

2026





Dance

It is one of the oldest ways we come together. Dance shows up at weddings and festivals, in theatres and streets, in prayer, in welcome, in remembrance, and in moments when words simply aren't enough. Across cultures, dance carries respect, honouring ancestors, beliefs, community, and tradition while also making space for joy, play, and celebration.

Traditions remind us of something quietly powerful: difference doesn't have to divide us. It can delight us. It can teach us. Each month in this calendar is an invitation to notice the beauty of how people move through life's milestones, how rhythm becomes belonging, and how shared wonder can begin with simply watching, learning, and appreciating.

Let's come together in 2026.

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January

1 Mary, Mother of God – Catholic Christian

Gantan-sai (New Year) – Shinto

New Year's Day/Hogmanay

3 Mahayana New Year begins – Buddhist

4 World Braille Day

5 Twelfth Night – Christian

6 Epiphany – Christian

Feast of the Theophany – Orthodox Christian

Epiphany – Italy and Spain

7 Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian

11 Baptism of the Lord Jesus – Christian

12 Coming of Age Day - Japan

13 Lohri/Maghi – Hindu, Sikh

14 Makar Sankranti – Hindu

Pongal begins – Hindu

Old New Year – Orthodox Christian

16 Lailat al Miraj - Islam

18 World Religion Day

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25)

19 Timkat – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian

Martin Luther King Junior (MLK) Day - US

23 Vasant Panchami - Hindu

24 International Day of Education

25 Conversion of Saint Paul – Christian

Zacchaeus Sunday – Orthodox Christian

Robert Burns Night (Burns Night)

27 Holocaust Memorial Day

28 Data Privacy Day

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Tango (Argentina/Uruguay)
Close, magnetic conversation



Mevlevi Sema (Turkey)
Prayer in motion

February

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| 1 | Imbolc/Lughnasadh – Pagan | 11 | International Day of Women and Girls in Science | 17 | Shrove Tuesday – Christian |
| | World Hijab Day | | World Day of the Sick | | Lunar New Year begins |
| | World Interfaith Harmony Week (1-7) | 12 | Red Hand Day for Child Soldiers | | World Human Spirit Day |
| 2 | Candlemas – Christian | 14 | Saint Valentine's Day | 18 | Ash Wednesday – Christian |
| | Tu BiShvat - Judaism | 15 | Parinirvana Day/Nirvana Day – Buddhist | | Ramadan begins – Islam |
| | UK Race Equality Week (2-8) | | Maha Shivaratri – Hindu | | International Asperger's Day |
| 3 | Lailat al Bara'ah – Islam | | Meatfare Sunday – Orthodox Christian | 20 | World Day of Social Justice |
| | Setsubun-sai – Shinto | | Int'l Childhood Cancer Day | 23 | Great Lent begins – Orthodox Christian |
| 4 | World Cancer Day | | Spring Festival Holiday (15-23) - China | 27 | International Stand Up to Bullying Day |
| 5 | Time to Talk Day | 16 | Presidents' Day - US | | |
| 8 | Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Orthodox Christian | | | | |
| | Autism Sunday | | | | |
| 10 | Safer Internet Day | | | | |

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March

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| 1 Saint David's Day – Christian | 14 Nanakshahi (New Year) – Sikh | 21 Nowruz (New Year) - Persian/
Zoroastrian |
| Sunday of Orthodoxy – Orthodox
Christian | 15 International Day to Combat
Islamophobia | Int'l Day for the Elimination of
Racial Discrimination |
| International Wheelchair Day | Mothering Sunday | World Down Syndrome Day |
| Self-Injury Awareness Day | 16 Lailat al-Qadr – Islam | Human Rights Day – South Africa |
| Zero Discrimination Day | 17 Saint Patrick's Day - Christian | 26 Rama Navami - Hindu |
| 3 Magha Puja (Sangha Day) – Buddhist | 18 Global Recycling Day | Khordad Sal – Zoroastrian |
| Holika Dahan – Hindu | 19 Saint Joseph's Day – Christian | Purple Day/Epilepsy Awareness |
| Purim – Judaism | Chaitra Navratri begins – Hindu | 29 Palm Sunday – Christian |
| World Hearing Day | Ramayana begins – Hindu | 30 World Bipolar Day |
| 4 Holi – Hindu | Ugadi New Year - Hindu | 31 Mahavir Jayanti - Jain |
| Hola Mohalla begins - Sikh | 20 Eid al Fitr – Islam | International Transgender Day
of Visibility |
| 8 International Women's Day | International Day of Happiness | |
| 12 University Mental Health Day | Spring Equinox | |

