



On The Road **European
Calendar of Events
2011**





The Pan European Advent and Christmas Markets website

Highlights details of 100's of Advent and Christmas markets and Festive events from Aarhus to Zurich and beyond

www.christmas-markets.org

You can also identify many benefits on offer during the festive season to make your itinerary even more appealing

Albania

May-1 May Day
 October-19 - Mother Teresa Day
 November-28 Independence Day
 November-29 Liberation Day
 December-25 Christmas Day

Andora

May-1 Labour Day
 June-12 Pentecost Monday
 June-24 St. John's Day
 August-15 Assumption Day
 September-8 National Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 November-4 St. Charles Day
 December-8 Immaculate Conception
 December-25 Christmas Day

Australia

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 April-25 Anzac Day
 May-3 Mayday
 May-27 to June-3 Reconciliation Week
 June-13 Queen's Birthday
 August-8 Saint Mary MacKillop (1842-1909)
 Day - Australia's first Saint
 September-3 National Flag Day
 November-11 Remembrance Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 Boxing Day
 December-31 New Year's Eve

Austria

April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-2 Ascension Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 June-23 Corpus Christi
 August-15 Assumption Day
 October-26 National Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 December-8 Immaculate Conception
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

Belgium

April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-2 Ascension Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 July-11 Flemish Community Holiday
 July-11 Guldensporenslag-The Battle of the Golden Spurs 1302
 July-21 National Day
 August-15 Assumption Day
 September-27 French Community Holiday
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 November-2 All Souls' Day
 November-11 Armistice Day
 November-15 King's Birthday
 December-6 St. Nicholas Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

Bosnia-Herzegovina

March-1 National Day
 April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 May-6 St. George's Day (Orthodox)
 May-9 VE Day
 August-15 Velika gospa - Assumption (Western Christians)
 August-28 Velika gospojina - Assumption (Orthodox)
 November-1 All Saints' Day (Western Christians)
 November-2 All Souls' Day (Western Christians)
 November-25 National Day
 December-25 Christmas Day (Western Christians)

Bulgaria

March-4 National Day
 April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 May-6 St. George's Day/Army Day
 May-23 Unification Day
 August-6 The Transfiguration
 August-15 Assumption Day
 September-5 Unification Day
 September-23 Liberation Day
 December-6 St. Nicholas Day
 December-24 Christmas Eve
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day
 December-31 New Year's Eve

Canada

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-23 Victoria Day
 June-21 Father's Day
 July-1 Canada Day
 August-1 Civic Holiday
 September-5 Labour Day
 October-10 Thanksgiving Day
 October-31 Halloween
 November-11 Remembrance Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 Boxing Day
 December-31 New Year's Eve

China

April-4 Qingming Festival
 May-1 May Day
 May-4 National Youth Day
 June-6 Dragon Boat Festival
 July-1 Communist Party Foundation
 August-1 People's Liberation Army Day
 September-10 Teacher's Day
 October-1 National Day

Croatia

April-22 Easter Friday
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-22 Antifascist Resistance Day
 June-23 Corpus Christi
 June-25 Statehood Day
 August-5 Homeland Thanksgiving Day
 October-8 Independence Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 2nd day of Christmas

Czech Republic

April-22 Good Friday
 April-23 Easter Monday
 May-1 May Day
 May-5 1945 Prague Uprising
 May-8 Liberation Day - 1945
 July-5 St. Cyril & St. Methodius Day
 August-29 Day of Czech Uprising
 September-1 Constitution Day
 September-15 Our Lady of Sorrows Day
 November-1 All Saints Day
 November-17 Struggle for freedom and democracy 1933/1989
 December-24 Christmas Eve
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

Denmark

April-21 Maundy Thursday
 April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-20 Prayer Day
 June-2 Ascension Day
 June-5 Constitution Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 June-15 National Flag Day
 June-15 Valdemars Day
 June-23 Midsummer Party

November-11 Mortens Day
 December-24 Christmas Eve
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day
 December-31 New Year's Eve

Egypt

April-17 Palm Sunday
 April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday/Sham ElNessim
 May-1 Labour Day
 July-23 National Day
 *August-30/31 Eid El Fitr
 October-6 Armed Forces Day
 *November- 6 to 8 Eid El Adha
 November-26 Islamic New Year
 December-25 Christmas
 December-26 Boxing Day
 *Subject to lunar observation

Estonia

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-12 Pentecost
 June-23 Victory Day
 June-24 Midsummer's Day
 August-20 Restoration of Independence Day
 December-24 Christmas Eve
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

Finland

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 May Day
 June-2 Ascension Day
 June-24 Midsummer Eve
 June-25 Midsummer Day
 November-5 All Saints' Holiday
 December-6 Independence Day
 December-24 Christmas Eve
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

France

April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 May-8 Liberation Day
 May-2 Ascension Thursday
 June-1 Pentecost Monday
 June-2 Ascension Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 July-14 Bastille Day
 July-19 Edgar Degas' Birthday
 August-15 Assumption Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 November-11 Armistice Day
 November-25 St. Catherine's Day
 December-25 Christmas Day

Germany

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-2 Ascension Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 August-15 Assumption Day
 October-3 Unity Day
 October-31 Reformation Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 November-9 Berlin Wall Opening Day
 November-14 National Day of Mourning
 December-6 St. Nicholas Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

Greece

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day

June-13 Whit Monday
 August-15 Assumption Day
 October-28 National Flag Day
 November-8 Cretan National Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

Greenland

April-21 Maundy Thursday
 April-22 Good Friday
 April-23 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 May-8 Great Prayer Day
 June-2 Ascension Thursday
 June-13 Whit Monday
 June-21 National Day
 December-24 Christmas Eve
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-31 New Year's Eve

Hungary

April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 June-1 Pentecost Monday
 August-20 National Day
 October-23 Republic Day (1956)
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

Iceland

April-21 Maundy Thursday
 April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 May-19 Ascension Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 June-17 Independence Day
 August-1 Commerce Day
 December-24 Christmas Eve
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day
 December-31 New Year's Eve

