



Days of Significance

Calendar Dates August 2018- August 2019

Aug 2018	9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations
	12	International Youth Day	United Nations
	13-15	Obon	Buddhism/Shinto
	17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian
	20-24	Waqf al Arafa (Hajj)*	Islam
	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations
	25	Ullumbana Festival Day (Mayahana Ghost Festival)	Buddhism/Taoism
	26	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism

September 2018 – June 2019 School Year Begins

Sept 2018	1	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
	2	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
	3	Labour Day	Canadian Government
	6-14	Paryushana Parva	Jainism
	8	International Literacy Day	United Nations
	10-11	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism
	11	Coptic New Year	Christianity Egyptian Orthodox
	11	Ethiopian New Year	Rastafarian
	12	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam
	12-23	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism
	13	Samvatsari - Parva	Jainism
	14-23	Daslakshan Parva (Autumn)	Jainism
	15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations
	18	Holy Cross Day (Feast of the Cross)	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	19	Powley Day	First Nation, Métis
	19	Yom Kippur*	Judaism
	21	Ashura*	Islam
	21	International Day of Peace	United Nations
	14-23	Daslakshan Parva (10 Day Festival)	Jainism
	23	Kshamvaani (Forgiveness Day)	Jainism
	23	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism
	23	Fall Equinox Ohigan (Japanese)	Japanese National Holiday
	23	Mabon (Autumn Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
	23-30	Sukkot*	Judaism
	25-29	GLSEN Ally Week	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
	27	Asalha Puja Day	Theravada Buddhism
	27	Elevation of the Holy Cross	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nation, Métis, Inuit

Oct 2018	1	International Day of Older Persons	United Nations
	1-2	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism
Islamic Heritage Month	2	Simchat Torah*	Judaism
Somali Heritage Month.	5	World Teachers' Day	United Nations
	8	Karva Chauth	Hinduism
	9	Mahalaya (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism

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October 2018 cont'd	8	Thanksgiving Day	Canadian Government
	10	Birth of Baha'hu'llah*	Baha'i
	10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization
	10-18	Navratri (Autumn)	Hinduism
	11	International Day of the Girl	United Nations
	14	Maha Panchami (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	15	Maha Sasthi (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	16	Maha Saptami (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	16	World Food Day	United Nations
	17	International Day of the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations
	17	Maha Ashtami (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	18	Maha Nabami (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	19	Bijaya Dashami (Durga Puja Festival)	Hinduism
	20	Installation of Guru Granth Sahib Ji <u>as Guru</u>	Sikhism
	24	Kathina Ceremony/Paváraná Day	Buddhism

Nov 2018	1	All Saints Day	Christianity Eastern Orthodox/Catholicism
Aboriginal/Indigenous Education Month	1	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan
Hindu Heritage Month	2	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian
	6 or 7	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism
	7	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
	8	New Year (Enlightenment of Gautam Swami)	Jainism
	9	Buddha's Descent from Tushita Heaven	Buddhism/Tibetan
	9	Birth of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
	11	Remembrance Day	Canadian Government
	12	Gyana Panchami	Jainism
	14	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization
	17	Lokasha Jayanti	Jainism
	19	Maun Agiyaras (Ekadashi)	Jainism
	20	Universal Children's Day	United Nations
	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn Ann Smith, US Trans Advocate
	21	Mawlid-al-Nabi*	Islam
	21	Presentation of the Virgin Mary	Christianity Russian Orthodox
	23	Birthday of Guru Nanak Gurburab	Sikhism
	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism
	24	National Holodomor Memorial Day	Ukrainian Canadian Association
	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations
	26	Day of the Covenant*	Baha'i

Dec 2018	1	World AIDS Day ¹	United Nations
	2	International Day of the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations
	3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations
	2-24	Advent	Christianity
	6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canadian Government
	8	Bodhi Day (Buddha Enlightenment)	Buddhism