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Flamenco (Andalusia, Spain)
 Fire, rhythm, pride



Khon (Thailand)
Masked epic theatre

April

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| 2 | Theravada New Year – Buddhist | 8 | International Romani Day | 25 | Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist – Christian |
| | Hanuman Jayanti – Hindu | 12 | Pascha (Easter) – Orthodox Christian | | Liberation Day - Italy |
| | Lord's Evening Meal – Jehovah's Witness | 13 | Songkran (Thai New Year) – Buddhist | 26 | Lesbian Visibility Day |
| | Pesach (Passover) begins - Judaism | 14 | Yom HaShoah – Judaism | 27 | Freedom Day – South Africa |
| | World Autism Awareness Day | | Birth of the Khalsa (Vaisakhi) – Sikh | 28 | World Day for Health & Safety at Work |
| 3 | Good Friday – Christian | | Tamil New Year | 29 | Ninth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i |
| 4 | Lazarus Saturday – Orthodox Christian | 19 | Akshaya Tertiya – Hindu, Jain | | Shōwa Day (Hiroshima) - Japan |
| | Qingming Festival Holiday (4-6) - China | 21 | First Day of Ridvan - Baha'i | | |
| 5 | Easter Sunday – Christian | | Yom HaZikaron – Judaism | | |
| | Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian | | Tiradentes Day - Brazil | | |
| 6 | International Asexuality Day | 22 | Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Judaism | | |
| 7 | World Health Day | | Earth Day | | |
| | | 23 | Saint George's Day – Christian | | |

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May

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| 1 Vesak/Visakha Puja – Buddhist | 13 UK National Day for Staff Networks | 24 Birthday of Buddha - Buddhist |
| Beltane/Samhain – Pagan | 14 Ascension Day – Christian | Pentecost – Christian |
| Labour Day/Int'l Workers' Day | 15 Yom Yerushalayim – Judaism | 25 Hajj begins - Islam |
| Labour Day Holiday (1-5) - China | International Day of Families | Bank Holiday – UK & Ireland |
| 3 Feast of Saints Philip and James – Christian | 17 Int'l Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia | Whit Monday - France |
| Bank Holiday – UK & Ireland | 19 Agender Pride Day | Birthday of Buddha – Hong Kong |
| Greenery Day - Japan | 21 Ascension of the Lord – Orthodox Christian | Memorial Day - US |
| 5 Lag BaOmer – Judaism | Global Accessibility Awareness Day | 26 Waqf al Arafa - Islam |
| Children's Day - Japan | World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue & Development | 27 Eid al Adha – Islam |
| 6 World Maternal Mental Health Day | 22 Shavuot – Judaism | 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i |
| Constitution Memorial Day – Japan | Int'l Day for Biological Diversity | Int'l Day of UN Peacekeepers |
| 8 World Red Cross Red Crescent Day | 23 Shavuot – Judaism | 31 Vesak/Visakha Puja - Buddhist |
| Victory Day - France | 24 Declaration of the Báb - Baha'i | Pentecost – Orthodox Christian |
| 12 International Nurses Day | | World No Tobacco Day |

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Morris Dance (England)
 Bells, sticks, smiles



Adumu (Maasai, Kenya)

Rise with strength

June

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| 1 Global Day of Parents | 14 Race Unity Day | 20 World Refugee Day |
| Bank Holiday – ROI | World Blood Donor Day | 21 Litha /Yule - Pagan |
| Vesak Day - Singapore | 15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day | Father's Day |
| 2 Republic Day - Italy | 16 Al-Hijra/Muharram – New Year – Islam | Summer Solstice |
| 4 Corpus Christi – Catholic Christian | Neurodiversity Pride Day | World Humanist Day |
| Int'l Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression | Youth Day – South Africa | 22 UK Windrush Day |
| 5 World Environment Day | 17 World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought | 24 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – Christian |
| 7 All Saints – Orthodox Christian | 18 Autistic Pride Day | 25 Ashura - Islam |
| 8 The Fast of the Holy Apostles – Orthodox Christian | International Day for Countering Hate Speech | 28 Stonewall Riots Anniversary |
| 12 Sacred Heart of Jesus – Christian | 19 Tuen Ng Festival – Hong Kong | 29 Feast of Saints Peter and Paul – Christian |
| World Day against Child Labour | Juneteenth – US | |
| 13 Global Wellness Day | Dragon Boat Festival (19-21) - China | |

