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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 243rd birthday of the USA.

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Tanabata
Japanese star festival falling on the 7th day of the 7th month, with the appearance of the stars Vega and Altair. Wishes are written on paper and tied 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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A good day to do something on or by the sea.
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St. James's Day
Sacred to Spain. Oysters for supper.

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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 brings a gentle reminder that summer is waning.
It is an early harvest festival; tradition has us bake bread
with the new grain as we acknowledge autumn's approach.
Shakespeare's Juliet was born on Lammas Eve.



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This month's cover star is also a star: a sun we found painted on an old building in Ascona, Switzerland, on the last day of June.

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