's past struggles and strengthens the Poles for the challenges they face today.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
2	Teachers' Day in USA	<i>National Teachers' Day is observed on the first Tuesday of the first full week of May. Everyone has had that favorite teacher that has helped inspire them. This day was meant to honor them.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
3	Constitution Day in Poland	<i>Constitution Day is part of a holiday season known as Majówka, which also includes the May 1/Labor Day holiday. It is celebrated with military parades, spring concerts and family picnics. Many people also gather at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (Grób Nieznanego Żołnierza) at the Piłsudski Square in Warsaw. The monument is dedicated to unknown soldiers who gave their lives for Poland.</i> <i>Source: Time and Date</i>
3	Constitution Memorial Day in Japan	<i>Japan's Constitution Memorial Day is held every year on May 3. It is a national holiday and it is the second day in the Golden Week of Japan. Memorial Day is special because it celebrates the new constitution that was</i>

		<p><i>drafted and brought into legislation after Japan's emperor, Emperor Showa, surrendered to the Allied Forces, namely the U.S., in 1945. It took a period of two years for the new constitution to be finalized and ratified. Finally, on May 3, 1945, the new constitution replaced the older one, which was known as the Meiji Constitution.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
3	Orthodox Good Friday	<p><i>Orthodox Good Friday is celebrated Friday before Easter according to the Julian calendar and falls on May 3 this year. While many Western churches follow the Gregorian calendar while celebrating events, Orthodox Churches retained the Julian calendar. This day is also known as Great Friday, Holy Friday, and Holy and Great Friday.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
4	Greenery Day in Japan	<p><i>Greenery Day is observed on May 4 every year in Japan. The national holiday encourages people to commune with nature to express their gratitude and appreciation for its benefits.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
4	Independence Restoration Day in Latvia	<p><i>Latvia celebrates the Restoration of Independence Day on 4 May each year. The holiday celebrates the day in 1990 when the Republic of Latvia restored its independence after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.</i></p> <p>Source: Public Holidays</p>
4	Youth Day in China	<p><i>Every 4 May is Youth Day in China, a half-day holiday observed by youths aged 14-28. This public holiday commemorates the revolutionary rallies led by Chinese youth in the early 1900's.</i></p> <p>Source: Public Holidays</p>
4	National Day of Prayer in USA	<p><i>The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.</i></p> <p>Source: National Day of Prayer</p>
4	Orthodox Holy Saturday	<p><i>Holy Saturday is the day when Jesus lay in his tomb after his death, according to Christian belief. Holy Saturday is also known as Holy and Great Saturday.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
5	Coronation Day in Thailand	<p><i>Since 2020, the King's Coronation has been a public holiday in Thailand on May 4th each year,</i></p> <p><i>The coronation of King Maha Vajiralongkorn took place on the morning of May 4th 2019.</i></p>

		Source: Office Holidays
5	African World Heritage Day	<p><i>Since the proclamation of African World Heritage Day in 2015 by the 38th session of the General Conference of UNESCO, every 5 May, African cultural and natural, tangible and intangible heritage is celebrated across the globe, raising awareness of the benefits of its promotion and preservation, as well as the related challenges the continent faces.</i></p> <p><i>Source: unesco</i></p>
5	Cinco De Mayo	<p><i>Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. The day, which falls on Friday, May 5 in 2023, is also known as Battle of Puebla Day. While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations.</i></p> <p><i>Source: History</i></p>
5	Children's Day in South Korea	<p><i>Children's Day is a national public holiday in South Korea that is observed every year on 5 May. It reflects the high value that families in Korea place on children and the fact that they are the future leaders of the country.</i></p> <p><i>Source: Public Holidays</i></p>
5	Constitution Day in the Kyrgyz Republic	<p><i>Constitution Day is a public holiday in the Kyrgyz Republic on May 5th each year. This holiday marks the adoption of the Constitution on this day in 1993.</i></p> <p><i>Source: Office Holidays</i></p>
5	Orthodox Easter	<p><i>The different date for Orthodox Easter comes from following the Julian calendar, which differs from the Gregorian calendar used by most western countries and Christian denominations. Consequently, Orthodox Easter often occurs a week later, closer to the March equinox.</i></p> <p><i>Source: Christianity.com</i></p>
5-6	Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) in Israel	<p><i>To mark the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943, when Jewish resistance fighters defied the Nazis and fought for freedom and dignity.</i></p> <p><i>Source: Museum of Jewish Heritage</i></p>
6	Martyrs Day in Lebanon and Syria	<p><i>Martyrs' Day is a national holiday in Lebanon and Syria and commemorates the Lebanese and Syrian nationalists who were executed in Beirut and Damascus on May 6th, 1916. Both of the plazas have now been renamed Martyrs Square and the presidents of both countries pay their respects to the fallen.</i></p> <p><i>During this day, thousands of Syrians gather at Martyrs'</i></p>

