

# Holidays that are celebrated only in the USA



# Thanksgiving

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- Celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. However, many Americans take the day off and on the following Friday to celebrate four days in a row. On these four days, they can visit far-away relatives and friends.

# Independence Day

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- The fourth of July is the date of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the birthday of the country. On this day, it is customary to set up picnics and patriotic parades, and in the evening - concerts and fireworks. On July 4th, the American flag rises.

# Martin Luther King Day

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- Rev. Martin Luther King was an African American priest. He is considered the great son of the American people because of the efforts he made in the field of the peaceful struggle for the rights of all people on earth. After the tragic murder of Martin Luther King in 1968, on January 15 of each year, on his birthday, a memorial service was held. In 1986, this ceremony was postponed to the third Monday of January, which was declared a national holiday.

# Presidents' Day

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- Until the mid-70s of the 20th century, the birthday of George Washington, the hero of the war of independence and the first president of the United States, February 22, was a national holiday. In addition, in most states, the feast day was also February 12th, the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. These two days were united, and the holiday was extended so that the people could pay tribute to all the presidents of the past. It is celebrated on the third Monday of February.

# Memorial Day

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- Memorial Day; celebrated on the fourth monday of May. Despite the fact that the tradition to celebrate Memorial Day arose after the civil war, on this day it is customary to commemorate those who died in all wars, as well as all the dead; On cemeteries, churches and other public places, memorial services are held on this day in memory of those who no longer exist.

# Labor Day

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- The holiday is celebrated on the first Monday of September. On this day, the working people are glorified, they hold solemn parades. For most Americans, Labor Day means the end of the holiday season, and for students, the beginning of the school year.

# Columbus Day

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- October 12, 1492 Italian navigator Christopher Columbus landed on the shores of the New World. And although the majority of countries in North and South America celebrate this event on October 12, in the United States this holiday is organized on the second Monday of October.



# Armistice Day

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- This holiday was established in honor of the Americans who participated in the First World War.
- It is celebrated on November 11, the day the war ended in 1918. But now on this day people are honoring the veterans of all wars in which the United States participated.
- Veteran organizations hold parades, and the president traditionally lays a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier (the Tomb of the Unknowns) at the Arlington National Cemetery.