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Celebrating July

July is always a month full of excitement, but there's more to celebrate than the warm weather. We put together this list of national holidays so you don't miss out on all of the fun!

National Free Slurpee Day | July 11

Don't miss out on your chance to enjoy a free [Slurpee](#)! The refreshing drinks are enjoyed by millions across the country year-round, and on July 11 between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., you can get one on-the-house from all participating 7-Elevens. Try the new limited edition Peach Perfect flavor or go for a classic flavor like Coca-Cola. [Click here](#) to find a location near you.

Give Something Away Day | July 15

Get rid of the excess clutter, gift small things to strangers or donate your gently used items to a local shelter or organization for National Give Something Away Day. [DonateNYC](#) provides New Yorkers with an easy way to make donations of any kind. [Click here](#) to find a drop-off near you.

National French Fry Day | July 13

There is only one way to properly celebrate National French Fry Day, and that is by enjoying them. Crinkle-cut, shoestring, curly, waffle, cheese, truffle – the list of French fry variations goes on! [Try one of these fun at-home recipes](#) from *Taste of Home* or try the award-winning Belgian-style fries at [Pomme Frites](#) in Greenwich Village, Manhattan.

National Lottery Day | July 17

Try your luck on National Lottery Day! Buy a ticket for yourself, pool money with friends or buy a ticket for a loved one as a way of celebrating. [Choose from dozens](#) of drawings like the Powerball, Mega Millions, New York Lotto and more! Keep up with the [New York lottery schedule](#).



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National Ice Cream Day | July 18

President Ronald Reagan signed his presidential proclamation for National Ice Cream Day in 1984, giving us even more of a reason to enjoy this sweet, summer treat. [This list from Eater](#) highlights some of the best ice cream shops in New York City. Local favorites include [Big Gay Ice Cream](#), [Van Leeuwen](#), [The Good Batch Creamery](#) and [Malai Ice Cream](#).

National Chili Dog Day | July 29

This is your excuse to take a break from the health trends and indulge in a backyard BBQ classic – the chili dog. Check out [one of these local spots](#) like Katz's or Nathan's Famous. If you're staying home, try making [this top-rated, easy chili dog recipe from Kitchn](#) or [Tasty's chili dog bread ring](#).

National Tequila Day | July 24

National Tequila Day celebrates one of Mexico's most popular and recognizable exports. Whether you enjoy tequila on the rocks, in a margarita or a tequila sunrise, we encourage you to take the opportunity to kick back and enjoy an icy cocktail. If you need to get out of the house, [head over to one of these tequilerias or mezcalerias](#) for handcrafted drink.

International Day of Friendship | July 30

Wrap up the month of July by celebrating [International Day of Friendship](#), a heartwarming holiday coined by the United Nations General Assembly in 2011. Celebrate the friendships in your life with simple acts of kindness like catching up over a cup of coffee, meeting up for a walk in the park or sending a thoughtful card.