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# 2024 CALENDAR

Celebrating the diverse and inclusive nature of our IBAO community—promoting respect and understanding between all groups.



# 01 2024 JANUARY

## DECEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Black American: Emancipation Proclamation</i> <i>Feast Day of St. Basil Begins</i>	2	3 <i>Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus</i>	4	5 <i>Twelfth Night</i>	6 <i>Epiphany or Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day); Armenian Orthodox Christmas</i>
7 <i>Orthodox Christmas/ Feast of the Nativity</i> <i>Mahayana New Year</i> <i>Christmas in Russia</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Lori-Maghi</i>
14 <i>Orthodox New Year</i> <i>Makar Sankranti</i> <i>Thai Pongal Begins</i>	15	16	17 <i>Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh</i>	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Vietnamese New Year (Tet Festival)</i>	23	24 <i>Bell Let's Talk Day (Mental Health)</i>	25	26 <i>Republic Day of India</i>	27 <i>International Holocaust Remembrance Day</i>
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

# 02 2024 FEBRUARY

## JANUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 <i>Black History Month</i>	2	3 <i>Red Dress Day</i> <i>Setsubun-Sai</i> <i>(Beginning of Spring)</i>
4 <i>Lantern Festival</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Lunar New Year</i> <i>(Chinese New Year)</i> <i>Losar Begins</i> <i>(Tibetan New Year)</i>
11	12	13	14 <i>Vasant Panchami</i>	15 <i>Parinirvana or Nirvana Day</i>	16	17
18 <i>Maha Shivarati</i>	19	20 <i>Louis Riel Day</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Maghi-Purnima</i>
25	26	27	28 <i>Pink Shirt Day</i>	29 <i>Nineteen Day Fast Begins</i>	1	2

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25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>International Women's Day</i> <i>Holi</i>	9
10 <i>Ramadan Begins</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	18 <i>Great Lent Begins</i>	19	20 <i>Naw-Ruz</i>	21	22	23 <i>Purim Begins</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30
31 <i>Easter Monday</i> <i>International Transgender Day of Visibility</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 <i>World Autism Awareness Day</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Tartan Day</i> <i>Holy Thursday</i> <i>Laylat al-Qadr</i>
7	8	9 <i>Ramadan Ends</i> <i>Vimy Ridge Day</i> <i>Eid al-Fitr Begins</i>	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Sinhalese New Year Begins</i> <i>Vaisakhi</i> <i>Puthandu</i>	15 <i>National Volunteer Week</i>	16 <i>Orthodox Easter</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Rivdan Begins</i>
21	22 <i>Passover Begins</i> <i>International Earth Day</i>	23 <i>Saint George's Day</i>	24 <i>Theravada New Year</i>	25 <i>Gathering of Nations Begins</i>	26	27
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5 <i>South Asian Arrival Day</i> <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> <i>Holocaust Memorial Day/ Yom Hashoah Begins</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Mental Health Week</i>	16	17 <i>International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia</i>	18
19 <i>Pentecost</i>	20 <i>Asian Gold Ribbon Day</i> <i>Victoria Day</i>	21	22	23 <i>Vesak</i> <i>Declaration of the Bab</i>	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	1 <i>Pride Month (LGBTQIAA+)</i>
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9	10	11 <i>Shavout Begins</i>	12	13	14 <i>The Hajj</i>	15
16	17 <i>Eid al-Adha</i>	18	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>	20	21 <i>National Indigenous Peoples Day</i>	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	1 <i>Canada Day</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>National Injury Prevention Day</i>	6 <i>Hijri New Year</i>
7	8 <i>Martyrdom of the Bab</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Muharram</i>	18	19	20
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 <i>Emancipation Day</i>	2	3
4	5 <i>Civic Holiday</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Feast of the Assumption</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>Raksha Bandhan</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Krishna Janmashtami Begins</i>	27	28	29	30	31

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# 2024 SEPTEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Hispanic Heritage Month</i>	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Ganesh Chaturthi</i>	7 <i>Ukrainian Heritage Day</i>
8 <i>International Literacy Day</i>	9	10 <i>World Suicide Prevention Day</i>	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Mexican Independence Day</i>	17 <i>Moon Festival</i>	18	19	20 <i>International Week of the Deaf</i>	21
22	23 <i>Gender Equality Week</i>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)</i>	1	2	3	4	5

