

2015 Ethnic Events Calendar

January	Events/Festivals
1 st	Western Samoa Independence Day
February	
6 th	Waitangi Day
14 th	Valentine's Day
19 th	Chinese New Year, Year of the Sheep
March	
1 st	<p>Korean Independence Movement Day: March 1, 1919, marked the beginning of the Korean Independence Movement On this day; independence fighters announced Korea's declaration of independence from Japanese colonialism. In response, Japanese police and military forces killed and injured thousands of unarmed protestors.</p>
5 th	Lantern Festival
14 th -15 th	<p>2015 Pasifika Festival at Western Springs, Auckland: Pasifika Festival is the cultural experience of the Auckland calendar. It is the only day you can visit Pacific Island villages without leaving Auckland. You will see, smell, taste, feel and hear the uniqueness of Auckland's Pacific Island community. Be entertained by everything from contemporary arts and music to traditional food, handicraft and cultural performances. Immerse yourself in the total Pacific Island cultural experience at Pasifika.</p>
April	
6 th	Easter Monday
14 th	<p>Korean Cultural Day: Korean Cultural Day is one of the biggest Korean community events in New Zealand and celebrates the culture and contribution of Koreans who have made New Zealand their home. The event is hosted by the Korean Society of New Zealand and is held at the North Shore Events Centre.</p>
14 th	<p>Baisakhi Festival: Baisakhi is one of the major festivals of Sikhs and is celebrated with lot of enthusiasm and gaiety in the state of Punjab and all throughout the world where there is a significant Sikh population. For the large farming community of Punjab, Baisakhi Festival marks the time for harvest of rabi crops and they celebrate the day by performing joyful bhangra and gidda dance. For the Sikh community, Baisakhi Festival has tremendous religious significance as it was on a Baisakhi Day in 1699, that Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Sikh Guru laid the</p>

	<p>foundation of Panth Khalsa-the Order of the Pure Ones.</p> <p>Baisakhi Festival falls on the first day of Vaisakh month (April-May) according to Nanakshahi or Sikh Calendar. For this reason, Baisakhi is also popularly known as Vaisakhi. According to English calendar, the date of Baisakhi corresponds to April 13 every year and April 14 once in every 36 years.</p>
25th	Anzac Day
May	
3rd	Tongan White Sunday
8th	Korean Parent's Day
10th	Mother's Day
June	
1st	Queen's Birthday
12th	Philippines Independence Day Celebration
July	
17th	<p>South Korea Constitution Day in South Korea:</p> <p>The day the Korean Constitution was proclaimed in 1948. July 17 was decided on as the Korean constitution day on October 1, 1948 when the law on public holidays of the country was put into force. This was three years after the defeat of Japan in World War II and after the first democratic elections and selection of members for the National Assembly. Soon after, the First Republic of South Korea was formally established on August 18.</p>
August	
9th	Singapore National Day
14th	Pakistan Independence Day
15th	Indian Independence Day
15th	Korean Liberation Day
31st	Malaysia Merdeka Day (Freedom Day)
September	
7th	Brazil Independence Day
9th	North Korea Founding Day
October	
1st	<p>Chinese National Day:</p> <p>China's National Day marks the anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China on 1 October 1949. Although more low-key than the more militaristic events of the past, modern day celebrations usually include cultural events in public spaces such as municipal parks. It's a national holiday throughout the country and many of the bigger towns and cities hold special events with fireworks displays.</p>
10th	<p>Fiji Independence Day:</p> <p>The anniversary of both Fiji's cession to the United Kingdom in 1874 and attainment of independence in 1970. The week leading up to Fiji Day is called Fiji Week, a week of religious and cultural ceremonies celebrating the country's diversity.</p>
10th	Republic of China/Taiwan National Day:

11th	Samoan White Sunday: White Sunday is an important day for the children of Samoa. On this day, the service revolves around memorized recitations by children. After the service, Samoan children are waited upon by the adults of their family, served a festive meal, and presented with gifts.
26th	Labour Day
November	
23th	DIWALI
December	
25th	Christmas
26th	Boxing Day