

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCES 2014

The **Jamaica Information Service** has prepared the following list of some important national and international observances in 2014. The list is not exhaustive and will be updated throughout the year. Please note that **some dates are subject to change**.

SPECIAL DAYS TO BE CELEBRATED IN 2014

OBSERVANCE	DATE	REMARKS
New Year's Day	January 1	
Accompong Maroon Festival	January 6	
National Leadership Prayer Breakfast	January 16	
International Customs Day	January 26	Theme: Communication: Sharing information for better cooperation
Chinese New Year	January 31	2014 is the Year of the Horse
World Wetlands Day	February 2	Theme: Wetlands and Agriculture: Partners for Growth
Bob Marley's Birthday	February 6	
Birthday of National Hero, the Rt. Excellent Sir Alexander Bustamante	February 24	
Jamaica Day	February 28	To be confirmed
Ash Wednesday	March 5	
International Women's Day	March 8	Theme: "Inspiring Change
Commonwealth Day	March 10	Team Commonwealth
World Consumer Rights Day	March 15	Theme: "Fix our phone rights"??
World Water Day	March 22	Theme: "Water and Energy"
World Meteorological Day	March 23	
World Autism Awareness Day	April 2	
World Health Day	April 7	Theme: "Small creatures big threat"
Good Friday	April 18	
Easter Monday	April 21	

Earth Day	April 22	
World Book and Copyright Day	April 23	
Administrative Professionals Day	April 23	To be confirmed
World Press Freedom Day	May 3	
Teachers' Day	May 7	To be confirmed
Mother's Day	May 11	
International Nurses Day	May 12	Theme: Nurses: A Force for Change – A vital resource for health
	May 17	
World Telecommunications Day		
National Children's Day	May 16	To be confirmed
International Day of Biodiversity	May 22	Theme: Island Biodiversity
Labour Day	May 23	
International Children's Day	June 1	To be confirmed
National Cancer Survivors Day	June 1	To be confirmed
World Environment Day	June 5	
World Oceans Day	June 8	
World Day Against Child Labour	June 12	
World Blood Donor Day	June 14	
Father's Day	June 15	
Birthday of National Hero, the Rt. Right Excellent Norman Manley	July 4	
International Day of Co-operatives	July 5	
World Population Day	July 11	
Nelson Mandela International Day	July 18	
World Hepatitis Day	July 28	
Emancipation Day	August 1	
Independence Day	August 6	
Birthday of National Hero, the Rt. Excellent Marcus Garvey	August 17	
Birthday of Louise "Miss Lou" Bennett Coverley	September 7	
International Literacy Day	September 8	
Caribbean Wellness Day	September 13	
World Suicide Prevention Day	September 10	

International Coastal Clean-up Day	September 15	To be confirmed
International Ozone Day	September 16	
International Day of Peace	September 21	
World Tourism Day	September 27	
<i>World Heart Day</i>	<i>September 28</i>	
International Right to Know Day	September 28	
<i>World Heart Day</i>	<i>September 29</i>	
International Day of Older Persons	October 1	
National Tree Planting Day	October 3	
World Teacher's Day	October 5	
National Wood & Water Day	October 5	To be confirmed
World Habitat Day	October 7	
International Day for Disaster Reduction	October 13	
World Mental Health Day	October 10	
World Standards Day	October 14	
National Heroes' Day	October 20	
World Rural Women's Day	October 15	
World Food Day	October 16	
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	October 17	
International Credit Union Day	October 17	
World Diabetes Day	November 14	
Universal Children's Day	November 20	
International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	November 25	
World AIDS Day	December 1	
International Day for Persons with Disabilities	December 3	
International Civil Aviation Day	December 7	
Human Rights Day	December 10	
Christmas Day	December 25	
Boxing Day	December 26	

SPECIAL WEEKS TO BE CELEBRATED IN 2014

OBSERVANCE	DATE	REMARKS
Earthquake Awareness Week	January 12-18	Theme: Earthquake Awareness: Know your vulnerability to improve your capacity
Diplomatic Week	February 2-8	To be confirmed
Safe Sex Week	February 9-15	
Restorative & Community Justice (RCJ) Week	February 2-8	To be confirmed
International Women's Week	March 2-8	
Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education Week	March 10-14	
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Administrative Professionals Week	April 20-26	
Education Week	May 4 - 10	To be confirmed
Workers' Week	May 18-24	To be confirmed
National Environment Awareness Week	June 8-14	To be confirmed
World Breastfeeding Week	August 1-7	Annually
Maritime Week	September 21-27	
National Heritage Week	October 12-20	
Family Planning Week	October 26-November 1	To be confirmed
Fire Safety Awareness Week	October 26- November 1	
Correctional Services Week	October 26- November 1	
CARICOM Energy Week	November 9-15	
Geography Awareness Week	November 16-22	
Diabetes Awareness Week	November 13-18	To be confirmed
Jamaica Civil Service Week	November 16-22	
Global Entrepreneurship Week	November 17-23	

Police Week	November 23 – 29	To be confirmed
Tourism Awareness Week	December 15 – 21	To be confirmed

SPECIAL MONTHS TO BE CELEBRATED IN 2014

OBSERVANCE	MONTH	REMARKS
Black History Month	February	
Reggae Month	February	
Heart Month	February	
Cancer Awareness Month	April	Annually
Autism Month	April	
Farmers' Month	April	Annually
Childs' Month	May	
Hurricane Preparedness Month	May	Annually
Disaster Preparedness Month	June	Annually
Road Safety Month	June	Annually
Senior Citizens' Month	September	Annually
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month	September	
Domestic Violence Awareness Month	October	Annually
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October	Annually
Heritage Month	October	
National Youth Month	November	Annually
Local Government Month	November	Annually
Drug Awareness Month	November	Annually
Parents Month	November	Annually
National Science and Technology Month	November	Annually
Eat Jamaican	November	To be confirmed

SPECIAL EVENTS 2014

Jamaica Jazz & Blues Festival	January 30-February 2	
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Gibson Relays	February 22	
Boys' and Girls' Champs	March 25-29	

2014

- International Year of Small Island Developing States
- International Year of Crystallography
- International Year of Family Farming
- International Decade for Action: Water for Life 2005-2015

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