		<p><i>Square and the President of Syria lays flowers on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Since this is a public holiday in both Syria and Lebanon, most people have the day off and schools, businesses, and government offices are closed for the day.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
6	Orthodox Easter Monday	<p><i>Orthodox Easter Monday is also known as Bright Monday or Monday of Renewal in the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Catholic Churches of the Byzantine Rite.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
7	Soldiers' Day in El Salvador	<p><i>Soldier's Day is a holiday in El Salvador that's observed annually on May 7th. This is a holiday that commemorates the founding of the El Salvador military in 1824. The military of this country consists of the Salvadoran Army, the Salvadoran Air Force, and the Navy of El Salvador.</i></p> <p><i>This holiday is now observed with a grand parade and various ceremonial activities around the country. This is also a day on which many political speeches are given by prominent military and civilian officials.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
8	Parents' Day in South Korea	<p><i>This holiday is one in which people are encouraged to show their parents the filial respect that they deserve.</i></p> <p><i>This can be done simply by spending time with them or giving them a gift of some type. Since Children's Day is celebrated on the 5th of May, these two holidays make up Family Month.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
9	Remembrance Day in Uzbekistan	<p><i>Memorial Day is a national holiday in the Republic of Uzbekistan on May 5th each year.</i></p> <p><i>Also known as the Day of Memory this holiday commemorates those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the motherland.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
9	Victory and Peace Day in Armenia	<p><i>In both Armenia and the neighboring (largely unrecognized) republic of Artsakh, Victory and Peace Day is a public holiday. It commemorates the great victory of Armenian forces over Azerbaijan in the Battle of Shushi on 9 May 1992.</i></p> <p>Source: Public Holidays</p>
9	Ascension Day	<p><i>Ascension Day is the 40th day of Easter. It occurs 39 days after Easter Sunday. It is a Christian holiday that commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven,</i></p>

		<p><i>according to the Christian belief.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
10	Akshaya Tritiya	<p><i>On this day, people buy gold, start new ventures, and perform acts of charity. For Jains, it is the day of birth of the first Tirthankara of the Jain religion, Rishabhadeva</i></p> <p>Source: Times of India</p>
10	Monarchy Day in Romania	<p><i>Monarchy Day is a holiday that's observed annually on May 10th in Romania and it commemorates the date in 1866 when the Prussian Prince Karl Eitel of Hohenzollern- Sigmaringen arrived in Bucharest as Prince of the United Principalities of Moldova and Wallachia and took his oath in front of the Parliament.</i></p> <p><i>From that year until 1937, the 10th of May would be modern Romania's National Day and has been a day that's since then been associated with the Romanian Monarchy. When the country became a Kingdom in 1881, this date would be chosen to be the day symbolic of Coronation Day.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
11	Royal Ploughing Ceremony in Thailand	<p><i>The Royal Ploughing Ceremony is a government holiday in Thailand. The date for the holiday is determined by astrological observations and announced by the Bureau of the Royal Household.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
12	Mother's Day	<p><i>Mother's Day, a holiday in honor of mothers that is celebrated in countries throughout the world. In its modern form the holiday originated in the United States, where it is observed on the second Sunday in May. Many other countries also celebrate the holiday on this date, while some mark the observance at other times of the year.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
12-13	Yom HaZikaron in Israel	<p><i>Mourn and remember our fallen soldiers and all lives lost by terror.</i></p> <p>Source: Israeli Defense Forces</p>
13-14	Yom Ha'atzmaut in Israel	<p><i>Israel declared its independence.</i></p> <p>Source: Tourist Israel</p>
14	Day of the National Emblem and Flag of Belarus	<p><i>Observed on the second Sunday in May in Belarus, the Day of the National Emblem and Flag of Belarus is a day for the citizenry to celebrate their country and its national symbols.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
14	National Unification Day in Liberia	<p><i>National Unification Day is a national holiday observed in Liberia on May 14th. Sometimes called "Integration day", this day marks the Unification and Integration Policy, which was aimed at tackling political, social and economic disparities with the country.</i></p>