Ireland

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-2 Mayday Bank Holiday
 May-30 Spring Bank Holiday (NI)
 June-6 June Bank Holiday (ROI)
 July-12 Battle of the Boyne Day/Orange-men's Day (NI)
 August-1 August Bank Holiday (ROI)
 August-15 Day of the Virgin Mary (ROI)
 August-29 Public Holiday (NI)
 October-31 October Public Holiday (ROI)
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 Boxing Day
 December-27 Public Holiday

Israel

April-19 Passover
 May-10 Lag B'Omer (Independence Day)
 June-8 Pentecost
 September-29 Rosh Hashanah (New Year)
 October-8 Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
 October-13 Sukkot (Tabernacles 1st day of)
 October-21 Simchat Torah
 December-21 Chanukah (Festival of Lights)

Italy

April-25 Easter Monday/Liberation Day
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-2 Republic Day
 August-15 Assumption Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 December-8 Immaculate Conception Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

Japan

April-29 Showa Day
 May-3 Constitution Day
 May-4 Greenery Day
 May-5 Children's Day
 July-18 Marine Day
 September-19 Respect for the Aged Day
 September-23 Autumnal Equinox (tbc)
 October-10 Sports Day
 November-3 Culture Day
 November-23 Labour Thanksgiving Day
 December-23 Emperor's Birthday

Latvia

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 May-4 Celebration of the Republic of Latvia's 'Declaration of Independence'
 June-23 Ligo Day (Midsummer's Eve)
 June-24 Midsummer's Day (St John's Day)
 November-18 National Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day
 December-31 New Year's Eve

Luxembourg

April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 May Day
 June-2 Ascension Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 June-23 National Day
 August-15 Assumption Day
 September-5 Luxembourg City Kermesse (festival)
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 November-2 All Souls' Day
 December-25 Christmas Day

Malta

April-22 Good Friday
 May-1 Worker's Day
 June-7 Sette Giugno Day (Commemoration of 1919 riot)
 June-29 St. Peter & St. Paul Day
 August-15 Assumption Day
 September-8 Feast of Our Lady of Victories
 September-21 Independence Day
 December-8 Immaculate Conception
 December-13 Republic Day
 December-25 Christmas Day

Moldova

April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 May-9 National Heroes Day
 August-27 Independence Day
 August-31 National Language Day
 November-3 National Day
 December-25 Christmas Day

Monaco

April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-2 Ascension Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 June-23 Corpus Christi
 August-15 Assumption
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 November-19 Monaco National Commemoration Day
 December-8 Immaculate Conception
 December-25 Christmas Day

Montenegro

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 May-9 Victory Day

May-21 Independence Day
 July-13 Statehood Day

Netherlands

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 April-30 Queen's Birthday
 May-1 Labour Day
 May-5 Liberation Day
 May-2 Ascension Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 July-8 Gay Pride Day
 December-5 to 6 Sinterklaas (Feast of St. Nicholas - a unique Dutch and Flemish festival)
 December-15 Koninkrijksdag (Kingdom Day)
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

New Zealand

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday/Anzac Day
 June-6 Queen's Birthday
 October-24 Labour Day
 November-2 Day of the Dead
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 Boxing Day

Norway

April-21 Holy Thursday
 April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 May Day
 May-8 Liberation day
 May-17 Constitution Day
 June-2 Ascension Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 June-23 Jonsok Sankthansaften (Midsummer's Eve)
 July-29 St. Olav's Day
 December-24 Christmas Eve
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day
 December-31 New Year's Eve

Poland

April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 May-3 Ascension Day
 June-23 Corpus Christi
 August-15 Assumption Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 November-11 Independence Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

Portugal

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Freedom Day
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-10 Camoes Day, Portugal's National Day is symbolised by the 16thC hero, Luis de Camoes
 June-23 Corpus Christi
 August-15 Assumption Day
 October-5 Republic Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 December-1 Restoration Day
 December-8 Immaculate Conception
 December-25 Christmas Day

Romania

April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-13 Whit Monday
 December-1 National Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephen's Day

Russia

May-1 Labour Day
 May-2 2nd day of Labour
 May-9 VE Day
 June-12 Russia Day
 November-4 Unity Day
 December-12 Constitution Day
 December-25 Christmas Day

Slovakia

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 May Day
 May-8 Liberation Day
 July-5 St. Cyril & Methodius Day
 August-29 Resistance Day
 September-1 Constitution Day
 September-15 Virgin Mary Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 December-24 Christmas Eve
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 Second Christmas Day

Slovenia

April-25 Easter Monday
 April-27 Resistance Day
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-12 Pentecost
 June-25 National Day
 August-15 Assumption Day
 August-17 Unification Day
 September-15 Restoration Day
 October-31 Reformation Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 November-11 Remembrance Day
 November-23 Rudolph Maister Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 Independence Day

Spain

April-21 Maundy Thursday
 April-22 Good Friday
 May-1 Labour Day
 August-15 Assumption Day
 October-12 National Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 December-6 Constitution Day
 December-8 Immaculate Conception
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephan's Day

Sweden

April-22 Easter
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-2 Ascension Thursday
 June-6 National Day
 June-25 Midsummer's Day
 July-12 Whit Sunday
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 December-10 Noble Prize Day
 December-13 St. Lucia's Day
 December-24 Christmas Eve
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 Boxing Day

Switzerland

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 May-1 Labour Day
 June-2 Ascension
 June-13 Whit Monday
 August-1 National Day
 August-15 Assumption Day
 November-1 All Saints' Day
 November-2 All Souls' Day
 November-11 Remembrance Sunday

December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 St. Stephan's Day

Turkey

April-23 National Day
 May-1 May Day (Istanbul only)
 19 May Commemoration of Atatürk and Youth and Sports Day.
 August-30 Ramazan Bayrami (End of Ramadan).
 August-30 Victory Day
 28-29 Oct (28th is a half-day) Republic Day.

