

April

April (Apr.) is the fourth [month](#) of the [year](#) in the [Julian](#) and [Gregorian calendars](#), and comes between [March](#) and [May](#). It is one of four months to have 30 [days](#).

April always begins on the same day of the week as [July](#), and additionally, [January](#) in leap years. April always ends on the same day of the week as [December](#).

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The Month

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[Spring](#) flowers in April in the [Northern Hemisphere](#).

April comes between [March](#) and [May](#), making it the fourth month of the year. It also comes first in the year out of the four months that have 30 days, as [June](#), [September](#) and [November](#) are later in the year.

April begins on the same day of the week as [July](#) every year and on the same day of the week as [January](#) in [leap years](#). April ends on the same day of the week as [December](#) every year, as each other's last days are exactly 35 weeks (245 days) apart.

In [common years](#), April starts on the same day of the week as [October](#) of the previous year, and in [leap years](#), [May](#) of the previous year. In common years, April finishes on the same day of the week as [July](#) of the previous year, and in leap years, [February](#) and [October](#) of the previous year. In common years immediately after other common years, April starts on the same day of the week as [January](#) of the previous year, and in leap years and years immediately after that, April finishes on the same day of the week as January of the previous year.

In years immediately before common years, April starts on the same day of the week as [September](#) and [December](#) of the following year, and in years immediately before leap years, [June](#) of the following year. In years immediately before common years, April finishes on the same day of the week as September of the following year, and in years immediately before leap years, [March](#) and June of the following year.

April is a [spring](#) month in the [Northern Hemisphere](#) and an [autumn/fall](#) month in the [Southern Hemisphere](#). In each [hemisphere](#), it is the [seasonal](#) equivalent of [October](#) in the other.

It is unclear as to where April got its name. A common theory is that it comes from the [Latin](#) word "aperire", meaning "to open", referring to [flowers](#) opening in [spring](#). Another theory is that the name could come from

[Aphrodite](#), the Greek goddess of [love](#). It was originally the second month in the old Roman [Calendar](#), before the start of the new year was put to [January 1](#).

Quite a few festivals are held in this month. In many [Southeast Asian](#) cultures, new year is celebrated in this month (including [Songkran](#)). In Western [Christianity](#), [Easter](#) can be celebrated on a [Sunday](#) between [March 22](#) and [April 25](#). In [Orthodox](#) Christianity, it can fall between [April 4](#) and [May 8](#). At the end of the month, Central and Northern [European cultures](#) celebrate [Walpurgis Night](#) on [April 30](#), marking the transition from [winter](#) into [summer](#).

April in poetry

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[Poets](#) use *April* to mean the end of winter. For example: *April showers bring [May](#) flowers*.

Events in April

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Fixed Events

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An [April Fools' Day](#) hoax for [April 1](#) in [Copenhagen](#).

[Songkran](#) celebration in [Thailand](#) around [April 14](#).

Proposed [flag](#) for [Earth Day](#) on [April 22](#).

[Saint George's Day](#) on [April 23](#) in [London's Trafalgar Square](#).

[ANZAC Day](#) commemoration in [Australia](#) on [April 25](#).

Queen's Day, [April 30](#), celebration in the [Netherlands](#). It changed to King's Day, [April 27](#), in [2014](#).

[Walpurgis Night](#) bonfire on [April 30](#) in [Sweden](#).

- [April 1](#) - [April Fools' Day](#)
- [April 1](#) - Islamic Republic Day ([Iran](#))
- [April 2](#) - International Children's Book Day
- [April 2](#) - [Thai](#) Heritage and [Conservation](#) Day
- [April 2](#) - World [Autism](#) Awareness Day
- [April 2](#) - Malvinas Day ([Argentina](#))
- [April 4](#) - Independence Day ([Senegal](#))
- [April 4](#) - International Day for Landmine Awareness and Assistance
- [April 4](#) - Peace Day ([Angola](#))
- [April 5](#) - End of [Tax](#) Year ([United Kingdom](#))

