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LATIN AMERICAN HOLIDAYS AND SUCH

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Local and National holidays in Latin America are occasionally mentioned on the air or result in stations staying on late or signing off early. A lot of the following festivals are a bit obscure, and your chances of IDing a station based on the mention of one are admittedly slim, but, then again, who knows.....

- Jan 1 New Year's Day everywhere, Liberation Day in Cuba, Independence day in Haiti.
- Jan 2 Victory of the Armed Forces, Cuba
- 1st Sunday Fiestas in Santa Maria de Jesus & Palin, Guatemala
- Jan 5 Dia de los Negros in Popoyan & Pasto, Colombia
- Jan 6 Fiesta in Chiquimula, Guatemala, Dia de los Blancos in Popoyan & Pasto, Colombia; Epiphany (public holiday in some countries)
- Jan 9 Mourning Day in Panama
- Jan 11 De Hosto's Birthday in Puerto Rico
- Jan 11-18 Fiesta in Jocotopec, Mexico
- 3rd Sun Festa de Nosso Senhor Bonfin in Salvador, Brazil
- Jan 18 Crossing of the Andes, Mendoza Argentina
- 1/19-24 Fiesta de San Sebastian at Ocu, Panama
- Jan 20 Fiesta in Chiapo de Corso, Mexico
- Jan 21 Our Lady of Altigracia, Dominican Republic
- Jan 25 Founding of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Jan 26 Founding of Santos, Brazil; Duarte Day in Dominican Republic
- Jan 31 "Juan Boxco" holiday at Pto Descado, Argentina; Fiesta at Tlacotalpan, Mexico
- Feb 2 Candelaria festivals in Cayma, Peru; Chinantla & San Juan Ostuncalco, Guatemala; Nossa Senhora dos Navegantes festivals in Porto Alegre, Rio Vermelho district & Salvador, Brazil, end of Candelaria festival at Cartagena, Colombia; dance of Los Sembradores in Michoacan, Mexico.
- 2/2-10 Festival of La Virgen de la Candelaria in Puno, Peru
- Feb 3 "Official Holiday", Paraguay
- Feb 4 Dance of "Los Apaches" in Michoacan, Mexico
- Feb 5 La Constitucion, Mexico
- Feb 7 Independence Day, Grenada
- Feb 12 (approx) Feasts of the Indians of Chiriqui province, Panama
- Feb 15 (approx) Wine Festival at Mendoza, Argentina
- Feb 22 Local Holiday, Bolivia; Washington's Day, Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands
- Feb 23 Republic Day, Guyana
- Feb 25 San Martin's Birthday, holiday in some Argentine cities
- Feb 27 Independence Day, Dominican Republic
- Feb or March Carnival festivities just prior to the beginning of Lent, all over Latin America
- Mar 1 Holiday in Paraguay
- Mar 9 Baron Bliss Day, Belize
- Mar 10 Local holiday at La Guaira, Venezuela
- Mar 19 San Jose. Holiday in Costa Rica, Colombia & Venezuela; fiesta & international fair at David, Panama.

# LATIN AMERICAN HOLIDAYS

The following is a continuation of a list of holidays & events in Latin America. Admittedly, many of them seem a bit obscure, but they're listed anyway, if only for the sake of the list's completeness. This list is being printed as a IDing aid, since mention of a holiday or other event may aid in IDing a particular station. It's also conceivable that some stations may shorten or lengthen their broadcasting hours on particular holidays. This list comes mostly from a list made by the Benelux DX Club and forwarded to INCA by the Shortwave News Service. A few additional listings were gleaned from Caribbean Travel Brochures that happened to be laying around INCA HQ. Also, watch out for any Roman Catholic Holy Days which may have been overlooked. The remaining listings for November and December will be listed later in the year.