UK

April-22 Good Friday
 April-25 Easter Monday
 April-29 Royal Wedding
 May-2 Mayday Bank Holiday
 May-30 Spring Bank Holiday
 June-13 The Queen's Official Birthday
 June-21 Longest Day
 June-24 Midsummer Day
 August-29 Summer Bank Holiday
 November-11 Remembrance Day
 November-30 St. Andrew's Day (Scot)
 December-21 The Shortest Day
 December-25 Christmas Day
 December-26 Bank Holiday

USA

May-30 Memorial Day
 July-4 Independence Day
 September-5 Labor Day
 October-10 Columbus Day
 November-11 Veteran's Day
 November-24 Thanksgiving Day
 December-25 Christmas Day

The above dates have been compiled from information available at the time of going to press and may be subject to alteration. The publisher cannot accept responsibility for subsequent changes. It is advisable to check before travelling.

All Jewish and Islamic dates quoted are tabular dates, which begin at sunset on the previous evening and end at sunset on the day quoted.

Please note that national days are not necessarily official public holidays and certain holidays may only apply to regions of the country. In certain countries where traditional holidays fall on a weekend and extra day may be given.

Religious Days and Festivals**Christian - Western**

	2011
Epiphany	Jan 6
Ash Wednesday	Mar 9
1 st Sunday of Lent	Mar 13
Palm Sunday	Apr 17
Good Friday	Apr 22
Easter Day	Apr 24
Ascension Day	Jun 2
Pentecost	Jun 12
Trinity Sunday	Jun 19
Corpus Christi	Jun 23
1 st Sunday of Advent	Nov 27
Christmas Day	Dec 25

Roman Catholic Holy Days of Obligation

Epiphany (Ireland)	Jan 6
St Patrick (Ireland)	Mar 17
Ascension (Scotland)	Jun 2
St Peter and Paul (England/Wales/Scotland)	Jun 29
Assumption (England/Wales/Ireland)	Aug 15
All Saints (England/Wales)	Nov 1
All Saints (Ireland)	Nov 1
Immaculate Conception (Ireland)	Dec 8
Christmas Day	Dec 25
Obligation dispensed in Scotland	

Christian Eastern Orthodox

Christmas (not Greek Orthodox)	Jan 7
Lent Monday	Mar 7

Easter Day Apr 24
 Pentecost Jun 12

Coptic

Christmas Jan 7
 Easter Sunday Apr 24
 Ascension Jun 2
 Entry of the Holy Family into Egypt Jun 1
 Pentecost Jun 12

Bahá'í

Feast of Nae-Rúz Mar 21
 1st Day of Ridván Apr 21
 Declaration of the Báb May 23
 Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh May 29
 Martyrdom of the Báb Oct 20
 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh Nov 12

Buddhist

Parinirvana Day Feb 15
 Wesak (Buddha Day) May 17
 Dharma Day Jul 15
 Padmasambhava Day Oct 6
 Sangha Day Nov 10

Chinese

Lunar New Year (3 days) Feb 3-5

Hindu

Holi Mar 19
 Navratri 1st Day Sep 28
 Diwall Oct 26
 New Year Oct 27

Islamic* 1432

Milad Al-Nabi Feb 15
 (Prophet's Birthday)
 Lailat Al-Isra wa Al-Miraj Jun 29
 1st day of Ramadan Aug 1
 Eid Al-Fitter Nov 6
 Eid Al-Addha Nov 6
 Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year) Nov 26
 Ashura Dec 5
 * Dates are based on the new moon at Mecca

Jewish 5771

Purim Mar 20
 Pesach (Passover) 1st day Apr 19
 Shavuot (Pentecost) 1st Day Jun 8
 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) Sep 29
 Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) Oct 8
 Succot (Tabernacle) Oct 13
 Hannukkah Dec 21

Sikht

Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji Jan 5
 Baisakhi Apr 14
 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji Jun 16
 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji Nov 10
 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Nov 24
 † Based on Nanakshahl Era calendar

Austria

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Austria celebrate the 200th anniversary of Liszt's birthday - there are concerts all year. www.lisztomania.at

April

- 01 - 01 Nov **Salzburg - Hellbrunn** "trick" fountains and gardens, a mechanical toy theatre, Mascagni frescoes in the palace halls and the glass gazebo the backdrop for *I am 16 going on 17* in *The Sound of Music*. www.hellbrunn.at
- 17 **Vienna - City Marathon**. If 42km is too much, try the mini-marathon, fun run or junior marathon. www.vienna-marathon.com/
- 30 - end Oct **Salzburg : Hymirburg Eisorgel at the Eisriesenwelt, Werfen Ice Caves are the largest in the world.** The cave network disappears 42 kilometres into the mountainside, but only the first kilometre, is open to the public. Visitors reach the ice palace by cable car. The tour involves climbing 134 metres, so wear a warm coat! http://www.eisriesenwelt.at/site/content/CB_ContentShow.php?coType=home

May

- 13 - 19 Jun **Vienna : Festival International** arts groups perform everything from theatre to world music at the city's cultural venues. The festival opens with a free outdoor concert in front of the town hall. <http://www.festwochen.or.at/>
- 16 **Salzburg - Marathon** follows two laps from the Residenzplatz past Salzburg's beautiful palaces and gardens. Also a half marathon, quarter marathon, kids' race and relay events
- 31 - 05 June **Innsbruck International Film Festival** www.iffi.at/en

June

- 02 - 06 **Romantic composer**. Held in the Franz Liszt Centre in the small town where he was born with a series of concerts and readings. www.lisztfestival.at
- Vienna- Philharmonic Summer Night's Concert**, Schönbrunn Palace, serve up the very best in classical music - **free of charge**. www.sommernachtskonzert.at
- 10 - 13 June **Salzburg - Whitsun Festival** Under the title "Salzburg goes Napoli" the artistic director, Ricardo Muti, refers to the long and tradition steeped connection between the Austrian and Neapolitan cultures.
- 12 **Lienz : Dolomitenradrundfahrt** super-fit cyclists take on a gruelling 112km/187km mountain route. Open-air concerts, mountain sprints and parties.
- 15 - 15 Jul **Vienna : Jazz Festival** One of Europe's biggest jazz events World-famous international singers and artists www.viennajazz.org/
- 18 **Vienna : Rainbow Parade/Ringstrasse** community gets together for music, parties and gay pride guys and girls all serve as a symbol for solidarity, tolerance and equality. www.regenbogenparade.at
- 24 - 26 **Danube: Island Festival** one of the largest free open air parties in Europe traditional Schrammelmusik to chart toppers performed on 20 stages on the 6.5km festival site www.donauinselfest.at

