

ABORIGINAL EVENTS

Several events throughout the year are occasions for Aboriginal people to get together and showcase their culture, and for non-Aboriginal people to learn about First Nations and Inuit heritage.

What?	When?	Where?	What takes place?
Powwow circuit	May to Septembre	At over 20 Aboriginal communities in Quebec and others in Ontario and the United States	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Dance, singing and music> Sports competitions (canoeing, strength, races)> Arts and crafts> Traditional cuisine
National Aboriginal Day	June 21	Across Canada	The government of Canada created this day to honour Canada's Aboriginal history and cultures. The events differ from one place to another, but may include Aboriginal film festivals, special events at school, such as Aboriginal sports competitions, and community celebrations. Since 1996.
Montreal First Peoples' Festival	Early August	Montreal	Celebration of today's Aboriginal culture: movies, art exhibitions, concerts, conferences, demonstrations of traditional culture. The Inuit culture is also represented during the festival. Since 1991.
Innu Nikamu Festival	Early August	Mani-Utenam, Innu community in Côte-Nord	Festival of traditional and contemporary Aboriginal music, since 1985.
Salon du livre des Premières Nations	November	Wendake, Huron-Wendat community near Quebec City	Since 1992, lectures and public readings, as well as booths for publishers of the novels, poetry and documentary works of Quebec's Aboriginal authors

Many Nations also organize events that bring together members of Nations from different communities to showcase their own culture. For example, the Eeyou (Cree) gather for the Goose Break in the fall, during goose-hunting season.