

DECEMBER CULTURAL DATES

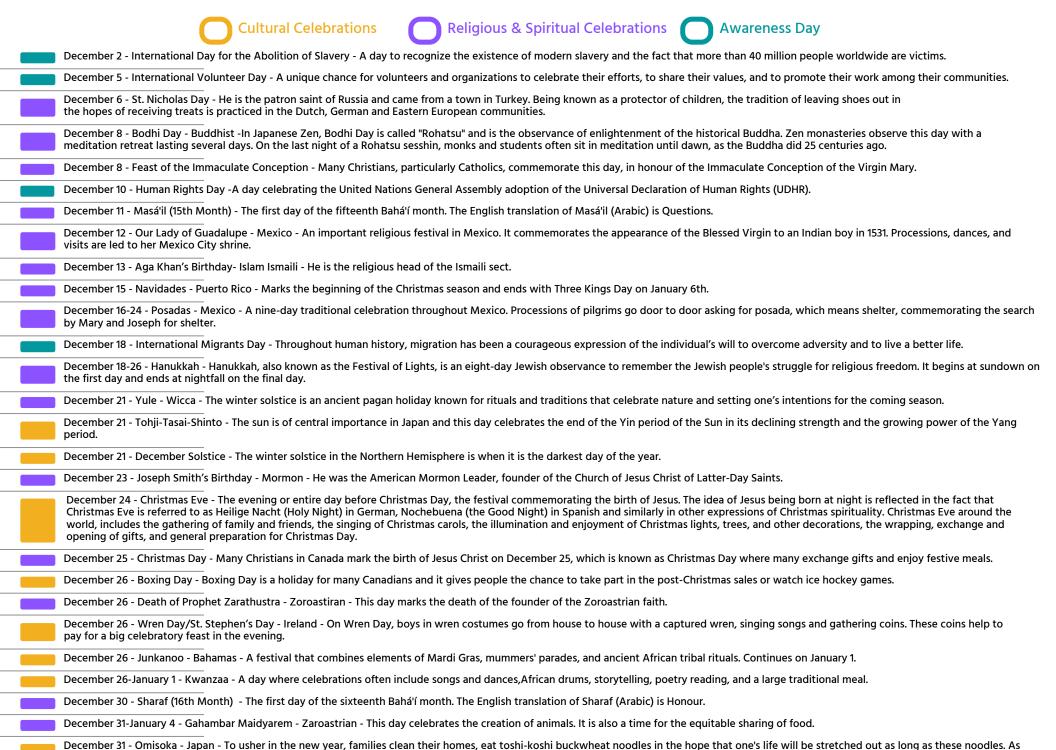
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
				1	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	3	
4	5 International Volunteer Day	6 St. Nicholas Day	7	Bodhi Day - Buddhist Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9	10 Human Rights Day	
11 Masá'il (15th Month)	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Mexico	Aga Khan's Birthday - Islam Ismaili	14	Navidades - Puerto Rico	16	17	
					Posadas - Mexico		
18 International Migrants Day	19	20	Yule - Wicca December Solstice Tohji-Tasai-Shinto	22	Joseph Smith's Birthday - Mormon	24 Christmas Eve	
Hanukkah							
Posadas - Mexico							
Christmas Day	Death of Prophet Zarathustra - Zoroastiran Wren Day/St. Stephen's Day - Ireland	27	28	29	30 Sharaf (16th Month)	Gahambar Maidyarem - Zaroastrian Omisoka - Japan	
	Junkanoo - Bahamas	Kwanzaa				Цодтарау.	
Hanukkah						Hogmanay - Scotland	
Cultural Celebrations Religious & Spiritual Celebrations Awareness Day						New Year's Eve	











December 31 - Hogmanay - Scotland -The Scottish New Year, Hogmanay is derived from the French phrase meaning 'Lead to the mistletoe'. Fire ceremonies, banging of pots and pans at midnight and bringing bread, salt and coal to their hosts to symbolize life, hospitality and warmth mark this exuberant occasion.

bell. Most offices are closed Dec 30 - Jan 4 or Dec 29 - Jan 3.

midnight approaches, Shinto temples around the country begin ringing out the old year, sounding the temple bell 108 times, signifying the 108 human worldly desires removed by the striking of the