¹ AIDS: an acronym denoting **A**cquired **I**mmune **D**eficiency **S**yndrome

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December 2018 cont'd	10	Human Rights Day	United Nations
	3-10	Hanukkah*	Judaism
	13	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan	Islam
	18	International Migrants Day	United Nations
	21	St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons Day (Gregorian Calendar)	Christianity Macedonian Orthodox
	21	Yule - Winter Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
	25	Christmas Day	Canadian Government and Christianity
	26	Ashu Zarathosht's Death	Zoroastrian
	26	Boxing Day	Canadian Government
	Dec 26-Jan 01	Kwanzaa	African Canadian and American Celebration

Jan 2019	1	Gantan-sai New Year	Buddhism/Shinto
Tamil Heritage Month	1	New Year's Day	Canadian Government
	5	Mehergan (1 st Full Moon in 2019)	Zoroastrian
	5	Prakash	Sikhism
	5	Twelfth Night	Christianity
	6	Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes	Christianity Eastern Orthodox and Western
	7	Feast of the Nativity/Orthodox Christmas (Gregorian Calendar)	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	7	Ethiopian Orthodox Christmas (Gregorian Calendar)	Rastafarian
	<i>See Footnote</i>	<i>Theravada Days of Mindfulness²</i>	<i>Buddhism</i>
	13	Baptism of Jesus	Christianity
	13	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh	Sikhism
	13	Maghi	Sikhism
	13	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism (Punjabi)
	15	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism
	14	New Year (on the Gregorian Calendar)	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	14-17	Thai Pongal (January 14 th Main Festival)	Hinduism/Tamil
	17	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	Hinduism
	20	World Religion Day	Baha'i
	21	Feast of the Wedding of Cana at Galilee	Christianity Ethiopian Orthodox
	21	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism
	21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	USA Federal Holiday
	21-25	No Name Calling Week	Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
	27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations
	27	St. Sava Devine Service	Christianity Serbian Orthodox

Feb 2019	1	Imbolc	Wicca/Pagan
African Heritage Month	3	Setsubun-sai	Buddhism/Shinto
Chinese Heritage Month <i>See Also Asian Heritage Month (May)</i>	5	Chinese New Year/Spring Festival	Buddhism
	5	Lunar New Year	Chinese Cultural
	5-6	Losar New Year	Buddhism/Tibetan
	6	Bob Marley Day	Jamaican Canadian Association

² There are several Buddhist *Days of Mindfulness* throughout the year

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February 2019 cont'd	6	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	World Health Organization
	11-16	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
	10	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism
	11	Clean Monday	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	15 (NOTE: Some celebrate this on 9 th Feb)	Buddha's Death – (Nirvana Day of Miracles)	Buddhism
	15	Meeting of Our Lord	Christianity Russian Orthodox
	18	Family Day	Ontario Government
	20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations
	21	International Mother Language Day	United Nations
	Feb 25-Mar 1	Intercalary Days (Ayyám-i-Há)	Baha'i

March 2019	4	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism
Greek Heritage Month	6	Ash Wednesday	Christianity
	7	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism
	8	International Women's and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace	United Nations
	13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology
	14	Sikh New Year	Sikhism
	20	Ostara/Lady's Day (Spring Equinox)	Wicca/Pagan
	21	Holi*	Hinduism
	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations
	21	Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival	Buddhism
	21	Persian New Year (Eid-e-Navroz)	Baha'i/Zoroastrian
	21	Persian New Year (Iranian National Holiday)	Iranian National Holiday
	21	Purim	Judaism
	21	Spring Ohigan (Equinox)	Buddhism
	22	World Water Day	United Nations
	22-24	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism
	25	Feast of the Annunciation	Christianity Western and Orthodox
	25	Kuan Yin Birthday (Guan Yin)	Buddhism/Taiwanese
	26	Prophet Asho Zartosht's Birthday	Zoroastrian

