

INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATIONS

November 2021

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FIRST DAY OF AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

This commemorative month aims to provide a platform for Native people in the United States of America to share their culture, traditions, music, crafts, dance, and ways and concepts of life.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

A Christian Solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown. From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places on various dates near Easter and Pentecost.

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ELECTION DAY

The annual day set by law for the general elections of federal public officials. It is statutorily set by the Federal Government as "the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November" equaling the Tuesday occurring within November 2 to November 8.

ALL SOULS' DAY

Also known as Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died, which is observed by Latin Catholics and other Christian denominations annually on Nov 2.

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DIWALI / DEEPAVALI

A festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists, notably Newar Buddhists. The festival usually lasts five days and is celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar month Kartika (between mid-October and mid-November). One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, Diwali symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance".

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BHAI DUJ

A festival celebrated by Hindus on the second lunar day of Shukla Paksha (bright fortnight) in the Vikram Samvat Hindu calendar of Shalivahan Shaka calendar month of Kartika. It is celebrated during the Diwali or Tihar festival of Holi festival. On this day, sisters give gifts to their brothers. In the southern part of the country, the day is celebrated as Yama Dwitiya.

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CHHAT PUJA (PRATI HAR SASHTHI/SURYA SASHTHI)

Vedic ceremony of followers who venerate Goddess Shashthi or Chhathi Maiya and Surya Dev, a Hindu sun goddess. On this special day, both of these magnificent creatures are revered with full respect, love, and commitment.

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VETERAN'S DAY

Honoring Military Veterans, who are people who have served in the United States Armed Forces (that were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable).

REMEMBRANCE DAY (CANADA)

Held in the United Kingdom as a day to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the Two World Wars and later conflicts. It is held at 11am on the second Sunday in November (the Sunday nearest to November 11, Armistice Day)

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REVOLUTION DAY (MEXICO)

Official Mexican government holiday, celebrated annually in Mexico on Nov 20, marking the start of what became the Mexican Revolution. The Mexican Revolution brought the overthrow of liberal Army general Porfirio Díaz after 35 years as president of Mexico.

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM CHODESH KISLEV

Molad Kislev: Wed, 28 minutes and 8 chalakim after 22:00

The third month of the civil year and the ninth month of the ecclesiastical year on the Hebrew calendar. In the Babylonian calendar its name was Arah Kislimu.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. The Thanksgiving holiday's history in North America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation. It also has aspects of a harvest festival, even though the harvest in New England occurs well before the late-November date on which the modern Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated.

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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY

A day to pay tribute to Native Americans for their many contributions to the United States.

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SHABBAT MEVARCHIM CHODESH TEVET

Molad Tevet: Sat, 39 minutes and 14 chalakim after 13:00

The fourth month of the civil year and the tenth month of the ecclesiastical year on the Hebrew calendar. It follows Kislev and precedes Shevat. It is a month of 29 days. Tevet usually occurs in December-January on the Gregorian calendar. In the Babylonian calendar its name was Ara ebetum, the "muddy month".

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HANUKKAH (DAY 1)

The first day of Hanukkah marks the start of Hanukkah, also known as Chanukah or Festival of Lights. Hanukkah commemorates the successful rebellion of the Jewish people against the Syrians in the Maccabean war of 162 BCE. The story is told that although there was only enough consecrated oil to keep the lamp burning for one day and it would take 8 days to get more, the small bottle of oil miraculously lasted for the entire 8 days.