- [April 6](#) - Tartan Day ([Canada](#) and [United States](#))
- [April 6](#) - Chakri Day ([Thailand](#))
- [April 7](#) - Day of Maternity and Beauty ([Armenia](#))
- [April 7](#) - Genocide Memorial Day ([Rwanda](#))
- [April 7](#) - World [Health](#) Day
- [April 7](#) - Women's Day ([Mozambique](#))
- [April 8](#) - [Buddha](#)'s Birthday ([Buddhism](#))
- [April 9](#) - Martyrs' Day ([Tunisia](#))
- [April 9](#) - Day of National Unity ([Georgia](#))
- [April 9](#) - Day of the [Finnish language](#)
- [April 12](#) - [Cosmonauts](#)' Day ([Russia](#)), marking the day of [Yuri Gagarin](#)'s space flight
- [April 13](#) - Songkran ([Laos](#)), local New Year celebration
- [April 13](#) - [Cambodian](#) New Year
- [April 13](#) - [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s Birthday ([United States](#))
- [April 14](#) - [Southeast Asian New Year](#) festivals, including [Songkran](#)
- [April 14](#) - [Georgian language](#) Day
- [April 14](#) - Youth Day ([Angola](#))
- [April 14](#) - Ambedkar Jayanti ([India](#))
- [April 14](#) - Pan-American Day
- [April 15](#) - [Tax](#) Day ([United States](#))
- [April 15](#) - [Kim Il-Sung](#)'s Birthday ([North Korea](#))
- [April 15](#) - [Father Damien](#) Day ([Hawaii](#))
- [April 15](#) - [Jackie Robinson](#) Day ([Major League Baseball](#))
- [April 16](#) - Birthday of Queen [Margrethe II of Denmark](#)
- [April 16](#) - Emancipation Day ([Washington, DC](#))
- [April 16](#) - World [Voice](#) Day
- [April 16](#) - [Selena](#) Day ([Texas](#))
- [April 17](#) - National Day of [Syria](#)
- [April 17](#) - Flag Day ([American Samoa](#))
- [April 17](#) - Women's Day ([Gabon](#))
- [April 17](#) - World [Hemophilia](#) Day
- [April 18](#) - Independence Day ([Zimbabwe](#))
- [April 18](#) - Invention Day ([Japan](#))
- [April 18](#) - International Day of [Monuments](#) and Sites
- [April 19](#) - [Bicycle](#) Day
- [April 19](#) - Dutch-American Friendship Day
- [April 19](#) - Birthday of King [Mswati III](#) of [Swaziland](#)
- [April 19](#) - Patriots' Day ([Massachusetts](#), [Maine](#), [Wisconsin](#))
- [April 20](#) - 4/20 in [Cannabis Culture](#)
- [April 21](#) - [John Muir](#) Day ([California](#))
- [April 21](#) - San Jacinto Day ([Texas](#))
- [April 21](#) - Kartini Day ([Indonesia](#))
- [April 21](#) - National [Tree](#) Planting Day ([Kenya](#))
- [April 21](#) - First Day of [Ridran](#) ([Baha'i](#) faith)
- [April 21](#) - Grounation Day ([Rastafari movement](#))
- [April 22](#) - [Earth Day](#)
- [April 22](#) - Discovery Day ([Brazil](#))
- [April 23](#) - [Saint George](#)'s Day, celebrating the patron saint of several countries, regions and cities (including [England](#) and [Catalonia](#))
- [April 23](#) - World [Book](#) Day
- [April 23](#) - National Sovereignty and [Children](#)'s Day ([Turkey](#))

- [April 24](#) - Democracy Day ([Nepal](#))
- [April 24](#) - Genocide Day ([Armenia](#))
- [April 24](#) - [Republic](#) Day (the [Gambia](#))
- [April 25](#) - [Australia](#) and [New Zealand](#) celebrate [ANZAC Day](#). [ANZAC Archived](#) 2006-06-15 at the [Wayback Machine](#) means Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, and began in 1915.
- [April 25](#) - World [DNA](#) Day
- [April 25](#) - World [Malaria](#) Day
- [April 25](#) - Flag Day ([Swaziland](#), [Faroe Islands](#))
- [April 25](#) - Freedom Day ([Portugal](#))
- [April 25](#) - Liberation Day ([Italy](#))
- [April 25](#) - Army Day ([North Korea](#))
- [April 26](#) - Union Day ([Tanzania](#))
- [April 26](#) - Confederate Memorial Day ([Texas](#), [Florida](#))
- [April 27](#) - Independence Day ([Sierra Leone](#) and [Togo](#))
- [April 27](#) - Freedom Day ([South Africa](#))
- [April 27](#) - World [Tapir](#) Day
- [April 27](#) - King's Day ([Netherlands](#)) from [2014](#), birthday of [Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands](#)
- [April 28](#) - Workers Memorial Day
- [April 28](#) - National Day ([Sardinia](#))
- [April 28](#) - National Heroes Day ([Barbados](#))
- [April 29](#) - Showa Day ([Japan](#)), birthday of Emperor [Hirohito](#), who died in [1989](#)
- [April 29](#) - International [Dance](#) Day
- [April 30](#) - Former Queen's Day Holiday in the [Netherlands](#) (changed to King's Day, [April 27](#) in [2014](#)), was the birthday of former Queen [Juliana of the Netherlands](#)
- [April 30](#) - Flag Day in [Sweden](#) (birthday of King [Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden](#))
- [April 30](#) - International [Jazz](#) Day
- [April 30](#) - [Walpurgis Night](#) (Central and Northern [Europe](#))

Moveable Events

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Eggs celebrating [Easter](#), which often falls in April, but sometimes falls in [March](#).

