

Diversity Calendar (Religious, Human Rights and Equity Observances)

International Year of Pulses (United Nations)

International Year of Camelids (United Nations)

January 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day* Gantan-Sai (New Year's) (Shinto)	2
3	4	5 Twelfth Night* (Christian)	6 Epiphany* (Christian)	7 Nativity of Christ* (Armenian – Orthodox Christian)	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Int'l Day to Commemorate Memory of Victims of Holocaust* (UN)	28	29	30
31						

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	1	2	3 Setsubun-sai* (Shinto)	4	5	6
7	8 Chinese New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)	9 Shrove Tuesday (Christian)	10 Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) (Christian)	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day*	15 Family Day	16	17	18	19	20 World Day of Social Justice* (UN)
21 International Mother Language Day* (UNESCO)	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					Black History Month

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Zero Discrimination Day (UNAIDS)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 International Women's Day* (UN)	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day* (Christian)	18	19
20 Journée internationale de la francophonie* (UN) Palm Sunday (Christian)	21 Naw Ruz* (Baha'i) Int'l Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination* (UN)	22	23 Magha Puja Day (Buddhism)	24 Int'l Day for Truth Regarding Gross Human Rights violations and dignity of victims* (UN)	25 Good Friday (Christian) Int'l Day of Remembrance to Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade* (UN)	26
27 Easter (Christian)	28 Pesach (to March 30)* (Judaism) Easter Monday	29	30	31		

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					1	2 World Autism Awareness Day (UN)
3	4	5	6	7 World Health Day* (UN)	8 Hindu New Year (Hindu)	9
10	11	12	13 International Day of Pink	14 Baisakhi (New Year)* (Sikh)	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Pesach (Passover – to April 25) (Judaism)
24 Palm Sunday (Orthodox Christian)	25	26	27	28 National Day of Mourning* (CLC/Gov't of Canada)	29 Good Friday (Orthodox Christian)	30 Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)

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1 Beltane and Samhain* (Wicca/Pagan) Pasha (Easter) (Orthodox Christian) May Day/Int'l Worker's Day* (CLC)	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Visakha Puja – Buddha Day (Buddhism) Pentecost (Christian)	16	17 Int'l Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia* (IDAHO) (Fondation Émergence)	18	19	20	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development* (UN)
22	23 Victoria Day Declaration of the Bab* (Baha'i)	24	25	26	27	28
29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah* (Baha'i)	30	31				Asian Heritage Month

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			1 Injured Workers' Day (CLC)	2	3	4
5	6 Ramadan Begins (Islam)	7	8	9	10	11
12 World Day Against Child Labour* (ILO)	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20 World Refugee Day* (United Nations)	21 National Aboriginal Day*	22	23 United Nations Public Service Day*	24	25
26	27 Multiculturalism Day* (Gov't of Canada)	28	29	30	Pride Month National Aboriginal History Month	

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					1 Canada Day*	2
3	4	5	6	7 Eid al Fitr (to July 9) (Islam)	8	9
10	11	12	13 Obon* (to July 15) (Shinto-Buddhism)	14	15	16
17	18 Nelson Mandela International Day* (UN)	19 Asalha Puja Day (Buddhism)	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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	1 Civic Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 International Day of World's Indigenous People* (UN)	10	11	12 International Youth Day* (UN)	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 World Humanitarian Day* (UN)	20
21	22	23 Int'l Day for Remembrance of Slave Trade and its Abolition* (UNESCO)	24	25 Krisha Janmashtami (Hindu)	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day	6 Paryushana Parva (to September 15)(Jain)	7	8 International Literacy Day* (UNESCO)	9	10
11 Eid al Adha (to September 14) (Islam)	12	13	14	15 International Day of Democracy* (UN)	16	17
18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace* (UN)	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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						1 Navaratri (to October 10) (Hindu) International Day of Older Persons*(UN)
2	3 Rosh Hashanah (to October 4) (Judaism)	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Thanksgiving Day World Mental Health Day* (UN)	11 International Day of the Girl Child* (UN)	12 Yom Kippur (Judaism)	13	14	15
16	17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty* (UN)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 United Nations Day*	25	26	27	28	29
30 Diwali (Hindu-Jain-Sikh)	31 Halloween					Women's History Month

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		1 Samhain – Litha* (Wicca/Pagan)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day*	12
13	14 Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)	15	16 Louis Riel Day* (Métis) International Day for Tolerance* (UNESCO)	17	18	19
20 Universal Children’s Day* (UN) Transgender Day of Remembrance*	21	22	23	24	25 International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women* (UN)	26
27 Advent (to December 24) (Christian)	28	29	30			November 16- December 10 16 Days of Activism to end violence against women

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				1 World Aids Day* (UN)	2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery* (UN)	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities* (UN)
4	5	6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (Status of Women)	7	8	9	10 Human Rights Day* (UN)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 International Migrants Day* (UN)	19	20 International Human Solidarity Day* (UN)	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve*
25 Christmas Day* (Christian) Hanukkah (to January 1) (Judaism)	26 Boxing Day*	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve*

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