

HOLIDAYS IN USA AND UK

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Annotation: in this article provided This article provides information on the holidays of the United States and the United Kingdom, and which of these holidays are celebrated in both or which are celebrated only in their own country.

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In the USA important holidays called Federal holidays

They are:

- **New Year's Day** January 1
- **Martin Luther King's Birthday** 3rd Monday in January
- **Washington's Birthday** 3rd Monday in February
- **Memorial Day** last Monday in May
- **Juneteenth National Independence Day** June 19
- **Independence Day** July 4
- **Labor Day** 1st Monday in September
- **Columbus Day** 2nd Monday in October
- **Veterans' Day** November 11
- **Thanksgiving Day** 4th Thursday in November
- **Christmas Day** December 25

and Common holidays:

- Valentine’s Day
- Halloween
- Easter Day
- Mother’s Day
- Father’s Day

Americans celebrate the beginning of a new year at home, with friends, and in gatherings from the Tournament of Roses Parade in California to the giant gathering in New York’s Times Square

On November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed legislation establishing a legal holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. (born January 15), the 1964 Nobel Peace laureate and the individual most associated with the triumphs of the Civil Rights movement during the 1950s and 1960s. By 1999, all 50 states observed the holidayBeginning after the 1861–65 Civil War, many states observed a May 30 holiday (known as “Decoration Day”) honoring the lives lost in that conflict, often by decorating their graves with flowers. After the First World War, these ceremonies were expanded to include the nation’s war dead in every conflict. All 50 states observe the holiday in honor of those who died defending their nationThe Independence Day holiday commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The holiday was already widely observed throughout the nation when Congress declared it a federal legal holiday in 1870First observed in New York City in September 1882, the Labor Day holiday commemorates the contributions of working men and women. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed legislation establishing the federal holiday. Labor union participation in annual parades remains common, while for many Americans the holiday remarks the unofficial end of summer and beginning of the school year... This holiday commemorates Christopher Columbus’s first landing in the Americas on October 12, 1492. Beginning in the late 19th century, Italian-Americans began to honor the day as a celebration of their heritage, as Columbus is widely believed to be of Italian origin. In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed the federal holidayThe Veterans Day holiday is derived from Armistice Day, commemorating the end of the First World War on November 11, 1918. Congress proclaimed a federal holiday in 1938, and in 1954 changed the holiday’s name to Veterans Day in recognition of those who served during the Second World War and the Korean conflict. Today it recognizes all members of the armed forces, living and dead, who served during times of peace or war. (Memorial Day, by contrast, honors those who gave their lives.) While Veterans Day was among the holidays moved to Mondays beginning in 1971, Congress in 1978

restored the holiday to its original November 11 date. Among the annual ceremonies is one at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington. A variant of the harvest festivals celebrated in many parts of the world, Thanksgiving is traced to a 1621 feast enjoyed by the English Pilgrims who founded the Plymouth Colony (located in present day Massachusetts) and members of the Wampanoag Indian tribe. In 1863, during the long and bloody civil war, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November “a day of Thanksgiving and Praise.” Congress made Thanksgiving a legal federal holiday in 1941 and moved the holiday from the last Thursday in November to the fourth Thursday, in hopes of stimulating the economy by lengthening (in some years) the Christmas shopping season. The holiday is the occasion for a large and festive meal, and for expressing thanks for that bounty. Most Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus of Nazareth on December 25. Before the 19th century, many Americans worked on Christmas, but in the industrial era the holiday also began to honor universal values such as home, children and family life, and to incorporate secular customs like exchanging gifts and cards, and the decoration of evergreen trees. Congress proclaimed Christmas a federal holiday in 1870. In 1999, a federal court acknowledged the secular aspects of Christmas in rejecting a claim that the holiday impermissibly endorsed and furthered a particular religious belief.

There are many holidays in Great Britain.

They are :

- Christmas day
- Boxing Day
- New Year's day
- Easter day
- May Day
- Chinese New Year
- Pancake day
- St David's day
- Queen's Birthday
- Remembrance Day
- Bonfire night
- Valentine's day
- Halloween
- Father's day
- Mother's day

- April Fool

Public holidays in Great Britain are called bank holidays because the banks as well as most of the offices and shops are closed. The most popular holiday is Xmas. Every year the people of Norway make a present to the city of London. It is a big Xmas tree which is placed on Trafalgar square. Central streets are beautifully decorated. During Xmas groups of singers go from house to house. They collect money for charity and sing carols, traditional Christmas songs. Many churches hold carol services on the Sunday before Xmas. The fun starts the night before, on the 24 of December. This is the day when people decorate their trees. Children hang stockings above their beds, hoping that Santa Claus will come at night and fill them with toys and sweets. Xmas is a family holiday. Relatives prepare for the big Xmas dinner of turkey and Xmas pudding and everyone makes and receives presents. The 26th of December, Boxing Day, is an extra holiday after Xmas. This is the time to meet friends or sit at home and watch TV. New Year's day is less popular in Britain than Xmas. Besides public holidays there are some special holidays in Britain. One of them takes place on the 5th of November. On that day in 1605 Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the House of Parliament and to kill King James I. But he didn't succeed. The King's men found the bomb and took Guy Fawkes to the Tower. Since that day the British celebrate the 5th of November. There are also some smaller and lesser known holidays in Great Britain.

This Holidays celebrated in both countries:

- New year's Day
- Christmas Day
- Halloween
- Valentine's Day
- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- Easter Day

This holidays celebrated in UK:

- Bonfire night
- Rememberence day
- Boxing Day
- Queen's Day
- St David's Day
- Pancakes Day

- Chinese New Year

This holidays celebrated in USA:

- Martin Luther King's birthday
- President's Day
- St Patrick's Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans' Day
- Independence day
- Memorial Day

Appendix:

Thanksgiving Day – fourth Thursday in November in the United States;second Monday in October in Canada

Memorial day – legal holiday in the United States, last Monday in May ;commemorates the members of the United States armed forces who were killed in war

Labor day- first Monday in September in the United States and Canada

Columbus day- a legal holiday commemorating the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus

Veterans day – a legal holiday in the United States

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