



NYC Lifestyle

Celebrating November

Did you know that Thanksgiving isn't the only national holiday in November? There are dozens of other, lesser known holidays celebrating foods, desserts and international favorites. This week we challenge you to step outside your comfort zone and try our selection of recipes from around the world.

- **National Pupusa Day | November 8**

Pupusas are a stuffed, roasted sandwich first created by the native people of El Salvador and are considered the country's national dish. [These pork-stuffed pupusas from Hispanic Kitchen](#) taste like summer and are guaranteed to add a bit of flare to your dinner plans for the evening.

- **National Vanilla Cupcake Day | November 10**

Vanilla cupcakes are one of the country's most baked and sold desserts. If you're in the mood for something fancy and sweet, we suggest these [Framboise cupcakes with French vanilla buttercream](#). Framboise is a raspberry liqueur similar to Chambord or Crème de Cassis and can be swapped with either alternative if unavailable in your neighborhood.

- **National Fried Chicken Sandwich Day | November 9**

There are thousands of recipes online for the "perfect" fried chicken. For something a little different, try [Jamaican-style fried chicken](#) which incorporates ginger and curry in the batter. To make it a top-notch sandwich, [these famous bakeries](#) will deliver fresh bread straight to your door!

- **National Pickle Day | November 14**

Every culture has its version of the pickle. In Finland, *kurkku tilli salaatti* or cucumber dill salad is a casual home snack enjoyed year-round. This recipe from [Finding Feasts](#) calls for only five ingredients and pairs well with smoked salmon, Triscuits, and rye bread. Hyvää ruokahalua (bon appétit)!