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29	30	1	2 <i>Rosh Hashanah Begins</i>	3 <i>Navrati Begins</i>	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Yom Kippur Begins</i>	12
13	14 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	15 <i>White Cane Safety Day</i>	16 <i>Sukkot Begins</i>	17	18	19 <i>Karva Chauth Begins</i>
20 <i>Sikh Holy Day</i>	21	22	23 <i>Shmini Atzeret Begins</i>	24 <i>Simchat Torah Begins</i>	25	26
27	28	29 <i>Diwali Begins</i>	30	31	1	2

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10	11 <i>Remembrance Day</i>	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28 <i>American Thanksgiving</i>	29	30

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1 <i>World AIDS Day</i>	2	3 <i>International Day of Persons with Disabilities</i>	4	5	6 <i>National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women</i>	7
8 <i>Bodhi Day</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Las Posadas Begins</i>	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Yule Winter Solstice</i>
22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Hanukkah Begins</i>	26 <i>Kwanzaa Begins</i>	27	28
29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1	2	3	4

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# 2024 DATES & OBSERVANCE DESCRIPTIONS

## JANUARY

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**January 1  
NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
*Celebrated within most Western countries*

**January 1  
BLACK AMERICAN: EMANCIPATION  
PROCLAMATION**  
*President Abraham Lincoln declared all slaves to be free*

**January 1-2  
FEAST DAY OF ST. BASIL**  
*Commemorating the death of Saint Basil. It is celebrated on January 1 in the Eastern Churches, on January 2 in the Western Churches, and on January 14 in churches that follow the Julian calendar.*

**January 3  
FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**  
*The celebration has been held on different dates, usually in January, because 1 January, eight days after Christmas, commemorates the naming of the child Jesus.*

**January 5  
TWELFTH NIGHT**  
*A festival in some branches of Christianity that takes place on the last night of the Twelve Days of Christmas, marking the coming of the Epiphany*

**January 6  
EPIPHANY OR DIA DE LOS REYES (THREE  
KINGS DAY); ARMENIAN ORTHODOX  
CHRISTMAS**  
*A Christian festival held in honour of the coming of the three kings to the infant Jesus Christ.*

**January 7  
ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS/FEAST OF THE  
NATIVITY**  
*The equivalent of December 25th on the Julian calendar. Many Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas day on or near this date.*

**January 7  
MAHAYANA NEW YEAR (BUDDHIST)**  
*Celebrated by the Mahayana Buddhist branch*

**January 7  
CHRISTMAS IN RUSSIA**  
*Christmas is considered a high holiday by the Russian Orthodox Church, one of the 12 Great Feasts, and one of only four of which are preceded by a period of fasting.*

**January 13  
LORI-MAGHI**  
*Wintertime Punjabi folk festival, celebrated primarily by Sikhs and Hindus from the Punjab region of Indian subcontinent.*

**January 14  
ORTHODOX NEW YEAR**  
*The start of the new year under the Julian calendar*

**January 14  
MAKAR SANKRANTI OR MAGHI**  
*Hindu: Celebrates the harvest*

**January 14-17  
THAI PONGAL**  
*Thai Pongal is a Tamil and Hindu harvest festival designed to give thanks to the Sun God.*

**January 17  
BIRTHDAY OF GURU GOBIND SINGH**  
*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.*

**January 22  
VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR (TET  
FESTIVAL)**  
*The most important festival of the year in Vietnam. Its name, Tet, is an abbreviation for Tet Nguyen Dan, which is Vietnamese for the feast of the first morning of the first day of their calendar. 2023 is Year of the Rabbit.*

**January 24  
BELL LET'S TALK DAY (MENTAL HEALTH)**  
*Bell Canada supports Mental Health initiatives and partners with over 1100 Organizations to creating positive change.*

**January 26  
REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA**  
*National holiday in India. It honours the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect on 26 January 1950 replacing the Government of India Act (1935) as the governing document of India and thus, turning the nation into a newly formed republic*

**January 27  
INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST  
REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
*Designated by the United Nations (UN), this day commemorates the genocide that resulted in the death of millions of people at the hands of the Nazi regime and its collaborators.*

