



Days of Significance

Calendar Dates July 2017- August 2018

July 2017	1	Canada Day	Canadian Government.
	6	14 th Dalai Lama's Birthday	Buddhism/Tibetan
	9	Guru Purnima	Buddhism/Jainism/Hinduism
	9	Martyrdom of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
	11	Imamat Day*	Islam
	15	Asalha Puja Day	Buddhism
	16	Ethiopian Constitution Day	Rastafarian
	18	Nelson Mandela International Day	United Nations
	19	Dharma Day (Termination of the Rainy Season)	Buddhism
	23	Birthday of Emperor Hail Selassie	Rastafarian
	27	Chokhor Korway Ducchen Festival	Buddhism/Tibetan
	28-30	Jalsa Salana*	Islam
Aug 2017	1	Lughnassadh/Lammas	Wicca/Pagan
	1	Tishah B'av*	Judaism
	6	Transfiguration of Christ	Christianity Eastern
	7	Lord Simcoe Day/Founder's Day Civic Holiday	Orthodox/Catholicism
	7	Raksha Bandhan	Toronto Municipal Government
	9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	Hinduism
	9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	United Nations
	11-12	Obon	Buddhist/Shinto
	12	International Youth Day	United Nations
	15	Feast of the Dormition	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	15	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
	17	Marcus Garvey's Birthday	Rastafarian
	18	Paryushana Parva	Jainism
	23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	United Nations
	25	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism
	25	Samvatsari - Parva	Jainism
	31	Waqf al Arafa (Hajj)*	Islam
Sept 2017	1	Eid al Adha*	Islam
	1	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
	4	Labour Day	Canadian Government
	5	Anant Chaturdashi	Jainism
	5	Ullumbana Festival	Buddhism/Taoist
	8	International Day for Literacy	United Nations
	10	Eid ul Ghadir*	Islam
	11	Beheading of St. John the Baptist	Christianity
	11	Coptic New Year	Christianity Egyptian Orthodox
	11	Ethiopian New Year	Rastafarian
	14	The Elevation of the Cross	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	15	International Day of Democracy	United Nations
	TBA	Kshamvaani (Forgiveness Day)	Jainism
	TBA	Fall Ohigan (Japanese)	Buddhism
	19	Powley Day	First Nation, Métis
	20-22	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism
	21	Al-Hijra New Year*	Islam
	21	International Day of Peace	United Nations
	21-29	Daslakshan Parva (10 Day Festival)	Jainism
	21-29	Navratri (Autumn)	Hinduism
	22	Mabon Autumn Equinox*	Wicca/Pagan
25-29	LGBTQI2S Ally Week	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN)	
27	Durga Puja (Saptami)	Hinduism	
28	Durga Ashtami (Mashtami) Dassehra	Hinduism	

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	30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nation, Métis, Inuit
	30	Vijaya Dashami (Dassehra)	Hinduism
	30	Yom Kippur*	Judaism
Oct 2017	1	Ashura*	Islam
Hispanic Heritage Month	1	International Day of Older Persons	United Nations
Islamic Heritage Month	4	International Walk/Bike to School Day (Adopted by TDSB Motion April 2015)	National Centre for Safe Routes to School (USA)
Somali Heritage Month (City of Toronto)	4-11	Sukkot*	Judaism
Women's History Month	5	Kathina Ceremony/Paváraná Day	Buddhism
Aboriginal Education Month	5	World Teachers' Day (Adopted by TDSB Motion April 2015)	United Nations
	8	Karva Chauth	Hinduism
	9	Thanksgiving Day	Canadian Government
	10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization
	TBA	Week Without Violence (TDSB Date)	YMCA
	11	Buddha's Descent from Tushita Heaven	Buddhism/Tibetan
	11	International Day of the Girl	United Nations
	12	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism
	13	Simchat Torah*	Judaism
	16	World Food Day	United Nations
	17	International Day of the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations
	19	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
	19	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism
	20	Birth of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
	20	Installation of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as Guru	Sikhism
	TBA	New Year (Enlightenment of Gautam Swami)	Jainism
	22	Birth of Baha'hu'llah	Baha'i
	24	Gyana Panchami	Jainism
Nov 2017	1	All Saints Day	Christianity Eastern Orthodox/Catholicism
	1	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan
	2	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian
	4	Birthday of Guru Nanak	Sikhism
	11	Remembrance Day	Canadian Government
	TBA	Lokasha Jayanti	Jainism
	TBA	Prakash	Sikhism
	14	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization
	16	Louis Riel Day (Toronto)	First Nations, Métis
	20	Universal Children's Day	United Nations
	20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn Ann Smith, US Trans Advocate
	19-25	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Ontario Government
	21	Presentation of the Virgin Mary	Christianity Russian Orthodox
	24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism
	24	National Holodomor Memorial Day (Recognized on the 4 th Saturday, each November - TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday)	Ukrainian Canadian Association
	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations
	26	Day of the Covenant*	Baha'i
	30	Maun Agiyaras	Jainism
Dec 2017	1	Mawlid-al-Nabi*	Islam
	1	World AIDS Day	United Nations
	2	International Day of the Abolition of Slavery	United Nations
	3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations

