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2023 Diversity Holiday Calendar

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JANUARY

- 1Independence Day (Haiti)
Kwanzaa Ends (U.S.)
New Year’s Day (International)
- 5Guru Gobind Singh’s Birthday (Sikh)
- 6Christmas (Armenian)
Epiphany, Three Kings Day (Christian)
- 7Christmas (Orthodox Christian)
Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)
- 15/18Pongal (Hindu)
- 16Martin Luther King Day (observed) (U.S.)
- 22Lunar New Year -Year of the Water Rabbit (East Asian)
- 27Holocaust Remembrance Day (International)

FEBRUARY

- 1Black History Month begins (U.S.)
- 2Groundhog Day (U.S., Canada)
- 5ThaipU.S.am (Hindu)
- 5/6Tu B’Svat (Jewish)
- 12Lincoln’s Birthday (U.S.)
- 14Valentine’s Day (International)
- 18Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)
- 20Presidents’ Day /Washington’s Birthday (U.S.)
- 21Mother Language Day (International)
Last day of Mardi Gras/Carnival (International)
- 22Ash Wednesday (Christian)
- 27Independence Day (Dominican Republic)

MARCH

- 1Irish Heritage Month begins (U.S.)
Women’s History Month begins (U.S.)
- 6Fast of Esther (Jewish)
Magha Puja Day (Buddhist)
- 6/76/7-Purim (Jewish)
- 8Holi (Hindu)
International Women’s Day
- 12Daylight Savings Time begins (U.S.)
- 17St. Patrick’s Day (Christian)
- 19St. Joseph’s Day (Christian)
- 20Spring begins (Northern Hemisphere)
- 20/21Nowruz (Persian New Year)
- 22Ramadan begins (Muslim)
- 25Independence Day (Greece)
- 26Independence Day (Bangladesh)
- 30Rama Navami (Hindu)

APRIL

- 5/13Passover (Jewish)
- 6Holy Thursday (Christian)
- 7Good Friday (Christian)
- 9Easter (Christian)
- 14Vaisakhi (Sikh)
Bengali New Year
- 16Easter (Orthodox Christian)
- 21/22Eid al-Fitr (Muslim)
- 22Earth Day (International)
- 25/26Independence Day (Israel)

MAY

- 1Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month begins (U.S.)
Jewish American Heritage Month begins (U.S.)
May Day (U.S.)
- 5Cinco de Mayo (U.S. & Mexico)
Vesak (Buddhist)
- 8V-E Day (U.S. and Europe)
- 9Victory Day (Russia)
- 14Mother’s Day (U.S.)
- 14/15Independence Day (Paraguay)
- 18Ascension Day (Christian)
- 20Armed Forces Day (U.S.)
- 25/27Shavuot (Jewish)
- 26Independence Day (Republic of Georgia)
Independence Day (Guyana)
- 28Pentecost (Christian)
- 30Memorial Day Day (observed) (U.S.)

JUNE

- 1Caribbean American Heritage Month begins (U.S.)
LGBTQIA+ Pride Month begins (U.S.)
- 12Independence Day (Philippines)
- 18Father’s Day (U.S.)
- 19Juneteenth (U.S.)
- 21Summer begins (Northern Hemisphere)
- 27/28The Day of Arafat (Muslim)
- 28/29Eid al-Adha (Muslim)

JULY

- 1Canada Day (Canada)
- 4Independence Day (U.S.)
- 5Independence Day (Venezuela)
- 9Independence Day (Argentina)
- 18/19Muharram begins (Islamic New Year)
- 20Independence Day (Colombia)
- 26/27Fast of Tisha B’Av (Jewish)
- 27/28Ashura (Muslim)
- 28Independence Day (Peru)

AUGUST

- 6Independence Day (Bolivia)
Independence Day (Jamaica)
- 10Independence Day (Ecuador)
- 14Independence Day (Pakistan)
- 15Feast of the Assumption (Christian)
Independence Day (India)
National Liberation Day (Korea)
- 25Independence Day (Uruguay)
- 30Raksha Bandnan (Hindu)
- 31Independence Day (Trinidad and Tobago)

SEPTEMBER

- 2V-J Day (U.S.)
- 4Labor Day (U.S.)
- 6/7Janmashtami (Hindu)
- 7Independence Day (Brazil)
- 12New Year (Ethiopia and Eritrea)

SEPTEMBER (Cont’d)

- 15Hispanic Heritage Month begins (U.S.)
Independence Day (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua)
- 15/17Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
- 16Independence Day (Mexico)
- 17Constitution and Citizenship Day (U.S.)
- 18Independence Day (Chile)
- 23Autumn begins (Northern Hemisphere)
- 24/25Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- 28/30Chuseok (Korea)
- 29/Oct 6Sukkot (Jewish)

OCTOBER

- 1German American Heritage Month (U.S.)
Italian American Heritage Month (U.S.)
- 6/7Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)
- 7/8Simchat Torah (Jewish)
- 9ColumbU.S. Day (U.S.)
IndigenoU.S. Peoples’ Day (U.S.)
Thanksgiving (Canada)
- 10Independence Day (Cuba)
- 24Dussehra (Hindu)
United Nations Day
- 26/27Mawlid al-Nabi (Muslim)
- 31Halloween (International)

NOVEMBER

- 1All Saints’ Day (Christian)
Native American Heritage Month begins (U.S.)
- 1/2Dia de Los Muertos (Mexico)
- 3Separation Day (Panama)
- 5Daylight Savings Time ends (U.S.)
- 11Armistice Day (Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand)
Independence Day (Poland)
Veterans Day (U.S.)
- 12Diwali (Hindu, Sikh)
- 23Thanksgiving (U.S.)
- 27Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikh)
- 28Independence Day (Panama)

DECEMBER

- 1World AIDS Day
- 3Advent begins (Christian)
- 8Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
- 10Universal Human Rights Day
- 7/15Hanukka (Jewish)
- 21Winter begins (Northern Hemisphere)
- 24Christmas Eve (Christian)
- 25Christmas Day (Christian)
- 26Kwanzaa begins (African-American)
- 31New Year’s Eve (International)

Note: Wherever there are two dates listed together like this: 1/2, the first indicates when the holiday begins and the second indicates when the holiday ends.