

# JANUARY CULTURAL DATES

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<b>1</b> <div>New Year's Day</div> <div>Shogatsu - Japan</div>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <div>World Braille Day</div>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <div>Epiphany</div>	<b>7</b> <div>Orthodox Christmas Day</div>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <div>St. Nicholas Day</div>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <div>Yennayer</div>	<b>13</b> <div>Lohri - Hindu and Sikhs</div>	<b>14</b> <div>Orthodox New Year</div>
<b>15</b> <div>Sinulog Festival - Phillippines</div>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <div>Timkat</div>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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Cultural Celebrations



Religious & Spiritual Celebrations



Awareness Day



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January 1 - New Year's Day - The first day of a new year. This date is commonly known as New Year's Day and is a statutory holiday in all Canadian provinces and territories, and organizations



January 1 - Shogatsu - Japan - New Year (正月, shōgatsu) is the most important holiday in Japan. Years are traditionally viewed as completely separate, with each providing a fresh start.



January 4 - World Braille Day - A day to raise awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication in the full realization of the human rights for blind and partially sighted people.



January 6 - Epiphany - A day to remember the three wise men's visit to baby Jesus and His baptism, according to events in the Christian Bible.



January 7 - Orthodox Christmas - This date works out to be December 25 in the Julian calendar, and is similarly a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who is believed to be the Son of God.



January 12 - Yennayer - Yennayer is the New Year celebration of the Amazigh people from Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya and parts of Egypt. Yennayer festivals centre around nature, rejuvenation, wealth and life. Celebrations include people gathering to enjoy traditional music and food. Yennayer is also the start of "Black Nights" a 20-day-long period that represents the coldest time of the year.



January 13 - Lohri - Hindu and Sikhs - Maghi-Lohri is a winter solstice festival celebrated by Sikhs and Hindus. This religious festival marks the start of the agricultural year and increasing daylight. Traditions include lighting bonfires and bathing in sacred waters, rivers, and lakes.



January 14 - Orthodox New Year - Many Orthodox Christian Canadians celebrate the New Year on January 1 in the Julian calendar, which falls on or near January 14 in the Gregorian calendar.



January 15 - Sinulog Festival - Philippines - The Sinulog-Santo Niño Festival is an annual cultural and religious festival held on the third Sunday of January in Cebu City, and on the fourth Sunday of January in Carmen, Cebu, and is the centre of the Santo Niño Catholic celebrations in the Philippines.



January 19 - Timkat - Timkat is the Orthodox Tewahedo celebration of Epiphany and it celebrates the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan.



January 22 - Lunar New Year - Lunar New Year is the beginning of a calendar year whose months are moon cycles, based on the lunar calendar or lunisolar calendar. The Lunar New Year as a celebration is observed by numerous cultures. It is also named "Chinese New Year" because it is a traditional festival in China.



January 22 - Dano - South Korea - Dano (Hangul: 단오), also called Surit-nal (Hangul: 수릿날), is a Korean traditional holiday that falls on the 5th day of the fifth month of the lunar Korean calendar. It is an official holiday in North Korea and one of the major traditional holidays in South Korea. South Korea has retained several festivals related to the holiday, one of which is Gangneung Dano Festival (Hangul: 강릉단오제) designated by UNESCO as a "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity".



January 25 - Bell Let's Talk Day - An annual event that creates conversation among Canadians regarding mental health through the sharing of stories, strategies, and education.



January 26 - Australia Day - Australia Day marks the anniversary of the first British fleet landing in Sydney Cove. Many Australians fly the flag, attend festivals, fireworks and sporting events or gather for barbecues on this day. 'Australian of the Year' award ceremonies also take place. However, many Australians including the Aboriginal Peoples choose not to observe this day on account of the impact of colonization on Indigenous people in Australia.



January 27 - International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust - This is a time to mourn those who disappeared in the Holocaust and reflect upon the choices of individuals and governments that allowed this genocide to unfold.