

# Alternative Gifts International

## UN International Observances

### JANUARY

**27 January** Holocaust Victim Remembrance Day

### FEBRUARY

**4 February** World Cancer Day

**6 February** Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation Day

**11 February** Celebrating Women & Girls in Science Day

**13 February** World Radio Day

**20 February** World Day of Social Justice

**21 February** International Mother Language Day

### MARCH

**1 March** Zero Discrimination Day

**3 March** World Wildlife Day

**8 March** International Women's Day

**20 March** International Day of Happiness

**20 March** French Language Day

**21 March** International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

**21 March** World Poetry Day

**21 March** World Down Syndrome Day

**21 March** International Day of Forests

**22 March** World Water Day

**23 March** World Meteorological Day

**24 March** World Tuberculosis Day

**24 March** International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims

**25 March** International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

**25 March** International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members

## **APRIL**

**2 April** World Autism Awareness Day

**4 April** International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

**6 April** International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

**7 April** International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda

**7 April** World Health Day

**12 April** International Day of Human Space Flight

**20 April** Chinese Language Day (Chinese)

**21 April** World Creativity and Innovation Day

**22 April** International Mother Earth Day

**23 April** World Book and Copyright Day

**23 April** English Language Day

**23 April** Spanish Language Day (Spanish)

**25 April** World Malaria Day [WHO]

**26 April** International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day

**26 April** World Intellectual Property Day

**28 April** World Day for Safety and Health at Work

**29 April** Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare

**30 April** International Jazz Day

## **MAY**

**2 May** World Tuna Day

**3 May** World Press Freedom Day

**8-9 May** Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War

**10 May** World Migratory Bird Day

**10 May** "Vesak", the Day of the Full Moon

**15 May** International Day of Families

**17 May** World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

**21 May** World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

**22 May** International Day for Biological Diversity

**23 May** International Day to End Obstetric Fistula

**29 May** International Day of UN Peacekeepers

**31 May** World No-Tobacco Day [WHO]

## **JUNE**

**1 June** Global Day of Parents

**4 June** International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression

**5 June** World Environment Day (A/RES/2994 (XXVII))

**6 June** Russian Language Day (Russian)

**8 June** World Oceans Day

**12 June** World Day Against Child Labour

**13 June** International Albinism Awareness Day

**14 June** World Blood Donor Day [WHO]

**15 June** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

**16 June** International Day of Family Remittances

**17 June** World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

**18 June** Sustainable Gastronomy Day

**19 June** International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

**20 June** World Refugee Day

**21 June** International Day of Yoga

**23 June** United Nations Public Service Day

**23 June** International Widows' Day

**25 June** Day of the Seafarer [IMO]

**26 June** International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

**26 June** United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

**27 June** Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day

**29 June** International Day of the Tropics

**30 June** International Asteroid Day

## **JULY**

**1 July (first Saturday in July)** International Day of Cooperatives

**11 July** World Population Day

**15 July** World Youth Skills Day (A/RES/69/145)

**18 July** Nelson Mandela International Day

**28 July** World Hepatitis Day [WHO]

**30 July** International Day of Friendship

**30 July** World Day against Trafficking in Persons

## **AUGUST**

**9 August** International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

**12 August** International Youth Day

**19 August** World Humanitarian Day

**23 August** International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition

**29 August** International Day against Nuclear Tests

**30 August** International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances

## **SEPTEMBER**

**5 September** International Day of Charity

**8 September** International Literacy Day

**12 September** United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation

**15 September** International Day of Democracy

**16 September** International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

**21 September** International Day of Peace

**26 September** International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

**27 September** World Tourism Day

**28 September** World Rabies Day [WHO]

**28 September** World Maritime Day

## **OCTOBER**

**1 October** International Day of Older Persons

**2 October** International Day of Non-Violence

**2 October (first Monday in October)** World Habitat Day

**5 October** World Teachers' Day

**9 October** World Post Day

**10 October** World Mental Health Day [WHO]

**11 October** International Day of the Girl Child

**13 October** International Day for Disaster Reduction

**15 October** International Day of Rural Women

**16 October** World Food Day

**17 October** International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

**20 October (every five years, beginning in 2010)** World Statistics Day

**24 October** United Nations Day

**24 October** World Development Information Day

**27 October** World Day for Audiovisual Heritage

**31 October** World Cities Day

## **NOVEMBER**

**2 November** International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists

**5 November** World Tsunami Awareness Day

**6 November** International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

**10 November** World Science Day for Peace and Development

**14 November** World Diabetes Day

**16 November** International Day for Tolerance

**16 November (third Thursday in November)** World Philosophy Day

**19 November** World Toilet Day

**20 November** Africa Industrialization Day

**19 November** World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

**20 November** Universal Children's Day

**21 November** World Television Day

**25 November** International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

**29 November** International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

## **DECEMBER**

**1 December** World AIDS Day

**2 December** International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

**3 December** International Day of Persons with Disabilities

**5 December** International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

**5 December** World Soil Day

**7 December** International Civil Aviation Day

**9 December** International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime

**9 December** International Anti-Corruption Day

**10 December** Human Rights Day

**11 December** International Mountain Day

**12 December** International Day of Neutrality

**18 December** International Migrants Day

**18 December** Arabic Language Day (Arabic)

**20 December** International Human Solidarity Day