January
5 January
Gurdwara Sikh Sangat Tauranga Nagar Kirtan (known as Sikh Parade)

February
5 February
Lunar New Year Celebration (celebrated by Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, East Asian communities)
6 February
Waitangi Day
21 February
International Mother Language Day

March
8 March
International Women’s Day
12 March
Mayoral welcome for international students
17 March
St Patricks Day
20 March
Baha’i New Year
21 March
Race Relations Day (International day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)
20 March and 21 March
Holi Festival (Indian festival of colours)*
23 March
Tauranga Multicultural Festival

April
13 April
Songkran (Thai New Year)
14 April
Vaisakhi (Ancient harvest festival and founding of the Sikh Khalsa or collective body of baptised Sikhs)
19 April
Good Friday, Passover begins
21 April
Easter Sunday
22 April
Easter Monday
25 April
ANZAC day

May
5 May
Ramadan begins (ninth month of the Islamic calendar)*
21 May
World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
24 May to 14 July
Matariki Tauranga Moana
26 May to 1 June
Samoa Language Week

June
4 June
Eid ul Fitr (celebration marks end of Ramadan)*
12 June
Philippines Independence Day
20 June
World Refugee Day
29 June
Katikati Festival of Cultures

July
Events usually held this month
Turban Up Tauranga
(to raise public awareness of the Sikh faith and culture, and to highlight the importance of the turban)

August
4 August to 10 August
Cook Island Language Week
11 August to 15 August
Eid al-Adha*
12 August
International Youth Day
15 August
Indian Independence Day
Events usually held this month
Tauranga Indonesian Independence Day celebration

September
1 September to 7 September
Tongan Language Week
9 September to 15 September
Māori Language Week
13 September
Mid-Autumn Festival
(also known as Moon Harvest Festival)*
21 September
International Day of Peace
22 September to 28 September
New Zealand Chinese Language Week
29 September to 5 October
Tuvalu Language Week
Events usually held this month
Ethiick Multicultural Football Tournament
Pasifika in the Bay
Tauranga Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival
New to the Bay Expo

October
1 October
International Day of Older Persons
6 October to 12 October
Fijian Language Week
13 October to 19 October
Niuean Language Week
27 October to 2 November
Tokelauan Language Week
27 October
Diwali (Hindu, Sikh and Jain festival of lights)
Events usually held this month
Tauranga Hindu Durga Puja celebration
Te Puke Nagar Kirtan (also known as Sikh Parade)

November
Events usually held this month
Te Puke International Festival
Tauranga Russian Festival

December
10 December
International Day of Older Persons
6 October to 12 October
Fijian Language Week
13 October to 19 October
Niuean Language Week
27 October to 2 November
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