- Mar/Apr Holy Week: Observed throughout Latin America. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, & sometimes Monday after Easter observed as holidays.
- 3/21 Benito Juarez' birthday; national holiday in Mexico
- 3/22 Emancipation Day, Puerto Rico
- 3/24 Empire Day, Belize
- 3/31 Transfer Day, US Virgin Islands
- April Independence fiestas in Ecuador
- 4/11 Battle of Rivas, holiday in Costa Rica
- 4/14 Day of the Americas in Dom Rep, El Salvador, & Honduras
- 4/15 local holiday in Tarija, Bolivia
- mid-April Feria de Primavera; Jalapa & Feria de San Marcos, Mexico
- 4/16 Joes de Diego's birthday, holiday in Puerto Rico
- 4/17 holiday in El Salvador
- 4/19 national holidays in Uruguay & Venezuela
- 4/22 Fiesta in San Pedro, Guatemala
- 4/23 Xango Dance in the "Casa Amarela" market & the Patio de Sao Pedro in Recife, Brazil
- last week in April: Carnival in the Virgin Islands
- 4/30-5/1 Indian rain-making rite in Sacapa, Guatemala
- May Festivity month in Acobamba, Peru
- May National surfing championship, Saquarema, Brazil
- early May Cattle & Agricultural Exhibition in Uberaba, Brazil
- 5/1 Labor day throughout Latin America
- 5/2 Fiesta de la Santa Cruz in Amatitlan, Guatemala
- 5/3 Fiesta de la Invencion de la Santa Cruz in parts of Bolivia
- Fiestas in Tecpan & Quiche, Guatemala
- 5/5 Battle of Puebla, holiday in Mexico
- 1st weekend in May: local saint day in Otatilan, Mexico
- 5/10 Holiday in El Salvador
- 5/12,14,15 Holidays in Paraguay
- 5/15 Carnival in La Ceiba, Honduras
- mid-May Motorboat race, Otatitlan, Mexico
- 3rd Mon in May: Discovery Day, Cayman Islands
- 5/18 Holiday in Uruguay
- 5/20 Fiesta in Patzun, Guatemala
- 5/21 Navy Day in Chile
- 5/24 Battle of Pichincha, holiday in Ecuador
- Commonwealth Day in Belize
- Annual Regatta in Turks & Caicos Islands
- 5/25 Holiday in Argentina. Local holiday in Sucre, Bolivia.
- 5/26 Independence Day in Guyana
- 5/27 Armed Forces Day in Nicaragua
- last Monday in May: Memorial Day in Puerto Rico & US Virgin Islands
- end of May Fiestas in Chichicastenango, Guatemala
- 5/30 Indian Dances, Mexico
- sometime in June: National Arts Festival, Cali, Colombia
- 6/1 Holiday in Bolivia
- 6/3 Fiesta in Palin, Guatemala
- 6/5-10 Cattle Fair in Giradot, Colombia
- 6/9-24 Festivals in Cuzco, Peru

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6/12-29 Feast days on the Casa Amarela market in Recife, Brazil  
6/13 Fiesta in Santa Maria de Jesus, Guatemala  
6/17 Dance Festival in Raqchi, Peru  
6/17-24 Festival in Izalco, El Salvador  
6/18-28 Festival de Neiva, Colombia  
6/19 Holiday in Uruguay. Butler's Day in Trinidad & Tobago.  
6/20 National Day in Argentina  
6/22 Organic Day, US Virgin Islands  
6/22-25 Fiesta of St John the Baptist in Tehuantepec, Mexico.  
6/23 San Juan, holiday in Bolivia  
last week in June: National Folklore Festival, Ibague, Colombia  
6/24 Sao Jose, holiday in Brazil. San Jose festivals in parts of Colombia. Patriotic holiday in Venezuela.  
Annual fair & fiesta in Chalatenango, El Salvador.  
Fiestas in parts of Guatemala.  
6/24-29 Bullfights & regattas in Otavalo, Ecuador  
late June Folklore festival in Manaus, Brazil  
6/27 San Pedro Day in Antofagasta, Chile  
6/28 Foundation day in Ilheus, Brazil  
6/29 San Pedro y San Pablo festivals in various cities, holiday in Peru & Venezuela  
6/30 1871 Revolution Day, Holiday in Guatemala  
1st Mon in July: Racomment Day in Barbados, Constitution Day in Cayman Is  
7/1 Abolition of Slavery, holiday in Surinam  
7/2 Caribbean Day in Guyana. Independence of Bahia State, Brazil  
7/3 Emancipation Day, US Virgin Isl  
7/4 U.S. Independence Day, Puerto Rico & US Virgin Islands.  
7/5 Independence Day, Venezuela.  
7/6 Foundation of the City, Cordoba, Argentina.  
7/9 Holiday in Argentina  
7/12-18 Fair in Huehuetenango, Guatemala  
7/14 Fete National, French Guyana  
mid-July 3-day festival in Itangua, Paraguay  
late July Festival of Santiago El Mayor, Santiago, Chile  
7/16 Municipal Holiday, La Paz, Bolivia. Nossa Senhora do Carmo (day of the partron Saint) in Recife, Brazil. Founding of Sociedad La Trinitaria, Dominican Rep.  
7/16-18 Fiesta de Carmen, Paucartambo, Peru  
7/17 Muncz Rivera's Birthday, holiday in Puerto Rico.  
3rd Sun in July: Snow Festival in Rio Grande, Argentina  
7/18 Constitution Day in Uruguay. Fiesta de Santa Maria del Carmen, San Augustin, Colombia  
7/29 Liberation Day (installation of first Sandanista Government in 1979), Nicaragua.  
7/20 Independence Day, Colombia  
7/20-26 Annual fair, San Cristobal, Guatemala  
7/23-26 Fiesta for the Partron Saint (Santiago) in Patzicia, Guatemala  
Late July Supplication Day (Prayer for protection from Hurricanes in the coming season), US Virgin Islands  
7/24 Simon Bolivar's birthday, holiday in Venezuela  
Foundation of Guayaquil, holiday in Ecuador  
7/24-30 Fiesta de la Patria, Lima, Peru  
7/25 St James, local holiday in Mendoza, Argentina  
Guancaste Day in Costa Rica. Constitution day in Puerto Rico.  
Various festivals in Guatemala, Mexico, & Peru  
7/26 Revolution Day in Cuba. Local holiday in Chinadega, Nicaragua  
7/27 Dr Jose Celso Barbosa's Birthday, holiday in Puerto Rico  
7/28 Fiesta de Santiago in the Altiplano & Lake Region, Bolivia  
7/28-29 Independence Days in Peru  
8/1-6 Holiday in El Salvador (probably one day which varies from year to year, rather than the whole week, hl. ed)  
Caricom Day, Barbados  
8/1 Santo Domingo de Guzman, holiday in Guatemala  
8/2 Virgin de Los Angeles, holiday in Costa Rica  
8/2-16 Fiesta of the Patron of San Salvador, El Salvador  
8/4 Fiesta in Coban, Guatemala  
8/6 Independence Day in Bolivia  
8/6 Freedom Day in Guyana. Independence Day in Jamaica.  
8/7 More independence celebrations in Bolivia. Battle of Boyaca holiday in Colombia  
8/8-15 Festival of Izalco, El Salvador  
8/10 Independence of Quito & opening of congress, holiday in Ecuador

