

JULY

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CANADA DAY

Canada's national holiday.

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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER BEGIN

Through August 15. Ruled by Sirius, the Dog Star, these are traditionally considered the hottest days of the year.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

The 242nd birthday of the USA.

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TANABATA

Japanese Star Festival that falls on the 7th day of the 7th month, with the appearance of the stars Vega & Altair. We write wishes on paper and tie them to the trees.

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BASTILLE DAY

La Fête Nationale of France.

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ST. SWITHIN'S DAY

*St. Swithin's Day, if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain;
St. Swithin's Day, if thou be fair,
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.*

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Sacred to Chile.

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NEPTUNALIA & SALACIA

Festival of Ancient Rome honoring Neptune, the sea god, and his wife Salacia, goddess of the salty sea.

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ST. JAMES'S DAY

Sacred to Spain.
Oysters for dinner.

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ST. ANN'S DAY

Ann, mother of Mary.

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ST. MARTHA'S DAY

Martha teaches us to engage life and not worry so much about appearances.

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LAMMAS EVE

Lammas, first of the harvest festivals, brings a gentle reminder that summer is waning. It is traditional to bake bread with the new grain. Shakespeare's Juliet was born on Lammas Eve.



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