July

- 03 **Klagenfurt : Ironman Austria** Europe's largest triathlon <http://ironmanaustria.at/splash/frame.htm>
- 05 - 06 Aug **Vienna : Operetta Summer** young artists and ballet groups in colourful costumes performing amusing productions of well-known operetta scenes. held in the Schlosspark Theresianums <http://www.wieneroperettensommer.com/index.php6>
- 07 - 09 **Kitzbüher IBoogie Woogie & Blues Festival**
- 20 - 22 Aug **Bregenz Festival** An opera festival with two stages: a traditional opera house (the Festspielhaus), home to rare operas; and a stage under the open sky on the Lake Stage (Seebühne), <http://www.bregenzfestspiele.com/en/>
- 27 - 30 Aug **Salzburg Festival** one of the cultural highlights of the year - held since 1920 with the Vienna Philharmonic, musicians and ensembles and to this day an *al fresco* production of Hofmannsthal's *Jedermann (Everyman)* takes place in the Domplatz. www.salzburgerfestspiele.at
- 29 -06 Aug **Graz Strada International Festival for Puppet and Street Theatre**

August

02 - 07

Strandbad : Beach Volleyball Grand Slam one of the premium beach volleyball events in Europe. Renowned for its friendly party atmosphere. www.beachvolleyball.at

September

08 - 18

Esterházy Palace - International Haydn Days - annually explores the amazing amount of music Haydn composed, from symphonies to chamber works, opera to piano sonatas and masses to concertos. www.haydnfestival.at/haydn_de/

08 - 13

Lake Faakersee / Lake Wörthersee European bike Week - Harley Davidson

23 -16 Oct

Graz : Styrian Autumn Festival provides a forum for young artists to experiment and display their work. An eclectic range of exhibitions, films, plays and readings <http://www.steirischerherbst.at/2009/deutsch/index.php>

October

20 - 02 Nov

Vienna : Vienna International Film Festival Austria's biggest international film festival. Film buffs visit Vienna's cinemas and arts spaces to see premières by upcoming independent film-makers www.viennale.at/deutsch/

November

28 - 1 May

Ischgl : Winter at Ischgl 200km of prepared pistes, 1400-2900 metres above sea level includes the largest snowboarder's fun park in Europe. Season opens and closes with a Top of the Mountain Easter Concert www.ischgl.com/

Nov - Dec

Throughout Austria - Christmas Markets - see for full details see www.christmas-markets.org

Belgium

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April

15 - 08 May

Laeken : The Royal Greenhouses: Six acres of neoclassical rotundas, domes and galleries opens to the public, the visit includes the Queen Elizabeth's workshop and the castle stables.

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28 - 05 May

Antwerp : 10 Mile Marathon
Brussels : Short Film Festival (13th edition) dedicated to Germany to celebrate 20 years since its re-unification and to honour the German Cinema
Brussels : Art Brussels Thousands of art experts and art lovers from all over the world visit works representing over 150 international galleries www.artbrussels.be

28 - 10 May

May

02 - 05

Namur : Festival of the Fairground Arts - comedians, magicians, dream and illusion merchants take you along in search of emotions and pleasure! Fascinating!

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Brussels : Queen Elizabeth Music Competition - Piano Awards young pianists www.cmireb.be

13 - 14

Liege : International Jazz Festival: prestigious annual gathering of the greats of jazz www.jazzaliebe.be

13 - 14

Brussels : Belgium Gay Pride: With walks through Brussels, music and festivities www.blgp.be

26 - 29

Ostend : Ostend at Anchor Maritime Festival www.oostendevooranker.be

27 - 29

Brussels : 16th Jazz Marathon: With 400 artists at 125 free concerts www.jazzmarathon.be

June

To Sept

Brussels : Roller Parade: 7pm every Friday, June-September. 10km roller skating Circuit, ending with a fiesta in the centre of town.

02

Bruges : Procession of the Holy Blood: Annually since 1150, one of the greatest religious pageants in Europe, mile long procession of Bruges citizens - many in medieval dress www.bruges.be

04 - 14 Oct

Festival of Wallonia: Prestigious international orchestras and soloists perform in castles, abbeys and churches in the French speaking part of Belgium. info@festivaldewallonie.be

08 - 12

Brussels : Ancient Art Fair: Dealers in classical, Egyptian and Near Eastern antiquities, from all over the world, display their treasures. www.baaf.be