		Sources: Office Holidays
14-15	Independence Day in Paraguay	<p><i>The Paraguay Independence Day celebration starts on May 14 and ends the following day. Paraguay's de facto independence began on May 14, 1811, when a local ruling 'junta' was established following the May 14 Revolution. This festival — known in Spanish as 'Da de la Independencia Nacional' — commemorates Paraguay's independence from Spain. The two-day celebrations involve outdoor gatherings of loved ones to play soccer, listen to local music, and host barbeques and traditional drinks that pay homage to Paraguay's cultural history.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
15	Gospel Day in Tuvalu	<p><i>Gospel Day (Te Aso ote Tala Lei) is a public holiday in Tuvalu on the Monday after the second Sunday in May. A common holiday in the Pacific islands, Gospel Day marks the arrival of the first missionary in May 1861.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
15	International Families Day	<p><i>International Day of Families is a UN observance every 15 May. The day has been observed since 1995, on the heels of the International Year of Families in 1994. It is a time to remember the crucial role the family plays in our world's cultures and societies.</i></p> <p>Source: Global Observances</p>
15	Teachers' Day in Colombia, Mexico and South Korea	<p><i>Teachers' Day is a special day for the appreciation of teachers, and may include celebrations to honor them for their special contributions in a particular field area, or the community in general.</i></p> <p>Source: Dayspedia</p>
16	National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day	<p><i>Honor Our LGBT Elders Day on May 16 recognizes the thousands of people in the LGBT community who have paved the way for access and social acceptance. Today, take the opportunity to explore, learn and support equality for all LGBT people.</i></p> <p>Source: National Day Calendar</p>
16	SPLA Day in South Sudan	<p><i>SPLA Day is a public holiday in South Sudan on May 16th each year. Commemorates the foundation of the Sudan People's Liberation Army on this day in 1983.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
18	Battle of Las Piedras	<p><i>The Battle of Las Piedras on May 18 is one of the most significant public holidays in the Oriental Republic of Uruguay. On this day in 1811, Uruguayan revolutionaries led by the inimitable José Gervasio Artigas defeated Spanish imperialists, paving the way for the country's independence. Las Piedras was no ordinary battleground — an increasingly weakened revolution in Latin America depended on it. Victory at Las Piedras symbolized the</i></p>

		<p><i>power of popular resistance. For perhaps the first time in a long time, the suppressed people witnessed new possibilities and horizons. Artigas and his men gave hope to indigenous populations everywhere. The spirit of Las Piedras boosted revolutionary efforts, resulting in the creation of an independent Uruguay.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
18	Constitution Day in Turkmenistan	<p><i>Constitution Day is a public holiday in Turkmenistan and is celebrated on 18 May. It commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of Turkmenistan on 18 May 1992.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
18	Restoration of Somaliland Sovereignty	<p><i>Thirty years ago, on May 18th, 1991, the Republic of Somaliland declared independence. This separation from Somalia, which had not been legally prepared and was not politically supported by any other state, certainly was a bold move back then. For over a decade it was impossible to predict what would really come out of the secession. But today it is clear: Somaliland is one of the most stable de facto states in the world: it has a clearly demarcated territory (at least on paper), a permanent population, and a legitimate government. Nonetheless, Somaliland is still not internationally recognized.</i></p> <p>Source: ISPI</p>
18-19	Jerusalem Day in Israel	<p><i>Yom Yerushalayim, or Jerusalem Day, which this year begins at sundown on May 18, marks the Hebrew anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem – the first time the holy city, as a whole, came under Jewish rule since the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE.</i></p> <p>Source: American Jewish Committee</p>
19	Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day in Turkey	<p><i>The Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day in Turkey features state ceremonies and sports events throughout the country on May 19 each year.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
19	Whit Sunday/Pentecoste	<p><i>Pentecost, also known as Whitsunday, will be celebrated on May 19 this year. The word has its roots in the Greek word ‘pentecoste,’ which means ‘50th day.’ Pentecost is a major festival in the Christian church and is celebrated by believers on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
20	Independence Restoration Day in Timor-Leste	<p><i>It is the National Day of East Timor and commemorates Indonesia relinquishing control on 20 May 2002.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
20	Whit Monday Pentecoste	<p><i>Whit Monday is celebrated a day after Pentecost Sunday, on May 20 this year. Thus, Pentecost is also</i></p>