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	3-24	Advent	Christianity
	6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canadian Government
	8	Bodhi Day (Buddha Enlightenment)	Buddhism
	8	St. Clements or Ohrid Patrons Day	Christianity Macedonian Orthodox
	10	Human Rights Day	United Nations
	12-20	Hanukkah*	Judaism
	13	Birthday of Imam Agakhan*	Islam
	18	International Migrants Day	United Nations
	22	Yule - Winter Solstice*	Wicca/Pagan
	25	Christmas Day	Canadian Government and Christianity
	TBA	Ashu Zarathosht's Death	Zoroastrianism
	26	Boxing Day	Canadian Government
	Dec 26-Jan 01	Kwanzaa	African Canadian and American Celebration
<i>Jan 2018</i>	1	Gantan-sai New Year	Buddhism/Shinto
Tamil Heritage Month	1	New Year's Day	Canadian Government
	2	Mehergan (1 st Full Moon)	Zoroastrian
	2-4	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism
	5	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh	Sikhism
	5	Twelfth Night	Christianity
	6	Feast of the Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes	Christianity Eastern Orthodox and Western
	7	Baptism of Jesus	Christianity Egyptian Orthodox
	7	Feast of the Nativity (Christmas – Julian Calendar)	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	7	Ethiopian Orthodox Christmas	Rastafarian
	Does Not Take Place in 2018	Pasha Putrada Ekadashi)	Hinduism
	TBA	Theravada Days of Mindfulness	Buddhism
	13	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism (Punjabi)
	14	Makara Sankranti	Hinduism
	14	New Year (Julian Calendar)	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	13-16	Thai Mongul (Occurs on January 14 th)	Hinduism/Tamilese
	15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	USA Federal Holiday
	TBA	No Name Calling Week	Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
	21	Feast of the Wedding of Cana at Galilee	Christianity Ethiopian Orthodox
	21	World Religion Day	Baha'i
	22	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism
	TBA	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal) in Pakistan	Zoroastrianism
	Jan 27-Feb 2	Chinese Spring Festival/New Year	Buddhism
	27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	United Nations
	27	St. Sava Devine Service	Christinaity Serbian Orthodox
	TBA	Jashan-e-Sadeh	Zoroastrian
	31	Maghi	Sikhism
<i>Feb 2018</i>	1	Imbolc*	Wicca/Pagan
African Heritage Month	3	Setsubun-sai	Buddhism/Shinto
Chinese Heritage Month			
See Asian Heritage Month (May)	6	Bob Marley's Earth Day	Rastafarian
	6	International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation	WHO
	TBA	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
	TBA	Day Promoting Rights to Sexual Health Education	International

