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Family members come together to celebrate New Year in Turkey. They prepare delicious meals, eagerly await the lottery results, playing bingo, watching entertaining programs on TV. With various Christmas decorations arrangements are made both in houses and on streets and avenues.

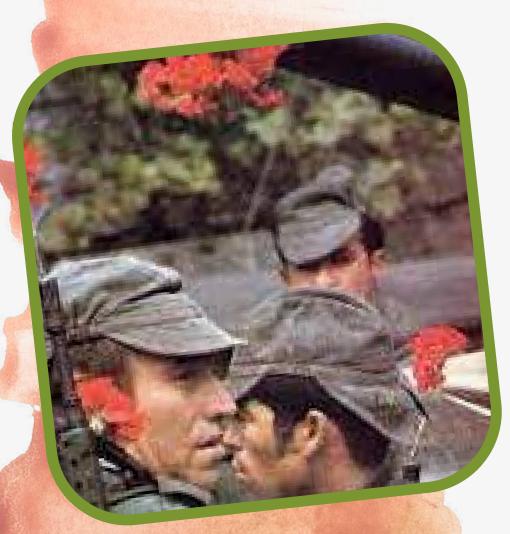




The Day of Restoration of the State of Lithuania. February 16 is a Lithuanian celebration. The flags of the Lithuanian state are raised. February 16 is a state holiday in Lithuania dedicated to the commemoration of the resolution on the independence signed by the members of the Council of Lithuania in 1918.



The celebration of the Greek Revolution of 1821. Independence Day, takes place in Greece and Greek diaspora centers on 25 March every year, coinciding with the Feast of the Annunciation (Lady Day). The day is a public holiday in Greece. Usually celebrations include parades and other celebratory events on the same day or its eve.





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On April 25th 1974 the Portuguese military forces put an end to an oppressive regime in Portugal since 1933. This military group which overthrew the authoritarian regime of Antonio Salazar became known as the Carnation Revolution as the entire protest was peaceful and the troops had flowers in the barrels.



Turkish Grand National Assembly was opened in Ankara on April 23 1920, lead by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. On 23 April 1929 Ataturk presented the National Sovereignty Day to children. "Children are the future of the nation".



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The custom of protomagia, translating as the first day of May dates back to the ancient times. The name Maios (May) originated from the Goddess Maia, who is one of the seven stars which make up the constellation called Pleiades and is also the mother of Hermes. The name Maia embodies the concept of growth and nurture – translating as both mother and midwife. Also May 1st is International Worker's Day and is considered a national public holiday.

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Every 10th June, the Portuguese speaking world celebrates their national holiday. Officially known as Day of Camoes, of Portugal & Portuguese Communities, the day honours the death of Luis Vaz de Camoes (10 June 1580). He was the greatest poet.





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The French Natioanl Day is the anniversary of the Storming of the Bastille on 14 July 1789 a major event of thr French Revolution as well as the Fete de la Federation that celebrated the unity of the French people on July 1790. The oldest and largest military parade in Europe is held on 14 July.







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It happends on August 15th. Herbal - a pagan and a catholic holiday. Lithuanian name - Herbal, comes from the tradition to holy herbs. On this day people thank Earth for the good harvest. In catholism the holiday's name is St. Mary's taking to the heaven celebration. It's the oldest St. Mary holiday.



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Today, we are going to talk about the back to school in France. First, the college staff calls us to tell us which class and principal teacher we are going to be. Then we talk about the rules of the college. Then, sounds the recreation. Once the recreation is over, we go back to class to continue the conversation. Then, we eat at the self. Then our principal teacher give us our time. Finally, our tutor or our bus comes to pick us





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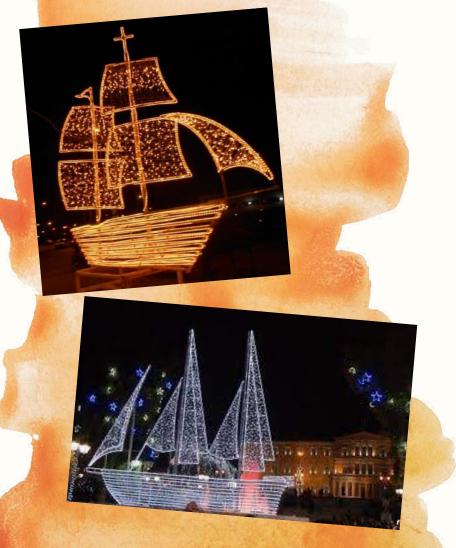
October 29, 1923 is the date when Republic of Turkey was officially established. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk left this national holiday as a legacy to future generations. Republic Day is a national holiday, so all public institutions are closed on that day. Parades are often held in the morning, while fireworks displays occur in the evening after dark at such places as parks, fairgrounds, or town squares.







Polish Independence Day commemorates the re-establishement of the state of Poland at the end of the 1st World War in 1918. For 123 years until 1918 Poland had been under the rule of Prussia Austria, Russia. On November 11th 1918 Poland regained its independence. Celebrations across the country include firework displays, concerts and parades. It is also a time for family reunions.





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The Greeks traditionally decorate boats for Christmas. This custom survives today in seaside towns & islands, where people decorate Christmas boats in the central squares. The mornings on the days before Christmas & New Year, children in groups go from one house door to the other to sing the carols. Every region has different Christmas carols but everywhere the lyrics are joyful & wish luck and prosperity to the family members. When signing, children usually hold metal triangles and drums.