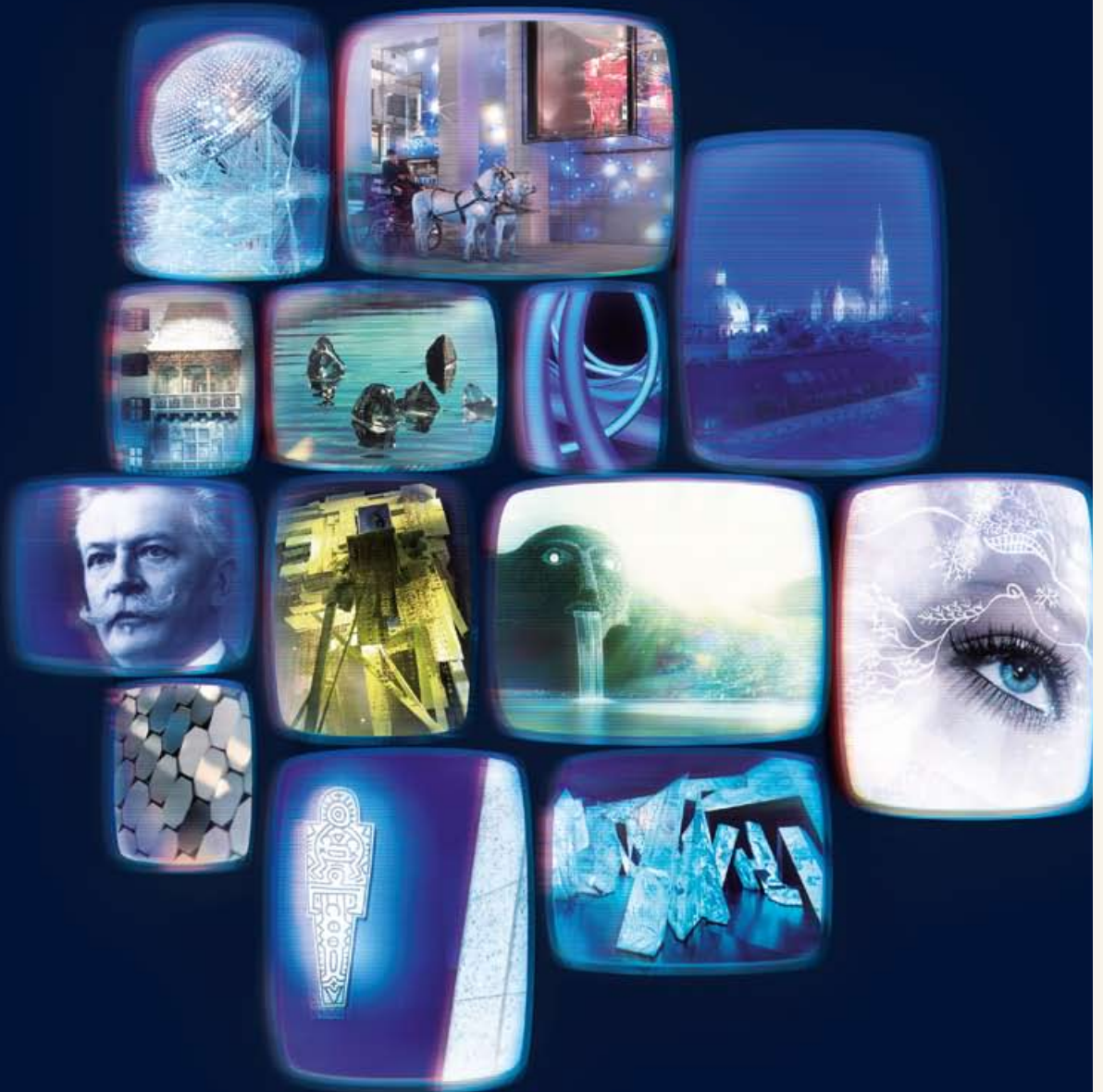
24 - 26

Brussels : Couleur Café festival music from the Caribbean, Africa & Latin America

SWAROVSKI

MOMENTS OF WONDER SPARKLING SHOPPING EXPERIENCES

Swarovski Kristallwelten **Wattens**
Swarovski **Innsbruck**
Swarovski **Wien**



www.swarovski.com/kristallwelten
www.swarovski.com/innsbruck
www.swarovski.com/wien



Belgium continued.....

July

To September **Brussels-Royal Palace:** Open daily from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm, except on Mondays Entrance free. www.monarchie.be

03 **Bruges : Zand Fests** Koning Albertpark & 't Zand visitors can enjoy perusing one of the largest flea markets in Flanders.

04 **Bruges : Zand Fests - Koning Albertpark & 't Zand** one of the largest flea markets
In Flanders Tel 0032 50 34 17 36

05 - 07 **Brussels : Ommegang Pageant** Annual event in honour of Emperor Charles V at The Grand Place

08- 10 **Chiny : Intercultural Fairytale Festival.** Attracts storytellers and joke tellers who can be found, in the halls and streets of the town and in the forest and boats on the Semois River.

09 - 10 **Brussels : Brosella Folk & Jazz** Free festival including jazz, folk and numerous activities for all

15- 18 **Dinant : Jazz Nights Festival** International event. Groups and musicians - old and new names.

16 - 25 **Ghent : Festivities** Medieval fair with street entertainment www.gentsefeesten.be

22 - 25 **Libramont : Fair** Huge outdoor rural exhibition showcasing machinery, livestock breeding, forestry, agri-food industry, horticulture and more.

August

04- 07 **Dranouter : Folk Festival** annual largest in Europe in Heuvelland www.folkdranouter.be

07 **Bruges : Zand Fests** Koning Albertpark & 't Zand visitors can enjoy perusing one of the largest flea markets in Flanders. Contact: 0032 50 34 17 36

15 **Dinant : 28th Bath tub Regatta:** Over 250 participants race on the river Meuse,

27 - 28 **Ath : Ducasse Ceremony & Procession of the Giants** dating back to the 15thC, with magnificent procession of giants and floats.

September

Sept - Oct **Flanders Festival** taking place throughout the historical cities

02 - 04 **Brussels Beer Festival** www.weekenddelabiere.be

25 **Bruges : Zand Fests** Koning Albertpark & 't Zand visitors can enjoy perusing one of the largest flea markets in Flanders

October

02 **Brussels : Marathon** Annual event

08- 06 Nov **Ostend : Halloween In Ostend,** opening up the city to ghosts, spiders, pumpkins and vampires, you can come in costume or enjoy the dressed window displays www.toerisme-oostende.be

15 - 16 **Hasselt : Jenever Festivities** The Borrel Man changes water into gin. Vistiors can walk or ride on the Gin Tram. www.jeneverfeesten.be

November

- Dec Throughout Belgium - Christmas and Advent Markets see www.christmas-markets.org

December

1-31 **Brussels : European Christmas Market** - Ice Rink, shopping, Winter Fun. www.christmas-markets.org

Croatia

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April

30 - 15 Sept **Fažana - Little Academy of Pilchard Fishing,** A new gastronomic experience - over a hundred ways to prepare this oily fish. www.istria-fazana.com

May

07 - 09 **Samobor - Days of the Samobor Custard Slices** The local pastry shops serve this delicious cake and the locals say giving a slice to someone will heal any argument. www.samoborske-kremsnite.com

