

Diversity Calendar (Religious, Human Rights and Equity Observances)

International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development (United Nations)

January 2018

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

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				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 Hindu New Year (Hindu)	19	20 Journée internationale de la francophonie* (UN)	21 Naw Ruz* (Baha'i) Int'l Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination* (UN)	22	23	24 Int'l Day for Truth Regarding Gross Human Rights violations and dignity of victims* (UN)
25 Int'l Day of Remembrance to Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade* (UN) Palm Sunday (Christian)	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday (Christian)	31 Magha Puja Day (Buddhism) Pesach (Passover – to April 7) (Judaism) Trans Day of Visibility

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April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter (Christian) Palm Sunday (Orthodox Christian)	2 Easter Monday World Autism Awareness Day (UN)	3 Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)	4	5	6	7 World Health Day* (UN)
8 Pascha (Easter) (Orthodox Christian)	9	10	11 International Day of Pink	12	13	14 Baisakhi (New Year)* (Sikh)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 National Day of Mourning* (CLC/Gov't of Canada)
29 Visakha Puja – Buddha Day (Buddhism)	30					

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May 2018

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		1 Beltane and Samhain* (Wicca/Pagan) May Day/Int'l Worker's Day* (CLC)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 Ramadan Begins (Islam)	17 Int'l Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia* (IDAHO) (Fondation Émergence)	18	19
20 Pentecost (Christian)	21 Victoria Day World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development* (UN)	22	23 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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Pride Month National Aboriginal History Month					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 World Day Against Child Labour* (ILO)	13	14 Eid al Fitr (sunset to June 15) (Islam)	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20 World Refugee Day* (United Nations)	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day*	22	23 United Nations Public Service Day*
24	25	26	27 Multiculturalism Day* (Gov't of Canada)	28	29	30

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July 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Canada Day*	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Obon* (to July 15) (Shinto-Buddhism)	14
15	16	17	18 Nelson Mandela International Day* (UN)	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Asalha Puja Day (Buddhism)	28
29	30	31				

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			1	2	3	4
5	6 Civic Holiday	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 Eid al Adha (to August 25) (Islam)	23 Int'l Day for Remembrance of Slave Trade and its Abolition* (UNESCO)	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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						1
2	3 Labour Day Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)	4	5	6	7	8 International Literacy Day* (UNESCO)
9	10 Rosh Hashanah (to Sept. 11 (Judaism)	11	12	13	14 Paryushana Parva (Jain)	15 International Day of Democracy* (UN)
16	17	18	19 Yom Kippur (Judaism)	20	21 International Day of Peace* (UN)	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

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	1 International Day of Older Persons*(UN)	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving Day	9 Navaratri (to Oct. 16) (Hindu)	10 World Mental Health Day* (UN)	11 International Day of the Girl Child* (UN)	12	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	31 Halloween*			Women's History Month

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				1 Samhain – Litha* (Wicca/Pagan)	2	3
4	5	6	7 Diwali (Hindu-Jain-Sikh)	8	9	10
11 Remembrance Day*	12	13	14	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 Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)	24
25 International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women* (UN)	26	27	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) Advent (to December 24) (Christian)	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities* (UN) Hanukkah (to Dec. 10) (Judaism)	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)	26 Boxing Day*	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve*					

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