



Diversity Calendar

October 2021

Date	Religion/Culture	Event
1 st Oct	U.K., Ireland, The Netherlands	Black History Month A month to reflect on Black history and celebrate the achievements of Black people across Britain and the Netherlands.
11 th Oct	LGBTQ Community (North America)	National Coming Out Day A day of celebration for gay and lesbian equality. The tradition began following the march in Washington in 1987.
11 th Oct	Canada	Thanksgiving This is a national day of giving thanks for the past year. Often spent with family, friends and those that we want to thank the most.
6 th – 14 th Oct	Hinduism	Navaratri / Durga Puja Navaratri is a nine-day celebration, commonly known as Durga Puja. It is a time to celebrate good over evil. Depending on local customs, the days are celebrated in fasting and religious prayers. Others celebrate, through street parties filled with dance and feasts. The last day, is celebrated by giving special recognition to the goddess, Durga.
20 th Oct	Sikh	Holy Day – Guru Gaddi Day In 1708, after the passing of Guru Gobind Singh, the mantle of guruship was passed to Siri Guru Granth Sahib, which holds 1430 page of sacred teachings and songs. Guru Gaddi Day is celebrated as a remembrance of this event.
28 – 29 th Oct	Islam	Eid Milad un Nabi Muslims around the world, celebrate Prophet Mohammed’s (Peace Be Upon Him) birthday. It is celebrated by offering prayer, humble feasts and charitable giving.
31 st Oct	Christianity	All Hallow’s Eve/ Samhain Commonly known as Halloween, this is holiday originated as a Celtic festival known as Samhain. Followers of the festival wore costumes and lit bonfires to ward off evil spirits.

About the Calendar

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