

August 2022

Diversity and Multicultural Calendar

Date	Celebration	Culture/Faith	Information
August 1	Emancipation Day	Canadian	It marks the actual day that Slavery Abolition came into effect across the British Empire. On this date, Canadians are invited to reflect, educate and engage in the ongoing fight against racism and discrimination.
August 6-7	Tisha B'Av	Jewish	An annual fast day in Judaism, on which several disasters have occurred in Jewish history. On this day, Jews fast and pray. It begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day.
August 9	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Indigenous	A recognized day to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous people, recognizing the achievements and contributions that indigenous peoples make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.
August 11	Raksha Bandhan	Hindu	A popular annual 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. On this day, sisters of all ages tie a talisman, or amulet, called the Rakhi, around the wrists of their brothers, symbolically protecting them, receiving a gift in return, and traditionally investing the brothers with a share of the responsibility of their potential care.
August 12	International Youth Day	International	The day was recognized by the United Nations to celebrate and integrate the voices, actions and initiatives of young people, as well as their meaningful, universal and equitable engagement.
August 13-15	Obon	Japanese	One of the most important festivals in Japan, Obon is celebrated for 3 days when the Japanese celebrate the memory of their ancestors through various celebrations.
August 15	National Acadian Day	Acadian	Day to highlight the contribution of Acadians to the Canadian cultural fabric, recognize their historical presence on the land, and celebrate their cultural specificity in all its diversity.
August 18-19	Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	A festival that celebrates the birth of one of the most popular deities in the Hindu faith. People often celebrate by fasting, praying, singing hymns, visiting temples and preparing feasts.
August 22	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	International	Day to encourage a more open, constructive and respectful interfaith dialogue, aiming to combat the religious hatred, and incitement to violence.
August 22-26	Public Service Pride Week	Canadian	A week to Promote Pride and Recognition of Canada's Public Service by promoting Canadians' awareness that the Public Service is a diverse, safe, respectful and healthy workplace for LGBTQ2+ public servants.

August 31	International Overdose Awareness Day	International	An annual worldwide event that aims to raise awareness of overdose, remember without stigma those who have died, and acknowledge the pain of family and friends.
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