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	12	Clean Monday	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	14	Ash Wednesday	Christianity
	14	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism
	15	Buddha's Death – (Nirvana Day of Miracles)	Buddhism
	15	Meeting of Our Lord	Christianity Russian Orthodox
	16	Losar New Year	Buddhism/Tibetan
	19	Family Day	Ontario Government
	20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations
	21	International Mother Language Day	United Nations
	Feb 26-Mar 1	Intercalary Days	Baha'i
<i>March 2018</i>	1	Purim	Judaism
Greek Heritage Month	2	Holi*	Hinduism
	2	Holla Mohalla	Sikhism
	8	International Women's and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace	United Nations
	TBA	Magha Puja Day/Lantern Festival	Buddhism
	13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday	Church of Scientology
	14	Sikh New Year	Sikhism
	16	Kuan Yin Birthday (Guan Yin)	Buddhism/Taiwanese
	17	Saka New Year (Nyepi)	Hinduism
	TBA	Holy Cross Day	Christianity Orthodox Greek
	18	Hinduism New Year (Uganda)	Hinduism
	18-26	Navratri (Spring)	Hinduism
	20	Eid-e-Navroz (Persian New Year)	Baha'i/Zoroastrian
	20	Ostara/Lady's Day (Spring Equinox)*	Wicca/Pagan
	21	Spring Ohigan	Buddhismto
	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations
	Does Not Take Place in 2018	Persian New Year (Iranian National Holiday)	Iranian National Holiday
	22	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/iran/norooz	United Nations
	22	World Water Day	United Nations
	26	Shri Rama Navami	Hinduism
	TBA	Prophet Asho Zarathosht's Birthday	Zoroastrian
	30	Good Friday	Canadian Government and Christianity
	31-Apr 7	Pesach/Passover*	Judaism
<i>April 2018</i>	1	Easter	Christianity
Genocide Awareness Month	1	Laudation of the Mother of God	Christianity Russian Orthodox
Latin American History Month (see also October Spanish Heritage Month)	2	Easter Monday	Canadian Government and Christianity
Sikh Heritage Month	6	Holy Friday (Julian Calendar)	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	7	Rwanda Genocide Memorial Day	Canadian Government
	7	World Health Day	World Health Organization
	8	Easter (Pascha) (Julian Calendar)	Christianity Eastern Orthodox
	TBA	Memorial to Christ's Death	Jehovah's Witness
	11	International Day of Pink	Nova Scotia, High School (Unnamed)
	12	Yom HaShoah*	Judaism
	13	Isra'a and Miraj*	Islam
	13	Solar New Year (Mesha Sankranta)	Hinduism
	13	Vaisakhi	Sikhism
	14	Vaisakhi (Tamil New Year)	Buddhism/Taoism
	18	Akshaya Tritiya	Hinduism
	20	International Day of Silence	Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
	20	Pentecost	Judaism, Christianity Eastern Orthodox

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	21	Grounation Day	Rastafarian
	22	Earth Day	United Nations
	TBA	The Recognition of the True Puh*	Islam
	24	Armenian Genocide Memorial Day	Canadian Government
	25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity Egyptian Orthodox
	28	National Day of Mourning	Canadian Government
	29	Ninth Day of Ridván	Baha'i
<i>May 2018</i>	1	Beltane*	Wicca/Pagan
Asian Heritage Month	1	Nisfu Shaban*	Islam
Jewish Heritage Month	2	Twelfth Day of Ridván	Baha'i
Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month	TBA	Sukyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment	Buddhism
	3	Vaisakhi Puja (Buddha's Birthday)	Buddhism
	TBA	Bob Marley's Transformation Day	Rastafarian
	10	Ascension Day	Christianity Eastern Orthodox and Western
	15	International Day of Families	United Nations
	16-Jun 14	Ramadan*	Islam
	17	International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia	Grassroots LGBTQ
	TBA	International Family Visibility Day	Grassroots LGBTQ
	19-21	Shavuot*	Judaism
	21	Queen Victoria Day	Public Holiday
	23	Declaration of the Bá'b*	Baha'i
	25	African Liberation Day	Rastafarian
	29	The Ascension of Baha'u'llah*	Baha'i
	May 29	Tibetan Buddha's Enlightenment (Saga Dawa)	Buddhism
	29	Wesak or Vesak (Buddha's Birthday)	Buddhism/Tibetan
	31	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization
<i>June 2018</i>	TBA	Intergenerational Day	Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships (TIGP)
Italian Heritage Month	Jun 1-July 1	LGBTQQI2S Pride Month (Toronto)	Toronto Pride
Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month	5	World Environment Day (WED)	United Nations
PRIDE Month (City of Toronto)	7	Jumu'ah-tul Wida*	Islam
	10	Laylat al-Qadr*	Islam
	12	World Day Against Child Labour Day	United Nations
	15	Eid al Fitr*	Islam
	16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Sikhism
	17	World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought	United Nations
	20	World Refugee Day	United Nations
	21	National Aboriginal Day (Canada)	First Nations, Métis, Inuit
	21	Litha/Summer Solstice*	Wicca/Pagan
	21	World Humanist Day	International Humanist and Ethical Union
	24	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture
	26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	United Nations
	26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	United Nations
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	25	Ullumbana Festival Day (Mayahana Ghost Festival)	Buddhism/Taoism
	26	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
	29	Beheading of St. John the Baptist	Christianity
	TBA	Daslakshan Parva	Jainism

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