
DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

JANUARY 2021

January 1 - New Year's Day (International)

January 4 - World Braille Day (International)

January 17 - World Religion Day (UN, Baha'i)

January 24 - International Day of Education (UN)

January 27 - Family Literacy Day (Canada), International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (UN)

FEBRUARY 2021

February is Black History Month

February 4 - World Cancer Day (WHO)

February 6 - International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (UN)

February 11 - International Day of Women and Girls in Science (UN)

February 14 - Valentine's Day (Canada)

February 15 - Family Day (ON), Heritage Day (Canada), National Flag of Canada Day (Canada)

February 20 - World Day of Social Justice (UN)

February 21 - International Mother Language Day (UN)

February 22 - Pink Shirt Day (LGBTQ, Canada)

February 24 – Anti-Bullying Day (Canada)

MARCH 2021

March 1 - Zero Discrimination Day (UN)

March 3 - World Wildlife Day (UN)

March 8 - International Women's Day (UN)

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day (Canada)

March 20 - International Day of Happiness (UN)

March 21 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UN), World Poetry Day (UN), International Day of Nowruz (UN), World Down Syndrome Day (UN), International Day of Forests (UN)

March 22 - World Water Day (UN)

March 24 - World Tuberculosis Day (WHO), International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (UN)

March 25 - International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (UN), International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members (UN)

March 31 - National Aboriginal Language Day (Canada)

APRIL 2021

April 2 - World Autism Day (UN)

April 4 – Refugee Rights Day (Canada), International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (UN)

April 5 - International Day of Conscience (UN)

April 6 - International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (UN)

April 7 - International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda (UN), World Health Day (WHO)

April 21 - Earth Day (Canada)

April 22 - International Mother Earth Day (UN)

April 23 - World Book and Copyright Day (UNESCO), Day of Silence (LGBTQ)

April 25 - World Malaria Day (UN)

April 26 - World Intellectual Property Day (UN)

April 28 - National Day of Mourning (Canada), World Day for Safety and Health at Work (UN)

April 29 - Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare (UN)

MAY 2021

May is Asian Heritage Month

May 5 – National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)
– Red Dress Day

May 8 – Days of Remembrance and Reconciliation (UN)

May 15 - International Day of Families (UN)

May 17 - International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (LGBTQ), World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (UN)

May 21 - International Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (UN)

May 23 - Aboriginal Awareness Week (Canada)

May 24 - Victoria Day (Canadian Holiday)

May 25 – National Missing Children’s Day (Canada)

JUNE 2021

June 1 - Global Day of Parents (UN)

June 4 - International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (UN), Canadian Forces Day (Canada)

June 5 - World Environment Day (UN)

June 8 - World Ocean's Day (UN)

June 12 - World Day Against Child Labour (UN)

June 15 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (UN)

June 16 - International Day of Family Remittances (UN)

June 17 - World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (UN)

June 19 - International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict (UN)

June 20 - World Refugee Day (UN), Summer Solstice (Canada)

June 21 - National Aboriginal Day (Canada), International Day of Yoga (UN)

June 23 - Public Service Day (UN)

June 24 - St. Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec, Francophone)

June 26 - International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (UN), International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (UN)

June 27 – Multiculturalism Day (Canada), World Refugee Day (UN)

JULY 2021

July 1 – Canada Day

July 11 – World Population Day (UN)

July 17 – Parks Day (Canada)

July 18 – Nelson Mandela International Day (UN)

July 30 – International Day of Friendship (UN)

AUGUST 2021

August 2 – Civic Holiday (Canada)

August 9 – International Day of the World's Indigenous People (UN)

August 12 – International Youth Day (UN)

August 19 – World Humanitarian Day (UN)

August 23 – International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition (UNESCO)

SEPTEMBER 2021

September 5 - International Day of Charity (UN)

September 6 – Labour Day (Canada)

September 8 – International Literacy Day (UN)

September 15 – International Day of Democracy (UN)

September 16 – International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer (UN)

September 21 – International Day of Peace (UN)

September 23 – World Maritime Day (UN)

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Canada), Orange Shirt Day (Canada)

OCTOBER 2021

October 1 – International Day of Older Persons (UN)

October 2 – International Day of Non-Violence (UN)

October 3 – World Space Week (UN), World Habitat Day (UN)

October 5 – World Teacher’s Day (UNESCO)

October 10 – World Mental Health Day (WHO)

October 11 – Thanksgiving Day (Canada), International Day of the Girl Child (UN)

October 13 – International Day for Disaster Reduction (UN)

October 14 – World Sight Day (WHO)

October 15 – International Day of Rural Women (UN)

October 16 – World Food Day (UN)

October 17 – International Day for Eradication of Poverty (UN)

October 24 – Disarmament Week (UN), United Nations Day (UN)

NOVEMBER 2021

November 6 – World Day to Protect the Environment in War (UN)

November 10 – World Science Day (UNESCO)

November 11 – Remembrance Day (Canada)

November 13 – World Kindness Day (UN)

November 14 – World Diabetes Day (WHO)

November 16 – International Day of Tolerance (UN)

November 20 – Universal Children’s Day (UN), Africa Industrialization Day (UN)

November 21 – National Addictions Awareness Week (Canada), World day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WHO), World Television Day (UN)

November 25 – International day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (UN)

DECEMBER 2021

December 1 – World AIDS Day

December 2 – International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (UN)

December 5 – International Volunteer Day (UN)

December 6 – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (Canada)

December 9 – International Anti-Corruption Day (UN)

December 10 – Human Rights Day (UN)

December 11 – International Mountain Day (UN)

December 18 – International Migrants Day (UN)

December 20 – International Human Solidarity Day (UN)

December 26 – Boxing Day (Canada)