



# October

ABUNDANCE IS THE THEME IN THE  
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE; IT IS AUTUMN.

*Abundant fruit, abundant color.*

*We gather in the last of the harvest as  
the nights grow darker & darker and the  
weather teeters between seasons, a bit warm,  
a bit chilled. Hallowe'en closes the month  
and, in traditional reckoning of time, ushers  
in winter; it is Samhain, the old Celtic new  
year, a time of mystery; a mystery we feel  
in the air and in our bones.*

*It is that ancient.*

## **2 FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS**

Dates back to the 4th Century.

## **3 YOM KIPPUR BEGINS AT SUNDOWN**

Repentance. Atonement. Mercy seat.

## **4 FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips,  
be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.”

## **9 ST. DENIS' DAY**

Sacred to France.

Aids those suffering with headache.

## **9 SUKKOT BEGINS AT SUNDOWN**

Tabernacle. Palm fronds. Citron.

## **12 COLUMBUS DAY**

Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492, landing at  
Guanahini, known today as Wallings Island or San  
Salvador, 350 miles southeast of Lake Worth.

## **18 ST. LUKE'S DAY**

Patron saint of artists.

## **21 APPLE TUESDAY**

Ralph Waldo Emerson called the apple our  
national fruit and this holiday honoring it began  
in 1904 as National Apple Day. It falls each year  
on the third Tuesday of October.

## **31 HALLOWE'EN**

Mystery prevails tonight, ushering in mysterious  
days. Celtic lore suggests that on this night the  
veil separating the mystical & earthly worlds is at  
its most permeable. Leads us into All Hallows  
(All Saints Day) on the First of November and  
All Souls Day on the Second Dia de Muertos.



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