## FEBRUARY

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**All February  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
*Black History Month in the United States and Canada. Since 1976, the month has been designated to remember the contributions of people of the African diaspora*

**February 3  
RED DRESS DAY**  
*National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*

**February 3  
SETSUBUN-SAI (BEGINNING OF SPRING)**  
*One day before the start of spring according to the Japanese lunar calendar. It is not a national holiday. For many centuries, people have been performing rituals with the purpose of chasing away evil spirits at the start of spring.*

**February 5  
LANTERN FESTIVAL**  
*A Chinese festival that marks the final day of the traditional Chinese New Year celebrations.*

**February 10  
LUNAR NEW YEAR (CHINESE NEW  
YEAR)**  
*Lunar New Year is also commonly known as Chinese New Year. Each New Year is associated with one of the twelve different animals of the Zodiac.*

**February 10  
LOSAR (TIBETAN NEW YEAR)**  
*The holiday is a new year's festival, celebrated on the first day of the lunisolar Tibetan calendar, which corresponds to a date in February or March in the Gregorian calendar.*

**February 14  
VASANT PANCHAMI**  
*Hindu festival that highlights the coming of spring.*

**February 15  
PARINIRVANA OR NIRVANA DAY**  
*Remembers Buddha's passing in 483 BC and his final nirvana. Commemoration of Buddha's death at the age of 80.*

**February 18  
MAHA SHIVARATI**  
*Hindu: One of the major festivals in Hinduism dedicated to worshipping Lord Shiva. People celebrate Maha Shivratri by fasting, keeping vigil and doing pujas at homes and temples.*

**February 20  
LOUIS RIEL DAY**  
*Louis Riel Day is an annual general holiday in the Canadian province of Manitoba on the third Monday of February. It commemorates the life of Louis Riel, a politician who represented the Métis people's interests.*

## 2024 DATES & OBSERVANCE DESCRIPTIONS

### February 24 MAGHI-PURNIMA

Hindu festival especially for worshippers of Lord Vishnu. Millions of devotees take a holy bath on this day. Devotees also carry out charity work on this day.

### February 28 PINK SHIRT DAY

(Anti-Bullying) – CKNW Kids' Fund

### February 29-March 19 NINETEEN DAY FAST

The Nineteen-Day Fast is a nineteen-day period of the year during which members of the Bahá'í Faith adhere to a sunrise-to-sunset fast. Along with obligatory prayer, it is one of the greatest obligations of a Bahá'í, and its chief purpose is spiritual: to reinvigorate the soul and bring the person closer to God.

## MARCH

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### March 8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

A time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women, who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. The world has made unprecedented advances, but no country has achieved gender equality.

### March 8 HOLI Hindu

### March 17 ST PATRICK'S DAY

Irish Heritage Day marks the birthday of this Irish saint, who brought Christianity to the Emerald Isle

### March 10 RAMADAN BEGINS

Observed by Muslims as a month of fasting (sawm), prayer, reflection and community.

### March 18-May 4 GREAT LENT

Great Lent, or the Great Fast, is the most important fasting season in the church year in the Eastern Orthodox Church which prepares Christians for the greatest feast of the church year, Pascha (Easter)

### March 20 NAW-RUZ Baha'I New Year

### March 23-24 PURIM

Jewish celebration that marks the time when the Jewish community living in Persia was saved from genocide. On Purim, Jewish people offer charity and share food with friends.

### March 29 GOOD FRIDAY

Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

### March 31 INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

Annual event dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as a celebration of their contributions to society.

### March 31 EASTER MONDAY

Celebrated in the Catholic church recalling the meeting of the angel with the women who arrived at Jesus's tomb.

## APRIL

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### April 2 PALM SUNDAY Christian

### April 2 WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Recognition of people with autism and those who love and support them.

### April 6 TARTAN DAY Recognizes and celebrates the contributions of Scots and their descendants in Canada

### April 6 HOLY THURSDAY The day during Holy Week that commemorates the Washing of the Feet (Maundy) and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, as described in the canonical gospels.

### April 6 LAYLAT AL-QADR Muslim

### April 9 VIMY RIDGE DAY Vimy Ridge was a particularly important tactical feature. Its capture by the Canadians was essential to the advances by the British Third Army to the south and of exceptional importance to checking the German attacks in the area in 1918.