		<p><i>known as Whit Sunday or Whitsunday. It is a public holiday in countries like the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
21	Navy Day in Chile	<p><i>In Chile, it is known as The Day of the Glories of the Chilean Navy ('Día de las Glorias Navales') and marks the date of the battle of Iquique on May 21st 1879.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
21	Saint Helena's Day	<p><i>This holiday commemorates the island's discovery in 1502 by Galician navigator João da Nova in the name of Portugal. After he anchored in James Bay, he is said to have named the island Santa Helena after St. Helena of Constantinople.</i></p> <p>Source: Holidays Calendar</p>
21	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	<p><i>The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development celebrates not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development. The United Nations General Assembly first declared this World Day in 2002, following UNESCO's adoption of the 2001 Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, recognizing the need to "enhance the potential of culture as a means of achieving prosperity, sustainable development and global peaceful coexistence."</i></p> <p>Source: unesco</p>
22	Unity Day in Yemen	<p><i>The official proclamation of the unification of the Yemen Arab Republic (North Yemen) and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (South Yemen) took place on May 22nd 1990, with Ali Abdallah Saleh as president.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
23	Buddha Purnima	<p><i>Buddha Purnima is on May 23 this year (in India and Nepal) or May 19 (for those in Southeast Asian countries). The date varies because May has two full moon days, and the Buddhist and Hindu lunar calendars can be interpreted differently. Buddha's birth is celebrated as part of a festival called 'Vesak,' which combines the three key events of his life — his birth, enlightenment, and death.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
24	Commonwealth Day in Belize	<p><i>This holiday celebrated two aspects that highlight Belize's colonial history - the birthday of Queen Victoria and the Commonwealth of Nations.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
24	Culture and Literacy	<p><i>Culture and Literacy Day is a public holiday celebrated in</i></p>

	Day in Bulgaria	<p><i>Bulgaria each 24 May to celebrate the significance of the Bulgarian language and the Cyrillic alphabet.</i></p> <p>Source: Public Holidays</p>
24	Independence Day in Eritrea	<p><i>It is the National Day of Eritrea and marks the anniversary of two important events in Eritrea's recent history; the arrival of resistance fighters in the capital in 1991 and independence from Ethiopia in 1993.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
25	Africa Day	<p><i>Africa Day commemorates the founding of the Organisation of African Unity (now known as the African Union) on this day, 25 May, in 1963. Formally known as African freedom day and then African Liberation day, its origin lies in the collective African resistance to colonialism and economic exploitation. The day was, and is, intended to highlight Africa's continued collective struggle against adversity.</i></p> <p>Source: Global Dimension</p>
25	Jordan Independence Day	<p><i>Jordan's Independence Day is celebrated on May 25 every year, and is the most important event in the history of Jordan, as it commemorates its independence from the British government.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
25	May Day Revolution in Argentina	<p><i>May Revolution Day, or Día de la Revolución de Mayo, is celebrated annually in Argentina on May 25. The national holiday commemorates Argentina's revolution and the establishment of a self-governing administration on May 25, 1810. The holiday is also known as Revolution Day and National Day. Spanish interaction with Argentina began with the immigration of Spaniards and the establishment of Spanish settlements in the 16th century. However, Spain's colonization of Argentina officially began in 1776 when the Viceroyalty of Rio de la Plata was founded. The revolution resulted in the establishment of Argentina's first independent government on May 25, 1810.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
25	Liberation Day in Lebanon	<p><i>This holiday celebrates the end of Israel's 22-year-long military occupation of the country's southern region in 2000.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
26	Independence Day in Guyana	<p><i>This holiday commemorates Guyana gaining its independence on May 26th 1966.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
26	Independence Day in Georgia	<p><i>Georgia has spent most of its history under Russian rule, and the Soviet Union. It has gained, and even regained its independence at different points within this history, but</i></p>