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July

- 1 Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day
- 4 US Independence Day
- 5 Birthday of Guru Hargobind – Sikh
- 6 Omnisexual Visibility Day
- 10 Martyrdom of the Báb - Baha'i
- 11 World Population Day
- 12 Orangemen's Day
- 13 Bank Holiday – Northern Ireland
- 14 International Non-Binary People's Day
- Bastille Day - France
- 15 Saint Vladimir the Great Day – Orthodox Christian
- World Youth Skills Day
- 17 World Day for International Justice
- 18 Nelson Mandela International Day
- South Asian Heritage Month begins
- 20 Marine Day - Japan
- 22 Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene – Christian
- 23 Tish'a B'av – Judaism
- Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie – Rastafari
- Birthday of Guru Har Krishan – Sikh
- 24 Pioneer Day – Mormonism
- International Self-Care Day
- 25 Saint James the Great Day – Christian
- 28 World Hepatitis Day
- 29 Asalha Puja (Dharma Day) – Buddhist
- 30 International Day of Friendship
- World Day against Trafficking Persons

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Haka (Māori, Aotearoa NZ)
 Power and passion



Classical Ballet (Europe)

Discipline meets grace

August

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| <p>1 Lammas – Christian
Lughnasadh/Imbolc – Pagan</p> <p>3 Bank Holiday – Scotland & ROI</p> <p>6 Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord – Orthodox Christian</p> <p>9 International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples</p> <p>10 Feast of Saint Lawrence – Christian
National Women’s Day – South Africa
National Day - Singapore</p> <p>11 Mountain Day - Japan</p> <p>12 International Youth Day</p> | <p>15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary – Christian
Dormition of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian
Assumption Day – France, Italy, Spain</p> <p>19 World Humanitarian Day</p> <p>22 Queenship of Mary – Catholic Christian
Int’l Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief</p> <p>23 Int’l Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade & its Abolition</p> <p>24 Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle - Christian</p> | <p>25 Mawlid al-Nabi (Prophet Muhammad’s Birthday) - Islam</p> <p>26 Onam - Hindu</p> <p>28 Raksha Bandhan – Hindu</p> <p>29 Beheading of Saint John the Baptist – Christian</p> <p>31 International Day for People of African Descent
Bank Holiday – England, Wales & Northern Ireland</p> |
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September

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| 4 Krishna Janmashtami - Hindu | 14 Exaltation of the Cross – Orthodox Christian | 23 International Day of Sign Languages |
| 5 International Day of Charity | UK National Inclusion Week (14-20) | Autumnal Equinox - Japan |
| 6 Colour Blind Awareness Day | 15 Samvatsari - Jain | 24 Heritage Day – South Africa |
| 7 Independence Day – Brazil | International Day of Democracy | 25 Anant Chaturdashi – Hindu, Jain |
| Labor Day - US | 17 World Patient Safety Day | Mid-Autumn Festival - China |
| 8 Nativity of Virgin Mary – Christian | 18 International Equal Pay Day | 26 Sukkot begins – Judaism |
| Paryushana Parvarambha - Jain | 21 Feast of Saint Matthew – Christian | Day following Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival - China |
| Nativity of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian | Yom Kippur - Judaism | 27 Meskel – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian |
| International Literacy Day | International Day of Peace | World Deaf Day |
| 10 World Suicide Prevention Day | World Alzheimer's Day | 29 Michaelmas – Saint Michael and All Angels – Christian |
| 12 Rosh Hashanah (12-13) - Judaism | Respect for the Aged Day - Japan | World Heart Day |
| 14 Triumph of the Cross – Christian | 23 Mabon/Ostara – Pagan | |
| Ganesh Chaturthi – Hindu | Autumn Equinox | |
| Fast of Gedaliah - Judaism | Bi Visibility Day | |

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Bharatanatyam (Tamil Nadu, India)
 Sacred storytelling precision