### April 9 EASTER Christian festival and cultural holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary

### April 9 RAMADAN ENDS Muslim

### April 9-10 EID AL-FITR Celebrated by Muslims worldwide because it marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan

### April 22 PASSOVER BEGINS Jewish: From how to host online to how to make a digital Haggadah.

### April 24 THERAVADA NEW YEAR The Theravada new year is celebrated for three days from the first full moon in April. Theravada means "the teachings of the elders". Theravada is the dominant form of Buddhism mainly practicing in prevalent in South East Asian countries including India, Thailand, Burma, Laos, Cambodia, and Sri Lanka

### April 14 SINHALESE NEW YEAR A Sri Lankan holiday that celebrates the traditional New Year of the Sinhalese people in Sri Lanka

### April 14 VAISAKHI Marks the first day of the month of Vaisakha and is usually celebrated annually on 13 or 14 April

### April 14 PUTHANDU Tamil New Year

### April 14-20 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK National Volunteer Week (NVW) is a time to celebrate and thank Canada's 12.7 million volunteers

### April 16 ORTHODOX EASTER

### April 17-18 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY/YOM HASHOAH A Holocaust memorial day or Holocaust remembrance day is an annual observance to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust, the genocide of six million European Jews by Nazi Germany.



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## April 20 START OF RIVDAN

*A twelve-day festival in the Bahá'í Faith, commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's declaration that he was a Manifestation of God*

## April 22 INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY

## April 23 SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

*The feast day of Saint George as celebrated by various Christian Churches and by the several nations, old kingdoms, regions, states, countries and cities of which Saint George is the patron saint - including Bulgaria, England, Georgia, Portugal, as well as the Spanish communities of Cáceres, Alcoy, Aragon and Catalonia*

## April 25-27 GATHERING OF NATIONS

*More than 500 Native American tribes meet to celebrate their traditions and cultures*

## MAY

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## May 5 SOUTH ASIAN ARRIVAL DAY

*In April, 1997 the Indo-Trinidadian Canadian Association (ITCA) was formed and immediately started Indian Arrival Day celebrations that year. Also that year, community activist Asha Maharaj organized a display of Indian artifacts, the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa held its first celebration, and the Caribbean East Indian Cultural Organization headed by radio host Richard Aziz organized an Indian Arrival celebration in Toronto*

## May 5 CINCO DE MAYO

*Commemorates Mexico's defeat of the French army, observed primarily by Mexican Americans*

## May 15-21 MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

## May 17 INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA

## May 19 PENTECOST

*Christian holiday of Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) from Easter Sunday.[2] It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the 12 Apostles and the virgin-mother of Jesus Christ, while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks*

## May 20 ASIAN GOLD RIBBON DAY

*Stand in Solidarity against Anti-Asian Racism*

## May 20 VICTORIA DAY

*Queen Victoria's birthday*

## May 23 DECLARATION OF THE BAB

*Baha'i*

## May 23 VESAK

*Observed by Buddhists in South Asia and Southeast Asia as well as Tibet and Mongolia. The festival commemorates the birth, enlightenment (Nibbāna), and death (Parinirvāna) of Gautama Buddha in Theravada Tibetan Buddhism and Navayana.*

## JUNE

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## All June PRIDE MONTH (LGBTQIAA+)

## June 11-13 SHAVOUT

*Jewish holiday that occurs on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan (it may fall between May 15 and June 14 on the Gregorian calendar)*

## June 19 JUNETEENTH

*Black American; Commentates the liberation of slaves in Texas, and celebrated nationwide*

## June 21 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

*Native American*

## June 14-19 THE HAJJ

*Islamic; annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia, required by all able Muslims at least once in their lifetime*

## June 17 EID AL-ADHA

*Annual Islamic observance for many Muslims in Canada*

## JULY

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## July 1 CANADA DAY

*Federal statutory holiday celebrating Canadian Confederation*

## July 5 NATIONAL INJURY PREVENTION DAY

*First Monday of July*

## July 6 HIJRI NEW YEAR

*Muslim*

## July 8-9 MARTYRDOM OF THE BAB

*On the morning of July 9, 1850 in Tabriz, a 30-year-old Persian merchant known as the Báb was charged with apostasy and shot by order of the Prime Minister of the Persian Empire*

