

AUGUST



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OBON

Japanese festival honoring the dead with food, music, and dancing. It ends with the ancestors returning to their distant shore as illuminated lanterns afloat on the water. Obon is celebrated in July in some regions and in August in others, based on local use of solar or lunar calendars.

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IL PALIO

Ferragosto in Siena brings a famous citywide horse race (this one is the *Palio dell'Assunta*, named for the Assumption) with a big local feast.

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LAMMAS

Traditional festival of the first grain harvest. Summer is beginning to wane and we, in turn, begin to think of gathering in.

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ARRIVAL OF THE SHAKERS IN AMERICA

Sunset celebration at the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Community in Maine honoring the 1774 arrival in America of founder Mother Ann Lee with her small band of followers from England.

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TORTA DEI FEISCHI

In Italy, August abounds with festivals like this one: a wedding anniversary celebration in Lavagna that dates back to 1230, featuring a cake 21 feet tall!

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ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY, FERRAGOSTO

Most Italians close up shop and head to the seaside to cool off for the Ferragosto holiday -a summer tradition dating back to ancient Rome. Today also closes officially the Dog Days of Summer.

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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY

St. Bartholomew, patron saint of bookbinders and book artists, is important to printers, too, as his day brings the traditional Wayzgoose celebration, marking the day each waning summer when printers in England resumed setting type by lamplight and candlelight.

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S DAY

St. Augustine is the patron saint of brewers. Huzzah and cheers!



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Love calls us to the things of this world. In this month of ripening summer, this includes plump fresh figs drizzled with honey.

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