Image traditionally showing it as [raining](#) in April in the [Northern Hemisphere](#).

- [Easter](#)-related events in Western [Christianity](#):
 - Palm Sunday (between [March 15](#) and [April 18](#))
 - Maundy Thursday (between [March 19](#) and [April 22](#))
 - Good Friday (between [March 20](#) and [April 23](#))
 - [Easter](#) Sunday (between [March 22](#) and [April 25](#))
 - Easter Monday (between [March 23](#) and [April 26](#))
- Eastern Orthodox Easter falls between [April 4](#) and [May 8](#).
- Ascension Day (Western Christianity), falls between [April 30](#) and [June 3](#).

- [Jewish Passover](#) - falls in the same week as Western [Christianity's Holy Week](#), which is the week leading up to [Easter](#).
- [Mother's Day \(UK\)](#) falls between [March 1](#) and [April 4](#).
- World [Snooker](#) Championship (late April, early [May](#))
- [Horse racing - Grand National \(UK\)](#), [Kentucky Derby \(United States\)](#)
- Start of [Daylight Saving Time](#) - Clocks going forward one hour:
 - Most of [Mexico](#)
 - [Morocco](#) ([Ramadan](#) does not include Daylight Saving Time)
- End of [Daylight Saving Time](#) - Clocks going back one hour:
 - Southeast [Australia](#), and [New Zealand](#)
 - [Chile](#)
- [Marathon](#) Events in the following cities:
 - [Belgrade, Serbia](#)
 - [Boston, Massachusetts, United States](#)
 - [Brighton, United Kingdom](#)
 - [Enschede, Netherlands](#)
 - [London, United Kingdom](#) (held in [October](#) from [2020](#) to [2022](#) because of [COVID-19](#))
 - [Madrid, Spain](#)
 - [Paris, France](#)
 - [Rotterdam, Netherlands](#)
 - [Utrecht, Netherlands](#)
 - [Zurich, Switzerland](#)

Selection of Historical Events

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[Inauguration](#) celebration for [Nunavut](#) on [April 1, 1999](#).

A statue on [Easter Island](#) - Jacob Roggeveen became the first [European](#) to land there on [April 5, 1722](#).

[Newspaper](#) report on the sinking of the [RMS Titanic](#) on [April 15, 1912](#).

[Fires](#) after the [San Francisco earthquake](#) on [April 18, 1906](#).

[Australian](#) and [New Zealand](#) forces landing at Anzac Cove, [April 25, 1915](#).

Painting showing the Mutiny on the Bounty on [April 28, 1789](#).

Queen [Juliana of the Netherlands](#), who abdicated the throne on her 71st [birthday](#), [April 30, 1980](#).

- [April 1, 1918](#) - The [Royal Air Force](#) is founded.
- [April 1, 1976](#) - [Apple Inc.](#) is founded.
- [April 1, 1979](#) - The [Islamic Republic of Iran](#) is founded.
- [April 1, 1999](#) - The [territory](#) of [Nunavut](#) is created in Northern [Canada](#).
- [April 1, 2001](#) - The [Netherlands](#) introduces [same-sex marriage](#), as the first [country](#) to do so.

