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| January 1                       | NEW YEAR'S DAY  
The first day of the year in the Gregorian calendar, commonly used for civil dating purposes.  
TEMPLE DAY • Buddhist  
Many Buddhists of all traditions pay their respects and pray for good fortune for the new year at the temple  
SOLEMNITY of MARY* Catholic  
Celebrates Mary's role as the mother of Jesus Christ.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| January 2–4                     | MAHAYANA NEW YEAR • Buddhist  
In Mahayana countries the New Year starts on the first full moon day in January.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| January 5                       | GURU GOBIND SINGH JR’S BIRTHDAY • Sikh  
Guru Gobind Singh was the Tenth Guru of the Sikhs who initiated the Sikhs as the Khalsa (the pure ones) and is known as the Father of the Khalsa.                                                                                                                                                     |
| January 6                       | EPiphany • Christian  
Epiphany, a holiday observed by Eastern and Western Christians, that recognizes the visit of the three wise men to the baby Jesus 12 days after his birth, and the Eastern Church with the baptism of Jesus by John.  
CHRISTMAS • Armenian Orthodox Christian  
Armenian Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus on Epiphany, except for Armenians living in Israel, who celebrate Christmas on January 19th.                                                                                   |
| January 7                       | CHRISTMAS • Eastern Christian  
Most Orthodox churches celebrate Christmas 13 days later than other Christian churches based on their use of the Julian rather than the Gregorian version of the Western calendar.                                                                                                   |
| January 11                      | HUMAN TRAFFICING AWARENESS DAY  
Dedicated to raising awareness of sexual slavery and human trafficking worldwide.                                                                                               |
| January 14                      | MAKAR SANKRANTI • Hindu  
A major harvest festival celebrated in various parts of India recognizing the increasing length of days.                                                                                                                             |
| January 15                      | DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.’S BIRTHDAY  
The birthday of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. the recipient of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize and an activist for non-violent social change until his assassination in 1968.                                         |
| January 15 – January 19         | NO NAME-CALLING WEEK  
Annual week of educational activities aimed at ending name-calling and bullying of all kinds.                                                                                                                                       |
| January 18-25                   | The Week of Prayer  
Christians pray for unity between all churches of the Christian faith.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| January 21                      | WORLD RELIGION DAY • Bahá’í  
Observeance to proclaim the oneness of religion and the belief that world religion will unify the peoples of the earth and promote interfaith harmony and understanding.                                                                                           |
| January 25                      | BURNS NIGHT* United Kingdom  
Commemorates the birth of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns and his contribution to Scottish culture. His best known work is Auld Lang Syne.                                                                                                               |
| January 26                      | AUSTRALIA DAY  
On this day in 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip first raised the British flag at Sydney Cove, marking the British occupation of Australia and the arrival of the First Fleet of 11 convict ships from Britain.                                               |
| January 27                      | UN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY  
Annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust coinciding with the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp in 1945.                                                                                     |
| January 28                      | LUNAR NEW YEAR  
Widely celebrated in South East Asian countries, honors ancestors and is geared toward family celebrations. It takes place on the first day of the first month according to the Chinese calendar, whose months coordinate with the phases of the moon. |
| January 30-31                   | TU B’SHVAT • Jewish  
A holiday recognizing The New Year's Day for Trees, In Israel, the flowering of the almond tree usually coincides with this holiday, which is observed by eating dried fruits and nuts and environmental awareness and action, such as tree planting. |
| January 31                      | GURU HAR RAI’s BIRTHDAY* Sikh  
A celebration of the birth of the seventh Sikh religion guru.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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African-American life as depicted by the artist | To January 7, 2018 | Reginald F. Lewis Museum | [http://lewismuseum.org/exhibitions/special](http://lewismuseum.org/exhibitions/special) |
| Discovery & Recovery  
| Crossing Borders: Mexican Modernist Prints  
Capturing the cultural changes of Mexico after its revolution | To March 11, 2018 | Baltimore Museum of Art | [http://artbma.org/exhibitions/p-d-mexico](http://artbma.org/exhibitions/p-d-mexico) |
| Black Box  
| Snjideka Akunyili Crosby  
Paintings that draw upon emigration to the US from Nigeria | To March 18, 2018 | Baltimore Museum of Art | [https://artbma.org/exhibitions/front-room-njideka-akunyili-crosby](https://artbma.org/exhibitions/front-room-njideka-akunyili-crosby) |
| Tomas Saraceno: Entangled Orbits  
Argentinian futuristic installation | To July 22, 2018 | Baltimore Museum of Art | [https://artbma.org/](https://artbma.org/) |
| Discovery and Recovery: Preserving Iraqi Jewish Heritage  
| Arts of Asia  
Arts of Asia features a stunning array of 150 works spanning 2,000 years and highlights art from India, the Himalayas, East Asia, and Southeast Asia. | Until 9/30/2018 | The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore | [http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/arts-asia](http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/arts-asia) |
| Genealogy Workshop – Historical Society Baltimore County  
Free genealogy workshop with local genealogist Noreen Goodson and professional genealogist Angela Walton-Raji, M.Ed. Both have general and niche genealogy knowledge, experience and resources to share | Until Apr. 5, 2018 | Historical Society of Baltimore County, Cockeysville | [http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/genealogy-workshop-historical-society-baltimore-county](http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/genealogy-workshop-historical-society-baltimore-county) |
| Creative Outlet  
Each session allows young people and their families to engage in art activities that focus on a different culture or region. | Until Mar. 3, 2018 | Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick | [http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/creative-outlet](http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/creative-outlet) |
| Trace Your Roots  
Led by a master genealogist, for beginning and seasoned family historians, the session covers techniques to trace heritage. | Jan. 13, 2018 | Benjamin Banneker Historical Park & Museum, Oella | [http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/trace-your-roots-0](http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/trace-your-roots-0) |
| Black History Month Exhibition and Reception  
| Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast  
Gail C. Christopher, a nationally recognized leader in health policy, delivers the keynote address with the theme “Keep on Pushing.” | Jan. 15, 2018 | Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold | [http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-breakfast](http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-breakfast) |
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<td>Live performances, discussion, films, and crafts that reflect on, and honor, the civil rights leader.</td>
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<td>Jan. 21, 2018</td>
<td>Strathmore, Bethesda</td>
<td>Percussive dance practiced by African American fraternities &amp; sororities plus African traditional dance &amp; art from around the world explode as Step Afrika integrates songs, storytelling &amp; humor</td>
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<td><strong>Gruppo Corpo - Suite Branca - Danca Sinfonica</strong></td>
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<td>Kay Theatre, College Park</td>
<td>Hypnotic, athletic contemporary Brazilian dance, accompanied by original instrumental music by Samuel Rosa of the band Skank.</td>
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