April 2019	To Be Announced	Laudation of the Mother of God	Christianity Russian Orthodox
Genocide Awareness Month	3	Isra'a Wal Miraj*	Islam
Latin American History Month (see also October Hispanic Heritage Month)	7	Rwanda (Tutsi) Genocide Memorial Day	Canadian Government
Sikh Heritage Month	7	World Health Day	World Health Organization
	9	Hinduism New Year (Ugandi)	Hinduism
	10	International Day of Pink	Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed)
	14	Vaisakhi	Sikhism
	14	Puthandu (Tamil New Year)	Buddhism/Taoism
	14	Solar New Year (Mesha Sankranta)	Hinduism
	14	Sri Rama Navami	Hinduism
	19	Good Friday	Canadian Government and Christianity
	19	International Day of Silence	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
	19	Memorial to Christ's Death	Jehovah's Witness
	20-27	Pesach/Passover*	Judaism

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	21	Nisfu Shaban*	Islam
	22	Easter Monday	Christianity
	21	First Day of Ridván*	Baha'i
	21	Grounation Day	Rastafarian
	22	Earth Day (International Mother Earth Day)	United Nations
	To Be Announced	The Recognition of the True Puh	Islam
	25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity Egyptian Orthodox
	26	Holy Friday	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	28	Easter (Pascha) (Julian Calendar)	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	29	Ninth Day of Ridván*	Baha'i

May 2019	1	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan
Asian Heritage Month	2	Yom HaShoah*	Judaism
Jewish Heritage Month	2	Twelfth Day of Ridván*	Baha'i
Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month	To Be Announced	Bob Marley's Transformation Day	Rastafarian
	May 6-Jun 4	Ramadan*	Islam
	7	Akshaya Tritya	Hinduism
	12	Sukyamuni: (Buddha's Enlightenment)	Buddhism
	12	Vaisakhi Puja: (Buddha's Birthday)	Buddhism
	15	International Day of Families	United Nations
	17	International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia	Grassroots LGBTQ
	To Be Announced	International Family Visibility Day	Grassroots LGBTQ
	20	Queen Victoria Day	Public Holiday
	24	Declaration of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
	25	African Liberation Day	Rastafarian
	27-31	Bike to School Week	www.saferoutestestoschool.ca/bike-to-school-day-week/
	29	The Ascension of Baha'u'llah*	Baha'i
	10	Ascension Day	Christianity Eastern Orthodox and Western
	29 – June 2	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian
	31	Jumu'ah-tul Wida	Islam
	31	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization

June 2019	1	Laylat al-Qadr*	Islam
Italian Heritage Month	5	Eid al Fitr*	Islam
National Aboriginal Month	5	World Environment Day (WED)	United Nations
Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month	12	World Day Against Child Labour	United Nations
	8-26	Saga Dawa Festival	Buddhism/Tibetan
	9	Pentecost	Judaism, Christianity Eastern Orthodox and Western
	9-10	Shavuot*	Judaism
	16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism
	20	World Refugee Day	United Nations
	21	National Indigenous Peoples Day 2019	First Nations, Métis, Inuit
	21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union
	24	Litha/Summer Solstice	Wicca/Pagan
	24	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture

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June 2019 cont'd	26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations
	26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations

July 2019	1	Canada Day	Canadian Government
	6	14 th Dalai Lama's Birthday	Buddhism/Tibetan
	10	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
	11	Imamat Day	Islam
	16	Asalha Puja Day (Dharma Day)	Buddhism
	16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Rastafarian
	16	Guru Purnima Day	Buddhism/Jainism
	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations
	To Be Announced	Chokhor Korway Ducchen Festival	Buddhism/Tibetan
	To Be Announced	Jalsa Salana	Islam

Aug 2019	1	Lughnassadh/Lammas	Wicca/Pagan
	6	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations
	12	International Youth Day	United Nations
	10-14	Waqf al Arafa (Hajj)*	Islam
	11	Tishah B'av*	Judaism
	13-15	Obon Festival	Japanese Buddhism/Shinto
	15	Feast of the Dormition	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	15	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
	15	Ullumbana Day (Ghost Festival)	Buddhism/Taoism
	17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian
	27	Daslakshan Parva	Jainism

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