		<p><i>has been an independent nation for over 30 years. The origin story of Georgia's independence begins after the Russian Revolution of 1917 with the adoption of the Act of Independence.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
26	Bermuda Day	<p><i>Bermuda Day is a public holiday on the Friday before the last Monday in May. It is Bermuda's National Day and is a day to celebrate the unique cultural heritage of the islands.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
26	Kyiv Day in Ukraine	<p><i>Like many cities and towns in Ukraine, Kyiv has its own special day to celebrate. Kyiv Day was first established in 1982 to honor the anniversary of the capital's founding.</i></p> <p><i>The celebrations became official in 1987.</i></p> <p>Source: Time and Date</p>
27	Abolition Day in Guadeloupe	<p><i>On Slavery Abolition Day, citizens attempt to confront their past. Those subjugated by serfdom or other forms of involuntary servitude also mark this important date. The day reminds us of humanity's cruel history and our efforts to ensure that it doesn't repeat itself.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
27	Mothers' Day in Bolivia	<p><i>In many countries Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May each year. However, in Bolivia, Día de la Madre is celebrated on May 27th to commemorate the day when brave Bolivian women first participated in battle.</i></p> <p>Source: AMIZADE</p>
27	Memorial Day in USA	<p><i>Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country.</i></p> <p>Source: PBS</p>
28	Derg Downfall Day in Ethiopia	<p><i>Also known as Derg Downfall Day, it is Ethiopia's National Day and marks the end of the Derg regime in 1991.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
28	Republic Day in Armenia	<p><i>Republic Day is a public holiday in Armenia on May 28th, that marks the anniversary of the First Armenian Republic in 1918. It is also known as Day of Restoration of sovereignty and is considered to be Armenia's National Day.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
28	Republic Day	<p><i>Republic Day (Azerbaijani: Respublika günü) is the</i></p>

	in Azerbaijan	<p><i>national holiday of Azerbaijan. It may also be known as 'Azerbaijan national identity restoration day'. This holiday commemorates the founding of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan in 1918.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
29	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	<p><i>The Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh is observed all around the world on May 29 every year. Bahá'u'lláh was the prophet and founder of the Bahá Faith, a universal religion emphasizing humanity's spiritual unity. On this day in 1892, the prophet passed away, leaving behind all of his writings and teachings, which Baha'ís commemorate and reflect on.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
30	Anguilla Day	<p><i>It is the National Day of Anguilla, a British Dependent Territory and commemorates the island's determination of independence on May 30th 1967.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
30	Corpus Christi	<p><i>Corpus Christi is a feast that is celebrated on the second Thursday after Whit Sunday.</i></p> <p>Source: Calendar Date</p>
30	Indian Arrival Day in Trinidad and Tobago	<p><i>Indian Arrival Day marks the arrival of the first Indian workers in Trinidad in 1845.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
31	Royal Brunei Armed Forces Day	<p><i>This public holiday marks the formation of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces on 31 May 1961.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>

June 2024

Immigrant Heritage Month USA, National Indigenous History Month in Canada, Pride Month in USA

Date	Holiday	Description
1	Pancasila Day in Indonesia	<i>It celebrates the birthday of Pancasila, the state ideology of Indonesia.</i> <i>Source: Office Holidays</i>
1	Gawai Dayak in Malaysia	<i>Gawai Dayak marks the end of the harvest. The festival aims to honor and respect the hard work behind the harvest.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
2	Native American Citizenship Day	<i>It was on this day in 1924 that the Indian Citizenship Act by Congress granted citizenship to all American Indians born in the U.S. The day celebrates the history, heritage, and culture of American Indian tribes across the country. All the tribes have their own traditions and beliefs.</i> <i>American Indian Citizenship Day celebrates their contribution to the country's culture and a reminder of their enduring legacy.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
3	Martyrs' Day in Uganda	<i>This religious holiday has been observed since 1975 and is of great significance to the Ugandan people. It celebrates the bravery and sacrifice of the 45 Christians who chose execution rather than renouncing their faith, at a time of great social and political strife caused by religious tensions.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
4	Emancipation Day in Tonga	<i>This holiday marks the abolition of slavery in Tonga in 1862. Emancipation Day represents a turning point in Tongan history as commoners were freed from the virtual ownership of chiefs.</i> <i>Source: Office Holidays</i>
5	Khordad National Uprising in Iran	<i>Also called the Khordad 15 Revolt, these events of the 1963 protests against the Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi dynasty are considered the starting point of the Islamic Revolution, and the anniversary is a public holiday in Iran. Iranians use the holiday to rest together with their families as well as reflect on their national and religious history. Parents also take this time to teach this history to their children as a way of preserving the knowledge for subsequent generations.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
9	National Heroes' Day (in Uganda)	<i>National Heroes Day of Uganda takes place on June 9 every year to commemorate the brave people who laid down their lives during the Ugandan Bush War that took place between 1981 and 1986. It is estimated that around</i>

