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Happy January!

From Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and National Lego Day to Kiss a Shark Week, January is full of reasons to celebrate despite the cold temperatures. This week, we've gathered a mix of national holidays, lesser known days of celebration and creative ways to get festive.

Strawberry Ice Cream Day | January 15

Although celebrating ice cream sounds more like a summer holiday, there's never a bad time for dessert. Treat yourself to your favorite brand of strawberry ice cream or try this at-home recipe from *Minimalist Baker*. Instead of cream, [the vegan recipe](#) calls for cashew butter and coconut milk, a delicious alternative.

National Thesaurus Day | January 18

National Thesaurus Day is celebrated on January 18, the birthday of Peter Mark Roget who is credited with publishing the first English-language thesaurus. To celebrate this couch-worthy holiday, try [our very favorite hot chocolate recipe](#) and [head over to Merriam-Webster](#) for their collection of word games, quizzes and brain teasers.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | January 17

This year Martin Luther King, Jr. Day lands on January 17. Not only is this a day to remember the impact of the civil rights activist but to continue to learn, reflect and take action. There are numerous [volunteer opportunities](#) to honor Dr. King right here in our backyard.

National Coffee Break Day | January 20

Coffee breaks have been proven to increase efficiency and energy at work – also, who doesn't love an excuse to have your second or third cup of the day? Switch up your coffee routine and try one of *Secret NYC's* [top-rated coffee shops](#). Most of the selections are small businesses and locally owned.



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Kiss a Shark Week | January 23 – 29

“Kiss a Shark Week” aims to bring awareness to the importance of sharks in the ocean ecosystem and encourages education on these fearsome finned creatures. Stream the new documentary [Playing With Sharks](#) on Disney+ or hunker down with the kids and watch DreamWorks’ animated feature [Shark Tale](#).

National LEGO Day | January 28

LEGO’s are one of the best Danish exports to reach the US. To celebrate National Lego Day, try one of the [best new LEGO sets of 2021](#), watch the impressive players on [LEGO Masters](#) build for a \$100,000 grand prize or try your hand at this [LEGO-inspired cake recipe](#) from Betty Crocker.

National Green Juice Day | January 26

In between celebrating National Strawberry Ice Cream Day and National Croissant Day, grab a green juice if that’s your thing! [This recipe](#) from *Life Is But A Dish* is a “no juicer required” green juice packed with fruits and veggies, and also doesn’t taste like a front lawn (which is always important).

National Croissant Day | January 30

This year, National Croissant Day falls on a Sunday, so why not make a weekend out of it? *Gotham Magazine* found [eight of the best croissants](#) in New York City for you to try. Grab your besties, hit all the spots and decide which one is your favorite.