

Shivrati (Hindu)

Celebrated on March 1st, on Shiva's night, the Hindu deity Lord Shiva performed the Tandav, the cosmic dance of creation and destruction. A 24-hour fast is kept, and devotees make pilgrim ages to major shrines for worship.

Alá (Bahá'í)

March 1st-19th. The nineteenth and final month in the Bahá'í calendar and the time of the 19-day fast in preparation of their new year, Now Ruz. The English translation of Alá (Arabic) is Loftiness.

Losar (Tibet, Buddhist)

The Tibetan New Year is called Losar and is celebrated for three days by visiting, feasting and the relaxation the monastic discipline. (Mar.3rd)



March host Women History month. (USA, UK, Australia)

National Women's History Month began as a single week celebration and local event. In 1978, Sonoma County, California, sponsored a women's history week to promote the teaching of women's history.

In Canada, Women's History month is celebrated in October.

The week of March 8th was selected to include 'International Women's Day.' The day is rooted in such ideas and events as women's right to vote and women's right to work., women's strikes for bread, women's strikes for peace at the end of World War I, and U.N. Charter declaration of gender equality at the end of World War II.

This day is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace, and development. In 1981 Congress passed a resolution making a week a national celebration, and in 1987 expanded it to the full month of March.



March
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Now Ruz (New Year) (Mar.21st) Afghanistan, Iran, Zoroastrian, Islam Ismaili, Bahá'í

Nowruz means “New Day” and is the traditional celebration of the ancient Persian New Year. Iranians celebrate it on March 20th. It is also a Holy day for Zoroastrian, Sufi, Ismaili and the Baha’I faiths. Persians (Iranians, Afghans, and Tajiks) and other Indo-Iranian groups start preparing for the Nowruz with a major spring-cleaning of their houses and the purchase of new cloths to wear for the new year.

St. Patrick’s Day (Ireland)

Celebrated on March 17th. The death anniversary of their Patron saint. He used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Christian idea of Holy Trinity, thus the idea of wearing a shamrock.

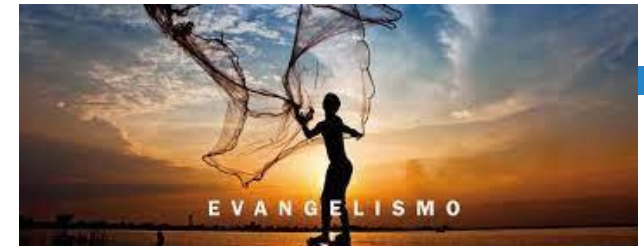
Shunbun no hi (Japan)

During the time of the spring Equinox, Buddhist meditate on the harmony of the universe. Mar.20th



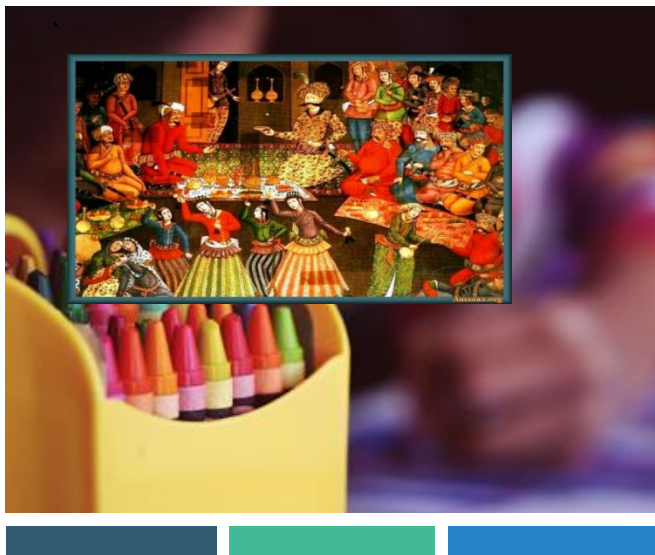
Evangelismou (Greece)

Celebrated on March 25th. The Greeks combined the national Independence Day with Annunciation and what was earlier believed to be the spring Equinox. Greeks wear traditional cloths and celebrate with speeches and folk dances.



“Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common... Celebrate it every day.”

— Winston Churchill



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