

Oct 7: [Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)](https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/1288672/jewish/How-to-Celebrate-Shemini-Atzeret.htm)

Oct 8: [Simchat Torah (Jewish)](https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/4583/jewish/How-to-Celebrate-Simchat-Torah.htm)

Oct 9: [Thanksgiving Day (Canada)](https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/thanksgiving-day)

Oct 10: [World Mental Health Day](https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day)

Oct 10: [World Day Against the Death Penalty](https://worldcoalition.org/campagne/20th-world-day-against-the-death-penalty/)

Oct 11: [International Day of the Girl Child](https://www.un.org/en/observances/girl-child-day)

Oct 11: [National Coming Out Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Coming_Out_Day#:~:text=National%20Coming%20Out%20Day%20(NCOD,coming%20out%20of%20the%20closet%22.)

Sept 29 - Oct 14: [Pitru Paksha (Hindu)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahalaya_%28Matripaksha%29)

Oct 15: [International Day of Rural Women](https://www.un.org/en/observances/rural-women-day)

Oct 15-21: [Anti-Poverty Week (Australia)](https://nationaltoday.com/anti-poverty-week/#:~:text=Anti%20Poverty%20Week%20%E2%80%93%20October%2015%2D21%2C%202023)

Oct 15-21: [Invisible Disabilities Week (USA)](https://invisibledisabilities.org/seminarsandevents/invisible-disabilities-week/)

Oct 15-21: [Workplace Bullying Awareness Week](https://instituteofworkplacebullyingresources.ca/workplace-bullying-awareness-week/)

Oct 15-23: [Navratri or Navaratri (Hindu)](https://www.reonline.org.uk/festival_event/navaratri/)

Oct 16: [World Food Day](https://www.worldfooddaycanada.ca/about/)

Oct 16: [Birth of the Bab (Baha'i Faith)](https://www.bahaiblog.net/collection/calendar/the-birth-of-the-bab/)

Oct 17: [Birth of Baha’u’llah (Baha'i Faith)](https://www.bahaiblog.net/collection/calendar/the-birth-of-bahaullah/)

Oct 18: [Health Care Aide Day](https://nationaltoday.com/health-care-aide-day/)

Oct 18: [International Pronouns Day](https://pronouns.org/day)

Oct 18: [Persons Day](https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/womens-history-month/persons-day.html)

Oct 22: [International Stuttering Awareness Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Stuttering_Awareness_Day)

Oct 24: [Dussehra (Hindu)](https://www.festivalsofindia.in/dussehra/)

Oct 26: [Intersex Awareness Day](https://www.ohchr.org/en/2016/10/intersex-awareness-day-wednesday-26-october)

Oct 28: [Sharad Purnima (Hindu)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharad_Purnima)

Oct 31: [Halloween Day](https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/halloween)

October: [Mark it Read - Dyslexia Awareness month (Canada)](https://www.dyslexiacanada.org/en/mark-it-read)

October: [ADHD Awareness Month (Canada)](https://caddac.ca/)

October: [Autism Acceptance Month (Canada)](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2018/10/ministerial-statement-autism-awareness-month--october.html)

October: [National Domestic Violence Awareness Month](https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-domestic-violence-awareness-month)

October: [Breast Cancer Awareness Month](https://www.who.int/europe/news-room/events/item/2022/10/01/default-calendar/breast-cancer-awareness-month)

October: [Women's History Month (Canada)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_History_Month)

October: [Mi’kmaq History Month](https://cch.novascotia.ca/stories/october-mikmaq-history-month)

October: [Filipino American History Month](https://www.twinkl.ca/event/filipino-american-history-month-usa-2023)

October: [Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian-American_Heritage_and_Culture_Month)

October: [Polish-American Heritage Month](https://nationaldaycalendar.com/polish-american-heritage-month-october/)

October: [National Work and Family Month](https://nationaltoday.com/national-work-and-family-month/)

October: [Islamic History Month (Canada)](https://www.nccm.ca/islamic-history-month/)

October: [Disability Employment Awareness Month (Canada)](https://supportedemployment.ca/deam/)

October: [German Heritage Month (Canada)](https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2021/09/statement-on-german-heritage-month-and-oktoberfest.html)

October: [Global Diversity Awareness Month (International)](https://thediversitymovement.com/global-diversity-awareness-month/)

October: [Healthy Workplace Month (Canada)](https://healthyworkplacemonth.ca/)

October: [Latin American Heritage Month (Canada)](https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/maple-leaf/defence/2023/09/latin-american-heritage-month-events-honouring-those-who-served.html)

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Oct 1: [International Day of Older Persons](https://www.un.org/en/observances/older-persons-day)

Oct 1-7: [Mental Illness Awareness Week (USA)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mental_Illness_Awareness_Week)

Oct 2: [International Day of Non-Violence](https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day)

Oct 4: [St. Francis of Assisi Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_of_Assisi)

Oct 4: [World Animal Day](https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-animal-day-2023/)

Oct 5: [World Teachers' Day](https://www.unesco.org/en/days/teachers)

Oct 6: [Hoshana Rabbah (Jewish)](https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/last-day-of-sukkot)

**October Important Dates: 2023**

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