8/11-16 Festa de Soles, Guatemala  
8/14 Fiesta de Cochabamba, Bolivia  
8/14-16 Fiesta de Jocotenango at Guatemala, Guatemala  
8/14-20 Fiesta at Quiche, Guatemala  
8/14-30 Fiesta at Grenada, Nicaragua  
8/15 Assumption, holiday in Chile & Colombia, plus various cities.  
Mother's Day in Costa Rica.  
8/16 San Roque Festival in Barranquilla, Colombia.  
Restoration Day in Dominican Rep.  
8/17 Holiday in Argentina.  
8/21-31 Festival in Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras  
8/23-24 Local holiday in Jujuy province, Argentina  
8/25 Festival of Cochabamba, Bolivia. Holiday in Paraguay.  
Independence Day in Uruguay.  
8/29 Fiesta de Orintepeque, Guatemala  
8/30 Santa Rosa de Lima, holiday in Peru.  
8/31 Independence Day in Trinidad & Tobago.  
Some time in Sept: Week long carnival in Turks & Caicos  
9/1 President's annual message, Mexico. Evelyn Fortzter's birthday (holiday in various penguin rookeries).  
1st Mon Labor day, Puerto Rico.  
9/6 Celebrations in Manaus, Brazil  
9/7 Independence day in Brazil  
9/8 Fiesta at Chiantia, Guatemala  
9/10 National day in Belize  
9/12 Fiesta at Quesaltenango, Guatemala  
9/14 Battle of San Jacinto, holiday in Nicaragua.  
9/15 Independence Days in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Guatemala & Nicaragua.  
9/16 More Independence celebrations in Mexico  
9/18-19 Independence days in Chile  
late Sept Fiesta at Trujillo, Peru  
9/26 Our Lady of Merced, Holiday in Dom Rep & parts of Nicaragua  
9/26-30 Annual fair at Totonicapan, Guatemala  
9/30-10/1 Fiesta at San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
9/29 Annual fair at Lidassaro, El Salvador. Fiesta at San Miguel de Chicocote, Mexico. Holiday in Paraguay.  
sometime in Oct: Fiesta & bullfights in Saltillo, Mexico  
1st Mon in Oct: United Nations Day, Barbados  
10/1-8 Fiesta at Texpan, Guatemala  
10/3 Francisco Morazan, holiday in Honduras  
10/4 Fiesta at San Francisco de Alto, Guatemala  
10/7 Founding of Rosario, Argentina  
10/9 Independence of Guayaquil, holiday in Ecuador. National dignity day in Peru.  
10/11 National Revolution Day in Panama  
10/12 Discovery of America (aka Columbus Day), holiday throughout Latin America  
10/18-19 Procession at Lima, Peru  
10/20 Founding of La Paz, Bolivia. 1944 Revolution Day in Guatemala.  
10/21 Armed Forces Day in Honduras  
10/24 United Nations Day in Dominican Rep. Local holiday in Maracaibo, Venezuela  
late Oct Festival w/bullfights, concerts, sports etc in Guadalajara  
3rd Week in Oct: Thanksgiving Day, US Virgin Islands  
10/28 Processions at Lima, Peru  
10/30 Local holiday at Manaus & Salimopolis, Brazil  
11/1 Carnival Day at San Vicente, El Salvador. National Anthem Day in Panama. Liberty Day in US Virgin Islands.  
11/1 All Saints Day. Holiday throughout Latin America.  
11/2 All Souls Day. Holiday throughout Latin America.  
11/3 Independence from Colombia Day, holiday in Panama.

