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Lammas

This traditional early harvest festival acknowledges summer's waning and the swift approach of fall.

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Arrival of the Shakers in America

The Sabbathday Lake Shakers in Maine hold a beautiful sunset service tonight honoring the 1774 arrival in America of founder Mother Ann Lee with her small band of followers from Manchester, England.

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Dog Days of Summer Conclude

Sirius, the Dog Star, has been rising with the sun since the third of July. The two stars now part ways for another year.

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Obon

In Japan, the dead are honored at this summer festival with food, music, regional Bon Odori dances, street markets, and home altars. When it concludes, the ancestors returns to their distant shore in the form of illuminated lanterns set sail across the water.

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Torta dei Fieschi

August in Italy abounds with festivals... like this wedding anniversary celebration in Lavagna that dates back to 1230.
The cake is 21 feet tall!



Sail across the water.

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Assumption of Mary, Ferragosto

In Italy, most folks close up shop and head to the sea for Ferragosto, a late summer tradition that dates to Ancient Rome.

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Bartlemas Wayzgoose

St. Bartholomew is a patron saint of bookbinders, and he's important to papermakers and printers, as well. His feast day, known as Bartlemas, brings the traditional English Wayzgoose celebration, marking the day each waning summer when printers papered their windows and resumed setting type by the light of lanterns and candles. Join us at the shop in Lake Worth for our Wayzgoose celebration: Saturday through Monday, August 22-24!

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St. Augustine's Day

St. Augustine is a patron saint of printers and of brewers, too.
Huzzah and cheers!



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A day on the water is a perfect late summer adventure. This 1883 painting by Finnish artist Albert Edelfelt is called "Kesä Saaristossa" or "Summer in the Archipelago." Convivio Book of Days August 2026.