26-28 **Požega - One-Minute Film Festival,** - Films of all genres where the plot, the action and the outcome happens in just 60 seconds. www.crominute.hr

June

02 - 12 **Zagreb - Cest is D'Best,** a world of circus and theatre entertainers, music, jugglers, clowns and magicians. www.kraljeviulice.com

10 - 12 **Ogulin - Fairytale Festival** Enter a magical world of fairies, dwarves and mystical creatures and

celebrate the life and work of Croatia's most famous author of fairytales, Brič Mažuranićofte. www.ogfb.hr

18 - 02 July **Šibenik - 51st International Children's Festival,** storytelling, crafts, music and dance, giant screens, theatre productions, puppet shows and parades all staged to promote creativity in children www.mdf-si.org

28 - 23 July **Rijeka 8th Summer Festival** comprises everything from classical drama productions, opera, premieres of recent works and concerts of classical music, to street theatre and pop concerts. www.rijekeljjetnenoci.com

July

03 - 26 **Omiš Dalmatian Klape** promote secular folk songs and encourage the creation of contemporary capella songs www.fdk.hr

06 - 13 **Petrčane 6th Garden Festival,** actually a dance festival www.thegardenfestival.eu

10 - 25 Aug **Dubrovnik Summer Festival** presents a rich programme of classical music, theatre, opera and dance on more. www.dubrovnik-festival.hr

14 - 14 Aug **Split Summer Festival** musical performances, dance, theatre, opera, concerts and exhibitions, film projections and street theatre www.splitsko-ljeto.hr/split-summer-festival/

20 - 24 **Zagreb - International Folklore Festival,** original folk customs and music and performing arts events www.msf.hr

25 - 27 **Island of Rab - Rab Fair (Fjera),** The islanders portray the life of their ancestors through costumed dramatic events, knight's tournament, medieval craftsmen, artisans and merchants show their crafts. www.fjera.hr

August

06 07 **Nr Split Alka of Sinj (Croatian Knights Game)** Historic contest followed by music, dancing and feasting until dawn. www.visitsplit.com

26 - 27 **Vrbnik - Days of the Krk Wines,** celebration of the rich tradition of Croatian winemaking. Presentations, exhibitions, samplings direct from the producers. www.vrbnik.hr

September

10 - 06 Nov **Istria - Days of Truffles .** the gourmet crown jewels of Istria. and in November taste truffles in every possible combination www.istria-gourmet.com

23 - 03 Oct **Varaždin - Baroque Festival,** concerts performed by renowned Croatian and international orchestras and soloists.. www.vbv.hr

October

01 - 10 **Punat, Island of Krk - Days of Olives** By day the fruit is harvested and in the evening a feast is served with the best cooks in Croatia competing and preparing olive-based dishes. www.tzpunat.hr

14 - 30 **Lovran - The Chestnut Festival** A celebration of the delicious and versatile chestnut with stalls, tastings and recipes www.tz-lovran.hr

16 - 22 **Zagreb Film Festival** Not just for film buffs, also excellent concerts. www.zagrebfilmfestival.com

Czech Republic

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April

30 - 02 May **Český Krumlov : Magical Krumlov,** Historical market and musical fair www.ckrumlov.cz

May

06 - 08 **Pilsen : Liberation Festival** Celebration of the liberation of the town by the US Army during WWII www.pilsen.eu

06 - 08 **Valtice : Wine Festival** The largest and most prestigious exhibition of wines in the Czech Republic www.valtice.eu

07 - 09 **Prague : Traditional marathon (42.195km)** through the historical centre of Prague www.praguemarathon.com or www.tipsfortrips.cz

09 - 31 **Central Moravia : Dvořák's Olomouc,** International classical music festival now in its 8th year www.mfo.cz

12 - 04 June **Prague : 66th Spring International (Classical) Music Festival** www.festival.cz

13 - 28 **Prague : Czech Beer Festival** The largest gastronomic event in the Czech Republic! Ten

Czech Republic continued.....

- thousand places to sit. Czech folk costumes. www.ceskypivnifestival.cz
- 18 - 17 July **Jihlava : 9th International Mahler Music Festival** www.tipsfortrips.cz or www.mahler2000.cz
- 20 - 05 June **Brno : City in the Centre of Europe** International fireworks display www.tipsfortrips.cz or www.ignisbrunensis.cz
- 27 - 29 **Vlčnov : Ride of Kings** Folk festival with music, dancing and a parade www.ksk.vlcnov.cz
- 28 - 29 **Turnov : Old Bohemian Market** International show of traditional handicrafts. www.tipsfortrips.cz or www.muzeum-turnov.cz
- 28 - 26 June **South Bohemia/South Moravia : Concertus Moraviae** An International music festival involving 13 towns and other venues such as churches, chateaux and courtyards. The festival also called 'Bohemian Dreams' is the Czech part of a Pan-European project. www.concertus-moraviae.cz or www.tipsfortrips.cz
- 31 May **Ostrava : Golden Running Spike** A traditional athletics meeting which has been added to the International Athletics Federation Super Grand Prix category

June

- 06 - 29 Jun **Prague : Festival Dance Prague** Festival of contemporary dance and movement theatre www.tanecpraha.cz
- 10 - 12 **Pilsen : Ghosts and Carnival** fireworks and market fair, also features possibly the largest procession of ghosts and spirits in the world. www.nadace700.cz
- 17 - 19 **Ceský Krumlov : Five-petal Rose Celebrations** Renaissance festival www.ckrumlov.cz
- 18 - 07 Aug **Cheb : Mitte Europa.** A classical music and other fine arts festival www.festival-mitte-europa.com
- 21- 23 July **Prague : Prague Proms** The 6th year of this international music festival www.pragueproms.cz
- 23 - 26 **Strážnice : International Folk Festival** Music, dancing, handicrafts and costume parade www.nulk.cz or www.tipsfortrip.cz
- 25 - 26 **Kutná Hora : Kings Silver Festival** Medieval festival with costumed parades, fair and fireworks www.stribreni.cz or www.tipsfortrips.cz