Fight goes on. Hubbard Broadcasting Co. is continuing its 40-year fight to gain Class I-A status for its station Albuquerque, N.M., which now operates as B-A on 770 kHz, clear channel, on which ABC's KACM is dominant station. Hubbard last week petitioned U.S. Court of Appeals for Eighth Circuit - which includes Hubbard's headquarters in St Paul - to reverse FCC's refusal to consider its petition for rulemaking to provide for Class I-A clear channel station at Albuquerque (Broadcasting Oct. 18, 1981) Hubbard, which based its petition in part on "transmigration" of population from Northeast to Southwest, contends that commission's dismissal of petition violated Section 307(b) of Communications Act, which calls for equitable distribution of broadcast service throughout country. Hubbard also contends that, in setting up classification scheme "which favors network-owned applicants for facilities over nonnetwork-owned applicants," commission has violated Hubbard's right to equal protection of law.

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- 11/3 Independence of Cuenca, holiday in Ecuador
- 11/4 Independence Day, Panama
- 11/4-5 Flag Day, Panama
- 11/5 Festivities around Lake Titacaca & at Puno, Peru
- 11/10 Holiday in El Salvador. Independence day at Colon, Panama
- 11/10 Local Holiday in Potosi, Bolivia
- 11/11 "First Call of Independence", Panama
- 11/11 Local Holiday in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 11/11-14 Fiesta at San Martin, Guatemala. Veterans Day, Puerto Rico
- 11/15 Independence Feast at Cartagena, Colombia
- mid-Nov Day of the Republic, Brazil
- 11/18 Fair at Tres Valles, Mexico
- 11/19 Local holidays at Beni, Bolivia & Maracaibo, Venezuela.
- 11/20 Local holidays in the Stann Creek & Toledo Districts of Belize. Discovery Day in Puerto Rico.
- 2nd last Su Day of the Revolution, Mexico
- 11/25 Festival of Sao Nicodema de Cachimo, Salvador, Brazil
- 11/27 Fiesta in Nahuala & Zunil, Guatemala.
- 11/28 Independence Day, Surinam
- 11/30 Thanksgiving Day(sic) in Puerto Rico (probably the last Thursday in November. bp)
- all of Dec Carnival Day at San Miguel, El Salvador
- 12/1-5 Independence From Spain, Panama
- 12/1-5 Bullfight Season in Quito
- 12/1-8 Dec Fair at Cali, Colombia
- 12/4 Founding of Quito, Ecuador
- 12/5-10 Festival at Zacapa, Guatemala
- 12/6-12 Festival of Santa Barbara, Salvador, Brazil
- 12/7 Cattle Fair, Giradot, Colombia
- 12/8 Fair in Retalhuen, Guatemala
- 12/8-12 Day of Mourning, Cuba
- 12/9 Immaculate Conception, holiday in Most Latin American Countries. Mothers Day in Panama.
- 12/12 Fiestas at various places in Guatemala
- 12/12 Battle of Ayacuecho, Peru
- 2nd Sun Dec Our Lady of Guadeloupe in El Salvador & Mexico. Fiesta at Compala, Guatemala. Soledad fiesta in Oaxaca, Mexico
- 12/15 National Silversmiths competition, Taxco, Mexico
- 12/16 Petroleum Day, local holiday in Trelew Argentina
- 12/17-21 Death of Simon Bolivar, holiday in Venezuela
- 12/19 Fiesta at Chichicastenango, Guatemala
- 12/21-28 Soledad Fiestas in Oaxaca, Mexico
- 12/24 Fiesta at Santo Tomas de Ciche, Guatemala
- 12/25 Holiday in Venezuela
- 12/26 Christmas, celebrated throughout Latin America (except possibly Cuba)
- 12/28-31 Boxing Day, Guyana. Holiday in many other countries.
- 12/29-1/6 Holiday at San Jose, Costa Rica
- 12/29 Fiesta Inocentes, Quito, Ecuador
- 12/29 Festival of San Benedito, patron saint of Mucuchies, Venezuela
- 12/31 Holiday in Venezuela