

JANUARY

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Seventh Day of Christmas delivers us to 2023. It is a traditional day for wassailing the apple trees.

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TWELFTH NIGHT

On this Eve of the Epiphany, the last of the Midwinter gift bearers arrive. In Latin America, *los tres reyes magos* will deliver presents tonight. In Italy, that's the job of the kindly old witch called *la befana*; she sweeps Christmas away for another year.

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EPIPHANY, LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Marks the arrival of the Magi at the stable in Bethlehem. It's gift-giving day in Spain and Latin America. Most folks close their Yuletide celebrations today, but many will continue the midwinter cheer to Candlemas Eve. It's an old tradition we follow here!

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ST. DISTAFF'S DAY

Back to work for the women: *Partly work and partly play, Ye must on St. Distaff's Day.*

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PLOUGH MONDAY, COPPERMAN'S DAY

Back to work for the men. In Holland, it's Copperman's Day: print apprentices had the day off to work on their own projects.



Winter night in the mountains.

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CHINESE LITTLE NEW YEAR

Preparations for the new year begin now and continue for one week to New Year's Eve.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Honors the great civil rights leader.

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CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR BEGINS,
SPRING FESTIVAL

In the Chinese Lunar Calendar, here begins the Year of the Water Rabbit.

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BURNS NIGHT

Literary holiday celebrating the national bard of Scotland, Robert Burns.



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