

New York City is like a breath of fresh air in April, which marks the beginning of spring, cherry blossom season, balmy weather and the return of leafy canopies in Central Park. This issue of NYC Lifestyle invites you to celebrate April with a mix of lesser known national holidays.

National Deep Dish Pizza Day | April 5

While deep dish pizza can be a controversial topic for most New Yorkers, there's no denying that this Chicago style pizza is delicious! Grab a fork and knife to dig into a slice at one of these NYC spots or check out this recipe to learn how you can make your own deep-dish pie at home.

National Grilled Cheese Day | April 12

There is nothing better than melty, gooey cheese between two slices of crispy buttery bread! This delicious sandwich rightfully deserves its own holiday. Get grilling with these fun twists on the classic delicacy like bacon apple cheddar grilled cheese or chicken parm grilled cheese.

World Health Day | April 7

Every year since 1950, the World Health Organization highlights a particular area of medicine and wellness on World Health Day. This year's theme focuses on improving equitable access to quality healthcare around the world. Learn more about World Health Day 2021 here.

National Scrabble Day | April 13

Celebrate the iconic board game played worldwide by grabbing your friends and family for a classic game of Scrabble. The game may have been invented in 1938, but don't worry, the online Official Scrabble Dictionary is up to date with current lingo. Yes, "chillax" and "selfie" will earn you some points!



National Gardening Day | April 14

Nicer weather warrants a national holiday dedicated to gardening. Use this day to check out your local garden center and get yourself some luscious greens and vibrant flowers for your plant collection. Check out our collection of gardening tips from one of our earlier newsletters.

National Picnic Day | April 23

Get outside because April 23 is National Picnic Day! New York City is home to some of the most lovely, picturesque picnic spots and *TimeOut New York* put together this list to help you choose the best spot for your celebration. Before your outing, check out this list of 22 picnicking essentials from the *New York Post* to make the day perfect.

National Tea Day | April 21

It's only appropriate that National Tea Day falls on Queen Elizabeth's birthday! Grab a cup and take a minute to have an afternoon par-tea by yourself or with a friend! Check out this list of tea blends and don't forget to read up on these cute tea sandwich recipes to snack on while you sip.

National Blueberry Pie Day | April 28

Nothing says spring quite like a blueberry pie! The best way to celebrate National Blueberry Pie Day is to bake one and enjoy a slice! Follow this quick and easy recipe. Here's a tip: add a touch of cornstarch to your pie filling before baking to avoid a runny texture.