

DATE	OBSERVANCE	DESCRIPTION
Thur., January 1	New Year's Day	The first day of the year in the Gregorian calendar, commonly used for civil dating purposes.
Wed., January 7	Orthodox Christmas	Christian faiths based on the Julian calendar, such as Eastern Orthodox, celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. 📅 🎁
Mon., January 19	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	The birthday of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is on January 15th, but it is observed on the third Monday in January.
Month of February	Black History Month	Celebrates Black History and African American culture in the United States.
Sat., February 14	Valentine's Day	Celebrates the idea of romantic love.
Mon., February 16	Presidents' Day	Honors all past presidents of the United States of America.
Tues., February 17	First Day of Ramadan (Islamic)	A holy Islamic festival honoring the first revelations to the Prophet Mohammed through 30 days of reflection and fasting from sun-up to sun-down. 📅 🌙 📅
Tues., February 17	Lunar New Year	Also known as the Spring Festival, an important festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar.
Month of March	National Women's History Month	Honors women as significant agents of historical change.
Mon., March 2	Purim (Jewish)	The "Feast of Lots" marks the saving of the Jewish people of ancient Persia from extermination. 📅 🌙 📅
Wed., March 4	Holi (Hindu)	A spring festival in India and Nepal dedicated to the god of pleasure, also known as the festival of colors or the festival of sharing love. 📅
Sun., March 8	International Women's Day	Celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women worldwide.
Thur., March 19	Eid Al-Fitr (Islamic)	The "Feast of the Breaking of the Fast" marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting. 📅 🌙 📅
Fri., March 20	Spring Equinox	Marks the first day of the season of spring
Month of April	Arab American Heritage Month	Celebrates Arab American heritage and culture and pays tribute to the contributions of Arab Americans and Arabic-speaking Americans.
Wed., April 1	Passover/ Pesach (Jewish)	Eight-day celebration marking the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt; Seder ceremonies emphasize the concept of freedom. The first two days and the last two days are observed as holy days. 📅 🌙 📅
Sun., April 5	Easter (Christian - Western)	The central Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 📅 🎁
Sun., April 12	Easter/Pascha (Christian - Orthodox)	Known as Pascha in Eastern Christianity, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. 📅 🎁
Month of May	Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month	Recognizes the contributions and celebrates the culture of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.
Month of May	Jewish American Heritage Month	Recognizes the history of Jewish contributions to American culture, acknowledging the diverse achievements of American Jews.
Sun., March 8	International Women's Day	A global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.
Fri., May 1	International Worker's Day	Recognizes the social and economic achievements of workers worldwide. The day commemorates the Chicago Haymarket Riot of 1886, spurred by a workers' strike for an eight-hour workday.

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2026 INCLUSIVE OBSERVANCE CALENDAR

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Wed., May 20	Armed Forces Day	A national holiday in the United States that honors the country's military.
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day	A federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed services.
Month of June	Pride Month	Recognizes the LGBTQIA+ community
Tues., June 16	Islamic New Year	Is the first day of the Islamic calendar, dates to the migration of the Prophet Muhammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina in the year 622 C.E. 🗓️
Fri., June 19	Juneteenth	Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, it is now celebrated throughout the U.S. to honor African American freedom and achievement.
Sat., June 20	World Refugee Day	Brings awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.
Sat., June 20	Summer Solstice	Marks the first day of the summer season. The length of time between sunrise and sunset is the longest of the year.
Fri., June 26	Ashura (Islam)	Ashura marks the day in which the Islamic prophet Musa was saved by Allah when He parted the Sea while leading the children of Israel to the land of Israel. It also commemorates the martyrdom of Imam Husayn, grandson of the Prophet Muhammad. 🗓️ 🌙 🗓️
Month of July	Disability Pride Month	Recognize the history, achievements, and rights of people with disabilities, commemorating the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990.
Sat., July 4	Independence Day	Anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776. 2026 marks the 250 th anniversary.
Fri., August 21	Senior Citizen Day	Recognizes the many contributions older adults make in communities across the United States.
Wed., August 26	Women's Equality Day	Commemorates the 105 th anniversary of the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.
Mon., September 7	Labor Day	Celebrated the first Monday in September in recognition of U.S. workers.
Fri., September 11	Patriot's Day	Observed in the United States as a day to honor the victims and those affected by the events of 9/11/2001.
Fri., September 11	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)	Jewish Day of Atonement; most solemn Jewish holy day devoted to prayer and repentance. It is marked by 25 hours of fasting which starts an hour before Yom Kippur and ends after nightfall on the day. 🗓️ 🌙 🗓️
Begins September 15, goes to October 15	National Hispanic Heritage Month	Celebrates the contributions, heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans.
Thur., September 17	Constitution Day & Citizenship Day	Commemorates the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1787. Also honors all who have become U.S. citizens.
Sun., September 20	Yom Kippur (Jewish)	The "Day of Atonement" marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah. 🗓️ 🌙 🗓️
Tues., September 22	Autumnal Equinox	Marks the first day of the fall season. The sun shines nearly equally in both hemispheres.
Month of October	Disability Employment Awareness Month	Recognizes the contributions of workers with disabilities.

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Fri., October 2	International Day Of Non- Violence	Marked on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, a pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence, a U.N commemoration promoting the principle of non-violence and the desire to secure a culture of peace, tolerance and understanding.
Sat., October 10	World Mental Health Day	Raises awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizes efforts in support of mental health.
Mon., October 12	Indigenous People’s Day	Celebrates and honors Native American history and culture.
Month of November	National American Indian Heritage Month	Celebrates and honors the history and culture of Native Americans and indigenous people in the United States.
Wed., November 4	Election Day	A day set by U.S. law for the election of public officials.
Sun., November 8	Diwali (Hindu)	Also called Deepavali, a five-day festival of lights representing the start of the Hindu New Year. Diwali celebrates the victory of the Good over the Evil and Light over Darkness. 🪔
Wed., November 11	Veterans’ Day	Honors military veterans and the U.S. Armed Services.
Thur., November 26	Thanksgiving Day	Following a 19th century tradition, it commemorates the Pilgrims’ harvest feast in the autumn of 1621. It is considered by some to be a "national day of mourning," in recognition of the conquest of Native Americans by colonists.
Thur., December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Brings awareness about persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity.
Fri., December 4	Hanukkah (Jewish)	Eight-day “Festival of Lights”, also known as Chanukah, celebrating the rededication of the Temple to the service of God in 164 BCE. Commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Greek King, Antiochus, who sought to suppress freedom of worship. 🪔 🌙 🪔
Mon., December 21	Winter Solstice	Marks the first day of the winter season. The length of time between sunrise and sunset is the shortest of the year.
Fri., December 25	Christmas (Christian – Western)	Commemorates the birth of Jesus. 🪔
Sat., December 26	Kwanzaa	A secular celebration honoring African-American heritage, culture, and family culminating in a feast and gift giving. “Kwanzaa” means “first fruits (of the harvest)” in Swahili.
Thur., December 31	New Year’s Eve	In the Gregorian calendar, New Year's Eve, the last day of the year, is on December 31. In many countries, New Year's Eve is celebrated at evening social gatherings, where many people dance, eat, drink. etc.

Additional inclusive holiday and festival calendar resources:

- [Secular International Days and Weeks](#)
- Multi-Faith Holidays & Observances Calendar: [Xavier](#) | [Harvard](#)
- [Resource for Multi-Faith Holidays and Observances Greetings](#)
- [Cultural Atlas: In-depth Resources on World Religions](#)