July

- 01 - 02 **Hradec Kralove : 145th anniversary of the Battle of Hradec Kralove** Historic reconstruction of the 1866 battle in which Prussia became unified with Germany www.gardahk.cz or www.tipsfortrips.cz
- 14 - 17 **Ostrava : Colours of Ostrava** 9th Festival of rock, folk, ethno and alternative music www.colours.cz
- 22 - 29 Aug **Ceský Krumlov : International Music Festival** One of the highlights in the town's summer cultural calendar www.ckrumlov.cz
- 23 - 24 **Trebon : Traditional Beer Fest** held in a brewery over six hundred years old www.pivovar-regent.cz

August

- 05 - 07 **Jablunkovsko : 63rd Gorolski Swieto** International Folk Festival held in a natural auditorium in the forest www.gorolskiewieto.cz or www.tipsfortrips.cz
- 18 - 20 **Hradec Kralove : Hip Hop Kemp** Biggest hip hop event in country www.hiphopkemp.cz
- 19 - 20 **Telc : Zacharias of Hradec and Katerina Valdstejn** Festival traditional cultural event with a folk history theme www.tipsfortrips.cz
- 19 - 20 **Vizovicke Trnkobrani : 42nd Contemporary Music Festival** www.tipsfortrips.cz
- 27 - 28 **Pilsen : 167th Festival On the Street** connecting art and culture with gastronomy www.espritplzen.cz

September

- 02 - 03 **Zatec : 54th Hop Harvest Festival** Event with the longest tradition in country www.docesna.cz or www.tipsfortrips.cz
- 07 - 11 **Jičín : A Town of Fairytales**, the 21th annual multicultural festival for children of all ages. www.kudyznudy.cz or www.pohadka.cz
- 09 - 11 **Mikulov : Pálava Wine Festival** Traditional wine festival with historic parade, folklore performance, crafts fair. www.mikulov.cz
- 09 - 11 **Prague: Night Grand Prix** Running through the illuminated streets of Prague. The 10 and 5km races begin at 20.00 and 21.00. The old Town Square will be animated with live music, dancing and other attractions www.tipsfortrips.cz
- 17 - 19 **Jemnice : Barchan Celebrations** One of the oldest pageants in Bohemia, commemorating the victory of John of Luxembourg (1296-1346) aka John of

Bohemia. Parades and festivals with hundreds of costumed participants. www.barchan.jemnice.cz

October

07 - 21

Brno : Moravian Autumn Annual 46th international festival of classical music www.mhf-brno.cz/moravsky-podzim/cz or www.tipsfortrips.cz

November

27 - Jan 2012

Christmas Markets in Prague and other Czech towns www.christmasmarkets.org www.tipsfortrips.cz or www.pragueexperience.com

December

03 - 06

Austerlitz : Slavkov/Castle of Slavkov Commemorative event of the 206th anniversary of the Battle of Austerlitz aka the Battle of the 3 Emperors regarded as one of Napoleon Bonaparte's greatest victories.

Denmark

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April

To end Aug

Klampenborg-Bakken: the world's oldest and one of Europe's most popular amusement parks. www.bakken.dk

14 - 25 Sept

Copenhagen: Tivoli Gardens: One of the worlds oldest amusement Parks That gave Walt Disney the idea for Disneyland www.tivoli.dk

20 - 01 May

Copenhagen : PIX New Film Festival incorporating NatFilm Festival and Copenhagens International Film Festival. Showing over 170 feature films www.cphpix.dk

16

Copenhagen-Queen's Birthday: Balcony scene at Amalienborg Palace at noon

30 - 06 May

Ribe - Viking Market . Hundred s of Vikings, you can experience a wealth of Viking crafts, combat displays, riding shows

May

25

Copenhagen-Marathon: www.copenhagenmarathon.dk

19 - 21

Odense Folk Festival - a mix of unknown and well-known Danish and foreign folk artists who all have a love of folk music in common! www.odensefolkfestival.dk

21 - 22

Odense - Iron Age Market, Visitors go back 2000 years and see the beautiful village populated again. About 100 market people give an insight into that time's everyday life.

28

Aalborg - Carnival: the largest carnival in Northern Europe attracting over 100,000 visitors and 25,000 participants in Sunday's Grand Parade. The theme is will be "La Dolce Vita".

June

10 - 12

Copenhagen-Carnival: a major cultural event since 1982. www.karneval.dk

22- 26

Silkeborg-Riverboat Jazz Festival: www.riverboat.dk/

26

West Jutland - North Sea Beach Marathon: one of the world's unusual runs, in that it all happens on sand. www.beachmarathon.com

30-03 July

Roskilde - Rock Festival: www.roskilde-festival.dk

July

01-10

Copenhagen Jazz Festival World-renowned bands throughout the city www.festival.jazz.dk

09-16

Arhus : 21st International Jazz Festival - 200 concerts covering a wealth of different jazz artists www.jazzfest.dk

August

05 - 07

Copenhagen - Cultural Harbour: free days of leisure and cultural events throughout the harbour including with over 650 participants www.kulturhavn.dk

06- 07

Copenhagen Historic Grand Prix. Classic cars participating in a thrilling race around the major park of the Copenhagens, Fælledparken

Odense Flower Festival See, feel and smell the more than 180.000 flowers, plants and vegetables . www.blomsterfestival.dk

17-21

Horsens- Medieval Festival: over 100,000 participants, The European Festival represent all aspects of medieval society - arts, crafts, music and everyday customs, encompassing AD 1350 to 1536. www.middelalderfestival.dk

26 - 27

Denmark continued.....

26 - 04 Sept **Århus Festival** Theatre, concerts, opera, ballet, music and sport for all. www.aarhusfestuge.dk

September

13 - 17 **Limfjorden Sailing Race**
Each year approximately 50 old traditionally rigged sailing vessels are participating in the race. Each evening the vessels call at a new port.

