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## AUGUST HOPI SNAKE DANCE (INDIGENOUS)

This dance requires two weeks of ritual preparation and snakes gathered and kept watch over by children. The dancers then take an emetic and dance with the snakes in their mouths, with an antelope priest in attendance. After the dance, the snakes are released to carry their prayers.

## AUGUST NATIVE WILD RICE HARVEST (INDIGENOUS)

**NORTHERN CREE, OJIBWA, AND ALGONKIAN CELEBRATE LAST FULL MOON IN AUGUST.**

## KOREAN LIBERATION DAY (KOREA)

Aug 15- The day celebrates the national liberation from Imperial Japan in 1945. On the same day in 1948, the government of the Republic of Korea was established.



## NOW RUZ, SHENSHAI (ZOROASTRIAN)

AUG 16- IT IS A 'NEW DAY' AND CELEBRATED BY ZOROASTRIANS WHO FOLLOW THE SHENSHAI CALENDAR AND BY ALL ISMAILI MUSLIMS AROUND THE WORLD. THE NEW YEAR CELEBRATES THE CREATION OF FIRE ON THIS DAY ON WHICH ZARATHUSTRA RECEIVED HIS REVELATION.





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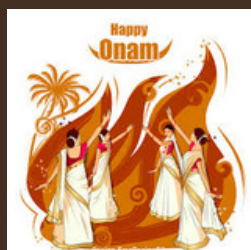
## PARYUSHANA-PARVA(JAIN)

Aug 25-Sep 1- It is the holiest time of the year and celebrated for eight days. It is marked by fasting and worship of the 24 realized teachers of the Jain faith known as Tirthankaras or Jains.



## ONAM (INDIA)

Aug 29- Onam is a Hindu festival celebrated by the people of Kerala in India. Lasting for four to Ten days, it is a harvest festival commemorating the homecoming of the legendary Emperor Mahabali from Patala (the underworld) who visits every Malyali home during this time.



## RAKSHA BANDHAN (HINDU)

Aug 30- On this day, sisters tie a threaded amulet or 'rakhi' around their brothers' wrist for protection against evil.







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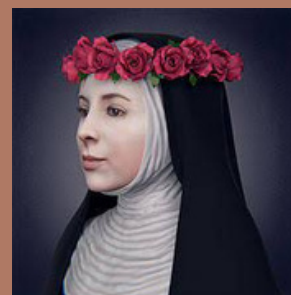


## VICTORY DAY (TURKEY)

Aug 30- It is a national holiday celebrated in Turkey in honor of the warriors who died in the 1922 Battle of Dumlupinar, the final battle in the war of independence.

## ST. ROSA OF LIMA (PERU)

AUG 30-COMMEMORATES A PERUVIAN SAINT WHO LIVED IN LIMA. HER HOME IS NOW A PILGRIMAGE SITE, WHERE EVERY 30TH OF AUGUST, PEOPLE COME TO PRAY AND THROW COINS, MESSAGES AND ICONS INTO A WATER WELL NEAR HER HOME.



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