## July 17 MUHARRAN

*Is the first month of the Islamic calendar. It is one of the four sacred months of the year when warfare is forbidden.*

## AUGUST

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## August 1 EMANCIPATION DAY

*Canadians are invited to reflect, educate and engage in the ongoing fight against anti-Black racism and discrimination*

## August 5 CIVIC HOLIDAY

## August 15 FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

*Roman Catholic; celebrating the belief of the entry into heaven of the Virgin Mary*

## August 19 RAKSHA BANDHAN

*Traditionally Hindu, annual rite, or ceremony, which is central to a festival of the same name celebrated in South Asia, and in other parts of the world significantly influenced by Hindu culture*

## August 26 KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI BEGINS

*Annual Hindu festival that celebrates the birth of Krishna, the eighth avatar of Vishnu.*

## SEPTEMBER

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## All September HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

## September 7 UKRAINIAN HERITAGE DAY

*Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day is officially celebrated in Ontario and Alberta. On the last Saturday of July, Manitoba celebrates Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day.*

## September 8 INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

## September 10 WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

*Provides an opportunity for us to increase our awareness and understanding about suicide*

## 2024 DATES & OBSERVANCE DESCRIPTIONS

**September 16**  
**MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**September 17**  
**MOON FESTIVAL**

*Traditional festival celebrated in mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, and Vietnam, as well as by overseas Chinese and Vietnamese communities.*

**September 19**  
**GANESH CHATURTHI**

*Hindu festival celebrating the arrival of Lord Ganesh to earth from Kailash Parvat with his mother Goddess Parvati/Gauri*

**September 23-27**  
**GENDER EQUALITY WEEK**  
*Fourth week of September*

**September 20-26**  
**INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF THE DEAF**  
*Celebrated annually across the world during the last full week of September since 2009*

**September 30**  
**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (ORANGE SHIRT DAY)**  
*Canadian statutory holiday to commemorate the legacy of the Canadian Indian residential school system.*

### OCTOBER

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**October 2-4**  
**ROSH HASHANAH**  
*The Jewish New Year*

**October 3-12**  
**NAVRATI BEGINS**  
*Hindu festival that spans nine nights (and ten days) and is celebrated every year in the autumn. It is observed for different reasons and celebrated differently in various parts of the Hindu Indian cultural sphere*

**October 11-12**  
**YOM KIPPUR**

**October 14**  
**THANKSGIVING**

**October 15**  
**WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY**  
*Blind awareness*

**October 16-23**  
**SUKKOT BEGINS**  
*Jewish celebration of the Three Pilgrimage Festivals on which those Israelites who could were commanded to make a pilgrimage to the Temple at Jerusalem.*

**October 19-20**  
**KARVA CHAUTH**  
*A festival celebrated by Hindu women from the Northern and Western India on the fourth day after Purnima (a full moon) in the month of Kartika*

**October 20**  
**SIKH HOLY DAY**  
*Birth of Guru Granth*

**October 23-25**  
**SHMINI ATZERET**  
*Biblical Jewish holiday*

**October 25-26**  
**SIMCHAT TORAH**  
*Biblical Jewish holiday*

**October 29-November 3**  
**DIWALI**  
*A festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists, notably Newar Buddhists*

### NOVEMBER

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**November 11**  
**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**November 28**  
**AMERICAN THANKSGIVING**

### DECEMBER

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**December 1**  
**WORLD AIDS DAY**

**December 3**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
*Promotes the dignity, rights, and well-being of people with disabilities*

**December 6**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

**December 8**  
**BODHI DAY**  
*The Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama (Shakyamuni), experienced enlightenment, also known as "bodhi" in Sanskrit and Pali.*

**December 16-24**  
**LAS POSADAS**  
*Mexico; Commemorates events associated with the birth of Jesus*

**December 21**  
**YULE WINTER SOLSTICE**  
*Pagan*

**December 25**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Christian; Celebrates the birth of Jesus, the Christian messiah*

**December 25-January 2**  
**HANUKKAH**  
*Jewish; Honors the Jewish triumph over Syrian Greeks and Jewish independence*

**December 26-January 1**  
**KWANZAA BEGINS**  
*Celebration of African-American culture that is held from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, usually held on the 6th day*

**December 31**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**