		<p>100,000 to 500,000 people, which includes both combatants and civilians, died across Uganda as a result of the Ugandan Bush War. The war destroyed several villages and devastated people's lives so badly that the current government is still working to rebuild the toppled infrastructures and the economy. Take this day to pay your respects to the ones who gave up their lives for the war.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
10	Reconciliation Day in Congo	<p>This holiday is held in commemoration of the Conference on National Sovereignty that began on this day in 1991.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
10	Sacred Heart in Colombia	<p>The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or Sacred Heart Day is observed in Colombia 10 weeks and a day after Easter Sunday and is all about highlighting the perfect, immeasurable love of Jesus Christ for all humanity.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
11-12	Shavuot	<p>Shavuot, also called Pentecost or 'Feast of Weeks,' is on the sixth day of the month of Sivan in the Hebrew calendar.</p> <p>The word 'Shavuot' or 'Shavuos' means 'weeks.' The holiday celebrates the completion of the seven-week Omer duration between Passover and Shavuot. God had gifted the Torah to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai more than 3,300 years ago. The occasion of Shavuot allows believers to renew their acceptance of this gift, and God blesses them once again with the Torah.</p> <p>The Feast of Weeks commemorates this revelation of the Torah on Mount Sinai and begins on the 50th day after the 49 days of counting the Omer. Shavuot is one of the Shalosh Regalim, or the Three Pilgrimage Festivals, in Judaism. The observance is associated with the grain harvest mentioned in the Torah.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
12	Democracy Day in Nigeria	<p>Democracy Day in Nigeria is observed on June 12 every year — but this wasn't always the case. Until 2018, the country celebrated its journey to re-democratization on May 29. So, what changed? The significance of June 12 is profound — it represents the weight of a country's history. Especially one that has fought long and valiant wars against military dictatorships.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
15	National Salvation Day in	<p>This holiday commemorates the return of the national leader, Heydar Aliyev to Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, in</p>

	Azerbaijan	<p>1993.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
16	Youth Day in South Africa	<p>Youth Day is a national holiday in South Africa. It falls on June 16. Youth Day celebrates the contribution that young people made to the struggle for freedom in South Africa. On June 16, 1976, schoolchildren marched in a protest that began the Soweto Uprising. The uprising was a major event in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. Youth Day is also known as Soweto Day.</p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>
17	Martín Miguel Day in Argentina	<p>Martin Miguel de Güemes played an important role in Argentina's war for freedom against the Spaniards in the late 19th century. The Commemoration of General Don Martín Miguel de Güemes is a public holiday in Argentina to honor the great general.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
18	Seychelles Constitution Day	<p>Seychelles Constitution Day, also called National Day, is celebrated on June 18 yearly, marking the declaration of the referendum in 1993 that made Seychelles a multi-party democracy.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
18	King Mother's Birthday in Cambodia	<p>King Mother's Birthday is on June 18 every year in Cambodia. It commemorates the day Queen Mother Norodom Monineath was born. Queen Mother's birth name was Paule-Monique Izzi. Queen Mother is known for her involvement in several charities, such as the 'Samdech Euv Team,' which was established by the King Father to help the less fortunate by building hospitals, schools, and houses.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
19	Juneteenth	<p>Juneteenth is the oldest nationally/internationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.</p> <p>Source: Juneteenth</p>
19	Artigas' Birthday in Uruguay	<p>Artigas' Birthday is celebrated on June 19 every year. It's a national holiday in Uruguay. It celebrates the birth anniversary of José Gervasio Artigas, who is also known as the father of Uruguayan nationhood.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
19	Labour Day in Trinidad and Tobago	<p>Labour Day marks an uprising in 1937, that is seen as the beginning of the modern trade union movement in Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
20	Martyrs' Day in Eritrea	<p>Martyrs' Day in Eritrea — known as 'Maelti Siwuat' in the Tigrinya language — is celebrated on June 20 every year. It is a day of remembrance for those who perished in the war while fighting for freedom between 1961 and 1991.</p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
20	National Flag Day in	<p>Argentiniains celebrate 'el Día de la Bandera Nacional'</p>