Jarabe Tapatío (Mexico)
Colourful courtship swagger

October

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| 1 | International Day of Older Persons | 9 | Birthday of Guru Ram Das – Sikh | 20 | Dussehra – Hindu |
| | National Day – Hong Kong | 10 | World Homeless Day | 21 | International Pronouns Day |
| | China's National Day Golden Week (1-7) | | World Mental Health Day | 24 | United Nations Day |
| 2 | Feast of the Guardian Angels – Christian | 11 | Sharad Navratri begins – Hindu | 26 | Intersex Awareness Day |
| | International Day of Non-Violence | | International Day of the Girl Child | | Bank Holiday – ROI |
| 3 | Shemini Atzeret – Judaism | 12 | Our Lady of Aparecida – Brazil | 28 | Feast of Saints Simon and Jude – Christian |
| 4 | Saint Francis' Day – Christian | | Sports Day – Japan | 29 | World Stroke Day |
| | Simchat Torah – Judaism | | Fiesta Nacional de España – Spain | 31 | All Hallows' Eve – Christian |
| | Saint Francis of Assisi – Italy | | Columbus Day – US | | Reformation Day – Protestant Christian |
| 5 | World Teachers' Day | 15 | International Day of Rural Women | | Samhain (Halloween)/Beltane – Pagan |
| 6 | World Cerebral Palsy Day | 16 | World Food Day | | |
| 8 | International Lesbian Day | 17 | International Day for the Eradication of Poverty | | |
| | World Sight Day | 18 | Feast of Saint Luke – Christian | | |
| | | | World Menopause Day | | |

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November

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| 1 All Saints' Day – Christian
Trans Parent Day
All Saints' Day – France, Italy, Spain | 9 Deepavali – Singapore
10 Birth of the Báb - Baha'i
11 Birth of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i
Armistice Day
Remembrance Day/Veterans Day – France, US | 20 World Children's Day
UK Disability History Month begins
National Day of Zumbi and Black Awareness - Brazil |
| 2 All Souls' Day – Christian
Crowning Anniversary of Haile Selassie - Rastafari
All Souls' Day - Brazil | 13 World Kindness Day
14 World Diabetes Day
15 Nativity Fast – Orthodox Christian
Republic Day - Brazil | 22 Feast of Christ the King – Christian
23 Labor Thanksgiving - Japan
24 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev – Sikh
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur – Sikh |
| 3 Culture Day - Japan
4 Stress Awareness Day
8 Diwali (Deepavali) – Hindu, Sikh, Jain
Bandi Chhor Divas – Sikh
Remembrance Sunday
Intersex Day of Solidarity
UK Interfaith Week (8-15) | 16 International Day for Tolerance
17 International Students' Day
19 International Men's Day
20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
Int'l STAND UP to Bullying Day | 25 Int'l Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
26 Day of the Covenant - Baha'i
US Thanksgiving
29 Advent Sunday – Christian
30 Saint Andrew's Day – Christian |
| 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Christian | | |

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Hula Kahiko (Hawaii, USA)
Chant becomes movement

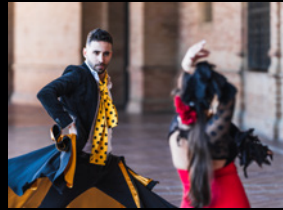


Lion Dance (China)
Luck, spirit, celebration

December

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| 1 World AIDS Day | 18 International Migrants Day | 28 Holy Innocents – Christian |
| 2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery | 20 International Human Solidarity Day | 31 Watch Night – Christian |
| 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities | 21 Yule/Litha - Pagan | New Year's Eve/Hogmanay |
| 5 Chanukah begins – Judaism | Winter Solstice | |
| International Volunteer Day | 24 Christmas Eve – Christian | |
| 6 Constitution Day - Spain | 25 Christmas Day – Christian | |
| 8 Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) – Buddhist | Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian | |
| Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Christian | 26 Saint Stephen's Day – Christian | |
| 10 Human Rights Day | Zarathosht no diso – Zoroastrian | |
| 12 International Universal Health Coverage Day | Boxing Day | |
| 16 Day of Reconciliation – South Africa | Kwanzaa begins | |
| | Day of Goodwill – South Africa | |
| | 27 Feast of the Holy Family – Christian | |

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