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DID YOU KNOW?

There are more than a dozen major cultural and religious holiday celebrations worldwide in December, including the following events:

- Dec. 8 is Bodhi Day in the Buddhist calendar, commemorating the day the Buddha achieved enlightenment. It is celebrated in a way that parallels how Christians honor Jesus at Christmas: with meditation, acts of kindness, traditional meals and readings of the Dharma.
- On Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe commemorates an apparition of the Virgin Mary witnessed by an Indigenous Mexican man. Millions travel annually to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, one of the world's most-visited Catholic shrines.
- Although Kwanzaa – created in 1966 – is primarily an African American weeklong holiday beginning on Dec. 26, it has also come to be celebrated outside the United States, particularly in Caribbean and other countries where there are large numbers of descendants of Africans.

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