- [April 2, 1519](#) - [Florida](#) is sighted by a [European](#) for the first time.
- [April 2, 1930](#) - [Haile Selassie](#) becomes [Emperor of Ethiopia](#).
- [April 2, 1982](#) - Start of the [Falklands War](#), as Argentine forces land on the [Falkland Islands](#).
- [April 2, 2005](#) - [Pope John Paul II](#) dies aged 84, after 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ years as [Pope](#).
- [April 3, 1973](#) - The first-ever [mobile phone](#) call is placed by Martin Cooper in [New York City](#).
- [April 4, 1721](#) - [Robert Walpole](#) becomes the first [Prime Minister](#) of [Great Britain](#).
- [April 4, 1841](#) - [William Henry Harrison](#) dies. He was [President of the United States](#) for 31 days, the shortest-ever time in office for a US president.
- [April 4, 1960](#) - [Senegal](#) becomes independent.
- [April 4, 1968](#) - [Assassination](#) of [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) in [Memphis, Tennessee](#).
- [April 5, 1722](#) - [Jacob Roggeveen](#) becomes the first [European](#) to land on [Easter Island](#), landing there on [Easter](#) Sunday.
- [April 6, 1320](#) - [Scotland's](#) independence is confirmed with the Declaration of [Arbroath](#).
- [April 6, 1830](#) - The [Mormon](#) Church is founded.
- [April 6, 1909](#) - [Robert Peary](#) claims to have been first at the [North Pole](#) on this date.
- [April 7, 1994](#) - The [Rwandan Genocide](#) begins.
- [April 9, 1865](#) - [American Civil War](#): [Confederate](#) forces under [Robert E. Lee](#) surrender to Union forces.
- [April 9, 1940](#) - [World War II](#): [Denmark](#) and [Norway](#) are invaded by [Nazi Germany](#).
- [April 9, 1989](#) - April 9 tragedy: In [Tbilisi, Georgia](#), a peaceful demonstration for independence is broken up by the [Soviet Army](#), killing 20 people. The country gains independence on this date exactly two years later.
- [April 10, 1815](#) - Mount [Tambora](#) in [Indonesia](#) erupts in a huge eruption, affecting the world's climate for at least a year.
- [April 10, 2010](#) - A [plane](#) crash near Smolensk, [Russia](#), kills several people who were important in [Poland](#), including [President Lech Kaczynski](#).
- [April 11, 1814](#) - [Napoleon Bonaparte](#) is [exiled](#) to the [island](#) of [Elba](#).
- [April 11, 1954](#) - Said to have been the most boring day of the [20th century](#).
- [April 12, 1861](#) - The [American Civil War](#) begins at [Fort Sumter, Charleston, South Carolina](#).
- [April 12, 1945](#) - US President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) dies, and [Harry S. Truman](#) replaces him.
- [April 12, 1961](#) - [Yuri Gagarin](#) becomes the first [human](#) to fly into [space](#).
- [April 14, 1865](#) - US President [Abraham Lincoln](#) is shot dead at Ford's Theatre by [John Wilkes Booth](#). Lincoln dies the next day.
- [April 14, 2010](#) - [Qinghai](#) Province, [China](#), is hit by an [earthquake](#), killing tens of thousands of people.
- [April 14, 2010](#) - The eruption of [Eyjafjallajökull](#) in [Iceland](#) shuts down air traffic around [Europe](#) for a week, due to its ash cloud.

- [April 15, 1912](#) - The [ship RMS Titanic](#) sinks near [Newfoundland](#) after hitting an iceberg, resulting in the deaths of many of the people on board.
- [April 16, 1943](#) - [Albert Hofmann](#) discovers [LSD](#)'s effects.
- [April 17, 1946](#) - [Syria](#) gains full independence from [France](#).
- [April 17, 1955](#) - [Albert Einstein](#) dies.
- [April 18, 1906](#) - [1906 San Francisco earthquake](#): [San Francisco, California](#), is hit by a big [earthquake](#), resulting in [fires](#) that destroy large parts of the city.
- [April 18, 1980](#) - [Zimbabwe](#) gains full independence.
- [April 19, 1897](#) - The first [Boston Marathon](#) is held.
- [April 19, 1971](#) - [Sierra Leone](#) becomes a [republic](#).
- [April 19, 1993](#) - The siege of the Branch Davidians at Waco, [Texas](#), ends in a fire that kills 82 people.
- [April 19, 1995](#) - [Timothy McVeigh](#) carries out the [Oklahoma City bombing](#), killing 169 people.
- [April 19, 2005](#) - Joseph Alois Ratzinger becomes [Pope Benedict XVI](#).
- [April 20, 1889](#) - [Adolf Hitler](#) is born.
- [April 20, 1902](#) - [Marie Curie](#) and [Pierre Curie](#) refine [Radium](#).
- [April 20, 2010](#) - [Deepwater Horizon oil spill](#): A massive fire on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig in the [Gulf of Mexico](#) kills 11 workers and causes a massive [oil](#) spill, the worst spill in US history.
- [April 21, 753 BC](#) - Legendary founding date of [Rome](#)
- [April 21, 1509](#) - [Henry VIII of England](#) becomes [King](#).
- [April 21, 1908](#) - [Frederick Cook](#) claims to have reached the [North Pole](#) on this date.
- [April 22, 1502](#) - [Pedro Alvares Cabral](#) becomes the first [European](#) to reach present-day [Brazil](#).
- [April 22, 1970](#) - [Earth Day](#) is observed for the first time.
- [April 23, 1533](#) - The [Church of England](#) declares that [Henry VIII of England](#) and [Catherine of Aragon](#) are not married.
- [April 24, 1916](#) - The [Easter Rising](#) occurs in [Dublin, Ireland](#).
- [April 24, 1990](#) - The [Hubble Space Telescope](#) is launched on the [Space Shuttle Discovery](#).
- [April 25, 1915](#) - [World War I](#): In [Turkey](#), the [Battle of Gallipoli](#) begins, [Australian](#), French, British and [New Zealand](#) forces land at Anzac cove.
- [April 25, 1974](#) - [Portugal](#)'s dictatorship is overthrown in a coup, in what is known as the Carnation Revolution.
- [April 26, 1937](#) - [Spanish Civil War](#): German planes bomb the town of Guernica, [Basque Country](#), later depicted in a painting by [Pablo Picasso](#).
- [April 26, 1964](#) - [Tanganyika](#) and [Zanzibar](#) merge to form [Tanzania](#).
- [April 26, 1986](#) - A reactor explosion occurs at the [Chernobyl](#) nuclear plant in present-day [Ukraine](#), with [radiation](#) spreading around Europe and the world.
- [April 26/27, 1994](#) - [South Africa](#) holds its first free elections.
- [April 27, 1960](#) - [Togo](#) becomes independent from [France](#).
- [April 27, 1961](#) - [Sierra Leone](#) becomes independent from the [United Kingdom](#).
- [April 28, 1789](#) - Mutiny on the ship Bounty in the [Pacific Ocean](#), lead by [Fletcher Christian](#).
- [April 28, 1945](#) - [Benito Mussolini](#) is executed by Italian partisans.