	Argentina	<p><i>(National Flag Day) and mourn the death of its designer, General Manuel Belgrano. He was one of the most important independence leaders and is credited with the design of the Argentine flag.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
21	Inti Raymi in Ecuador	<p><i>The Festival of Inti Raymi takes place toward the end of June each year in the Andean villages of Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Ecuador, where crowds gather to celebrate and show gratitude for the bounty of the earth with a variety of colorful traditional rituals.</i></p> <p>Source: Ecuador</p>
21	Martyrs' Day in Togo	<p><i>Martyrs' Day in Togo is observed each year on June 21 in the West African country of Togo to commemorate the sons and daughters of the land, who had lost their lives throughout the country's struggle for freedom, and subsequently for liberation, from poor governance.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
21	National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada	<p><i>Canada's National Indigenous Peoples Day gives us a chance to recognize the many achievements of the country's Indigenous peoples. The day also celebrates the distinct cultures and unique traditions of these native communities.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
21	Poson Poya Day in Sri Lanka	<p><i>The day, also known as Poson Festival, is a public holiday in Sri Lanka. It falls on the full moon day of Poson, which is the seventh month of the Sinhalese calendar. The holiday depends on natural occurrences and its date varies, although it is commonly celebrated in June. It is a highly religious event that commemorates the introduction of Buddhism to Sri Lanka. Buddhists celebrate the day with music, dancing, and relating stories by giving away food and tea.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
25	Independence Day in Mozambique	<p><i>Mozambique Independence Day is celebrated on June 25 every year. Also known as the 'Dia da Independência Nacional,' this federal holiday is a time for every Mozambican citizen to reflect and rejoice in their nation's independence.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
26	Independence Day in Madagascar	<p><i>Mozambique Independence Day is celebrated on June 25 every year. Also known as the 'Dia da Independência Nacional,' this federal holiday is a time for every Mozambican citizen to reflect and rejoice in their nation's independence.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
26	Independence Day in	<p><i>Somalia Independence Day is observed annually on June 26. During the 19th century, Britain established a</i></p>

	Somalia	<p><i>protectorate over a large part of Somalia, and it became known as British Somaliland. In the 1920s, Italy took over the north-eastern sultanates of the country, forming Italian Somaliland. On June 26, 1960, British Somaliland gained independence and became the State of Somaliland. However, only five days later on July 1, the State of Somaliland merged with the Trust Territory of Somaliland to become the Somali Republic.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
27	Djibouti Independence Day	<p><i>It is a national holiday in Djibouti where we celebrate the declaration of independence of the country from France in 1977. The occasion is celebrated by hosting the Djibouti national flag, parades, speeches from the President and the Prime Minister, and various cultural and entertainment programs.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
27	Day of National Unity in Tajikistan	<p><i>On this day, in 1997, president Emomali Rakhmon signed a peace treaty to end the Civil War that erupted in 1992. This treaty is considered to be one of the most important historical documents in the country, because not only did it close the war, but it also allowed Tajikistan to develop more democratic politics.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
28	International LGBT + Pride Day	<p><i>Pride Day commemorates the Stonewall riots, considered the most important event in the gay liberation movement in the United States.</i></p> <p>Source: Euronews</p>
29	Independence Day in Seychelles	<p><i>The Seychelles has been a member of the Commonwealth of Nations ever since it was granted independence in 1976. The anniversary of their independence is usually celebrated by a vibrant display of pride and patriotism that spreads throughout the city.</i></p> <p>Source: National Today</p>
30	Army Day in Guatemala	<p><i>Army Day, or 'Día del Ejército' commemorates all of the fallen soldiers that have served in the Guatemalan armed forces. It also celebrates the anniversary of an important turning point in Guatemalan history, the Liberal Revolution.</i></p> <p>Source: Holiday Smart</p>
30	Prayer Day in the Central African Republic	<p><i>This holiday is a day for all citizens to unite to pray for a peaceful future.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>

