

Black History is Celebrated Across the Globe

Arturo A. Schomburg (January 24, 1874 – June 19, 1938), a Puerto Rican of African and German descent, was a historian, writer, curator and activist, who wrote numerous books. As a young man, he was told that Black people had no significant history. He devoted himself to disproving this assertion by gathering literature, art, slave narratives, and other artifacts related to African history. These collections now form the foundation of the [Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture](#) at the New York Public Library in Harlem.



People of African descent have had to tell their own stories not just in the US, but around the world. Consequently, Black History Month is celebrated far beyond the US borders. Below are examples of how communities worldwide honor the achievements and impact of people of African descent.

- **Brazil (November):** Celebrates *Dia da Consciência Negra* (Black Consciousness Day) on November 20th. Est. 1971
- **United Kingdom (October):** Est. 1987, it focuses on the contributions of Black British people, featuring events that "dig deeper" into history.
- **Costa Rica (August):** Starting in the 1980s declared August as the "Month of the History of African-Descended Peoples in Costa Rica" to commemorate the First International Convention of the Negro Peoples of the World, August 1920.
- **Germany (February):** Initiated in 1990, it highlights the African Diaspora in Europe and Afro-German identity.
- **Canada (February):** Focuses on educational programs in schools, historical lectures, and highlighting Black Canadian history. Est. 1993.
- **Panama (May):** Celebrates Black Ethnicity Month, focusing on the impact of Afro-Antilleans. Est. 2000
- **Australia (July):** Observes "Blak History Month" to recognize Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history. Est. 2008
- **Ireland (October):** Recognizes Black Irish history through various cultural events. Est. 2010
- **The Netherlands (October):** Celebrates with "Black Achievement Month" (BAM), showcasing artistic performances and history. Est. 2015