- [April 28, 1947](#) - In [Peru](#), [Thor Heyerdahl](#) starts his [Kon-Tiki](#) expedition aimed at proving his theory that the [Polynesian](#) settlers on the [Pacific Ocean's islands](#) came from [South America](#).
- [April 29, 1991](#) - A [cyclone](#) in [Bangladesh](#) kills an estimated 138,000 people.
- [April 29, 2011](#) - The wedding of [Prince William, Duke of Cambridge](#) and [Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge](#) is broadcast worldwide.
- [April 30, 1789](#) - [George Washington](#) becomes the first [President of the United States](#).
- [April 30, 1803](#) - The [United States](#) purchases (buys) the [Louisiana](#) territory from [France](#).
- [April 30, 1945](#) - [Adolf Hitler](#) commits suicide on the same day that the [Soviet](#) Army raises the Red Flag on [Berlin's Reichstag](#).
- [April 30, 1952](#) - The [Diary](#) of [Anne Frank](#) is published in English.
- [April 30, 1975](#) - The [Vietnam War](#) ends, as [North Vietnamese](#) forces take [Saigon](#).
- [April 30, 1980](#) - Queen [Juliana of the Netherlands](#) abdicates the throne, and her daughter becomes Queen [Beatrix of the Netherlands](#). Beatrix later also abdicates, on this day in [2013](#), in favor of her son, King [Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands](#).

Trivia

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- April has the 100th day of the year. April 10 in a common year, April 9 in a leap year.
- In Western [Christianity](#), [Easter](#) falls more often in April than in [March](#).
- The months around April ([March](#) and [May](#)) both start with an 'M' in the [English language](#), with an 'A' as the second letter.
- In the [English language](#), April is the first of three months in-a-row, along with [May](#) and [June](#), that is also a [female](#) given name.
- The astrological signs for April are [Aries](#) ([March 21](#) to [April 20](#)) and [Taurus](#) ([April 21](#) to [May 20](#)).
- The [sweet pea](#) and [daisy](#) are the traditional birth flowers for April.
- The [birthstone](#) for April is the [diamond](#).
- [April 1](#) is the only day in April to start within the first quarter of the [calendar](#) year.
- If the months of the [year](#) were arranged in [alphabetical](#) order in the [English language](#), April would come first.
- Five current [European monarchs](#) were born in April. They are King [Philippe of Belgium](#) ([April 15](#)), Queen [Margrethe II of Denmark](#) ([April 16](#)), [Henri, Grand Duke of Luxembourg](#) ([April 16](#)), King [Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands](#) ([April 27](#)), and King [Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden](#) ([April 30](#)). [Elizabeth II](#) of the [United Kingdom](#) and [Commonwealth realms](#) - who died on [September 8, 2022](#) - was also born in April (on [April 21](#)).

[Months of the Year](#)

[January](#) | [February](#) | [March](#) | April | [May](#) | [June](#) | [July](#) | [August](#) | [September](#) | [October](#) | [November](#) | [December](#)

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