July 2024

Date	Holiday	Description
4	Independence Day/Fourth of July	<i>Independence Day, also called Fourth of July or July 4th, in the United States, the annual celebration of nationhood. It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.</i> <i>Source: Britannica</i>
8	Muharram	<i>Muharram is the first month of the Islamic calendar, and thus marks the start of the Islamic New Year. The meaning of Muharam is forbidden, referring to the fact that it is one of the four sacred months in which warfare is forbidden. Muslims are encouraged to engage in increased worship during this holy month.</i> <i>Source: Islamic Relief</i>
9	Martyrdom of the Bab - Bahai	<i>Martyrdom of the Bab, observed on July 9, is a commemoration of the martyrdom of one of the founders of the Bahai religion, which began in Iran in the year 1844. On this day, the Bahai people recount the execution of the Bab who was charged with the crime of apostasy in the year 1850 in the Persian Empire and then imprisoned along with his followers.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
21	Dharma Day	<i>This day is celebrated by Theravadan Buddhists in commemoration of the Buddha's first sermon. Known as the 'Sermon in the Deer Park', this is considered to be the first time the Buddha outlined his key teachings (known as 'the Dharma') including the 'four noble truths' and the 'eightfold path'. Dharma Day is seen as an opportunity for Buddhists to show their gratitude to the Buddha and to listen to sermons from Buddhist teachers.</i> <i>Source: Global Dimension</i>
26	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Day	<i>The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990 by President George H.W. Bush. Throughout the year and on the ADA Anniversary (July 26), the ADA National Network recognizes this landmark event and the important work to promote equal opportunity for people with disabilities</i> <i>Source: ADA National Network</i>

August 2024

Date	Holiday	Description
9	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	<i>In order to raise awareness of the needs of these population groups, every 9 August commemorates the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. This date, adopted in December 1994 by the UN General Assembly, marks the date of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub- Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights held in Geneva in 1982.</i> <i>Source: unesco</i>
10	Qixi (七夕节) Festival (Chinese Valentine's Day)	<i>The Qixi Festival, also known as the Qiqiao Festival, is a Chinese festival celebrating the annual meeting of Zhinü and Niulang in Chinese mythology. The festival is celebrated on the seventh day of the seventh lunisolar month on the Chinese lunisolar calendar.</i> <i>Source: Wikipedia</i>
12	International Youth Day	<i>International Youth Day takes place on 12 August every year, bringing youth issues to the attention of the international community and celebrating the potential of youth as partners in today's global society.</i> <i>12 August was first designated International Youth Day by the UN General Assembly in 1999, and serves as an annual celebration of the role of young women and men as essential partners in change, and an opportunity to raise awareness of challenges and problems facing the world's youth.</i> <i>Source: unesco</i>
15	Feast of the Assumption	<i>On August 15, the Feast of the Assumption (or simply, "The Assumption") is widely celebrated all over Christendom. This holy day marks the occasion of the Virgin Mary's bodily ascent to heaven at the end of her life.</i> <i>Source: National Today</i>
15	Parsi New Year	<i>The festival of Navroz, also known as Jamshed-i-Navroz or Jamshed-i-Nouroz, derives its name from the legendary Persian king, Jamshed. King Jamshed is credited with creating the Persian calendar, known as the Shahenshahi calendar. This extraordinary event heralded the birth of a new day, which came to be known as Navroz. The Parsi community, adherents of the Zoroastrian faith, observe Navroz as a way to honor their New Year.</i> <i>Source: Olive Board</i>
16-17	Ashura: Islamic	<i>The Day of Ashura falls on the 10th day of Muharram (Friday 28th July): the first month of the Islamic calendar. This is a hugely significant day for Muslims around the</i>

		<p>world as they commemorate Allah (SWT) freeing Prophet Musa (AS) and the Children of Israel from Pharaoh.</p> <p>Source: Muslim Aid</p>
19	Raksha Bandhan	<p><i>Observed on the full-moon day during Shravana (July- August), the 5th month in the Hindu lunar calendar, Raksha Bandhan is a popular Hindu holiday celebrating the love between a brother and sister.</i></p> <p>Source: Hindu American</p>
22	Magal de Touba	<p><i>This day sees the largest pilgrimage, or Magal, in the country as hundreds of thousands of followers make their way to the holy city of Touba.</i></p> <p><i>The Grand Magal is the main religious festival of the Senegalese Muslim brotherhood, the Mourides.</i></p> <p>Source: Office Holidays</p>
26	Lord Krishna's birthday - Hindu	<p><i>Many Hindus around the world will celebrate Krishna Janmashtami, the birthday of the Hindu god Krishna, on Sept. 6. The birth celebrations occur on the eighth day after the full moon in the month of Bhadrapada, or during August-September; in some parts of southern India the celebrations are held during the fifth lunar month of Shravana, which is in July-August.</i></p> <p>Source: Clemson News</p>
26	Women's Equality Day	<p><i>Women's Equality Day, an annual event in the <u>United States</u>, observed on August 26 since its inception in 1971, marking American women's advancements toward equality with men. Many organizations, libraries, workplaces, and other institutions have observed the day by participating in events and programs that recognize women's progress toward equality.</i></p> <p>Source: Britannica</p>