October

14 **Copenhagen, Horsens, Esbjerg, Aalborg and Århus**- More than 750 cultural sites will be open to the public from 6 to 12 pm normally not open to the public www.kulturnatten.dk

November

03 - 05 **Odense . International Days of Blues** features local and international artists
Nov - Dec **Copenhagen Christmas Tables at Royal Copenhagen** One of the nicest recurring events in Copenhagen is the showing of the Christmas tables at the Royal Copenhagen store at Amagertorv
Christmas markets see www.christmas-markets.org

England

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April

17 **London - Virgin London Marathon** www.virginlondonmarathon.com
29 **London - Westminster Abbey Royal Wedding** Kate and William tie the knot
30 -01 May **London - Camden Crawl** More than 150 of the best cutting edge and established British and International music talents will take over 40 neighbouring Camden Town venues. www.thecamdencrawl.com

May

02 **Stilton - Cheese Rolling Championship.** Hundreds of villagers and visitors watch the teams battling for the honour of being called the champion www.stilton.org
05 - 08 **London - Real Food Festival** Earls Court SW5
07 - 30 **Brighton - Festival Fringe** comedy, music, arts, film, dance, theatre performances and workshops. Held in over 240 venues. Runs alongside Brighton Festival.
08 **London - Covent Garden May Fayre & Puppet Festival** St Paul's Church Garden, Showcase for Punch and Judy puppetry.
12 - 21 **Cornwall - The Daphne du Maurier Festival of Arts & Literature** Celebrates the life and work of Daphne du Maurier. 150 events take place in the St Austell Bay and Fowey Estuary
14 **Wembley Stadium - The FA Cup Final** Biggest event in the football year
19 - 10 Sept **London - Summer Shakespeare Season** www.openairtheatre.org
19 - 21 **Liverpool - SoundCity** Over 400 bands play in over 30 venues. Includes conference and The John Peel World Cup.
21 - 28 Aug **Lewes - Glyndebourne Festival Opera** Glyndebourne Opera House. Features world premieres, new productions and revivals. www.glyndebourne.com
21 - 22 **Twickenham Stadium - Emirates Airline London Sevens Rugby**
24 -28 **London RHS Chelsea Flower Show** Undoubtedly unique and undeniably wonderful,
25 - 05 June **Bath - International Music Festival** Eclectic line-up of classical, world, folk, contemporary and jazz music. www.bathmusicfest.org.uk
27 - 12 June **Bath - Fringe Festival** - various venues. Over 200 performances including music, visual arts, street arts and outdoor performances alongside children's events. www.bathfringe.co.uk
28 - 29 **Birmingham - Gay Pride** various venues. Includes a parade, live music and entertainment, films, market stalls, community information and other activities.

June

02 - 12 July **Hampshire - Grange Park Opera Festival**, www.grangeparkopera.co.uk
03 - 04 **Epsom - Derby** : www.epsomderby.co.uk
07 - 15 Aug **London - The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition** The worlds largest open contemporary art exhibition showing a wide range of new work by living artists. Many exhibits for sale.

08 - 18 **Hampton Court - Palace Festival** well known artists perform in Base Court setting
08 - 10 **Silverstone - Formula 1 British Santander Grand Prix 2011**
10 -12 **Isle of Wight Festival** Seaclose Park - Event featuring over 40 performances
10 -12 **Althorp - House Literary Festival** featuring author signings.
10 - 26 **Suffolk - 64th Aldeburgh Festival Of Music And The Arts** www.aldeburgh.co.uk
11 **London - Trooping the Colour** on her birthday the Queen leaves Buckingham Palace at 10 a.m. and arrives at Horse Guards Parade at 11 a.m. There is a flypast of the Battle of Britain Flight at 1 p.m.
14 - 18 **Berkshire - Royal Ascot** The worlds most famous race is steeped in history and is one of the highlights of the British social calendar
16 **Congham, Norfolk - The World Snail Racing Championships** The 2010 champion was Sydney who won the final in 3 minutes 41 seconds www.snailracing.net
17 - 03 July **London Pride Day** various venues. Celebration of sexual diversity includes the Pride parade, party, rally and cabaret events.
20 - 03 July **Wimbledon - Lawn Tennis Championship** www.wimbledon.org
22 - 26 **Glastonbury Festival** (also known as Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts) Highlight of the UK live music calendar www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk
24 - 10 July **Chichester Festivities** various venues. Features orchestras and soloists performing classical music, jazz, cabaret also celebrity talks, literature, films and theatre
24 - 16 July **London - Kenwood House Picnic Concerts** There are few better locations for a summer Saturday night concert to be enjoyed with a picnic and champagne
29 - 03 July **Henley Royal Regatta** Running since 1839, and has grown from a local event into one of the biggest meetings in International rowing,
29 - 10 July **Cheltenham - Music Festival** Celebrates inspiring classical music.
30 - 30 July **Harrogate International Festival.**, world music, street theatre, comedy and classical performances: solo recitalists, symphony orchestras, dance and theatre

July

01 - 10 **Birmingham - International Jazz Festival** Over 200 events at around 60 venues.
05 - 10 **Hampton Court Palace - RHS Flower Show**
06 - 11 **Kew Gardens - Kew the Music (Formerly Summer Swing at Kew)**Outdoor summer music festival.
06 - 10 **Henley - Festival Of Music & The Arts** - floating stage performances of jazz, classical and operatic acts, firework displays, as well as visual arts, comedy and street theatre.
09 - 27 **Buxton Festival** - Buxton Opera House. Seven operas and around 100 daytime events, including 17 literary talks.
15 - 10 Sept **London - BBC Proms & Proms in The Park** - Royal Albert Hall, and various venues, UK. Over 70 performances by world class orchestras.
16 - 19 **Farnborough - International Air show**
16 - 24 **Bristol -International Balloon Fiesta** Over 400 balloons in daily mass balloon ascents, over 200 trade stands, fireworks displays, music acts and children's entertainment.
2 - 24 **Silverstone Classic** - Classic motor racing entertainment.
23 - 03 Oct **London Buckingham Palace** - Summer opening www.royalcollection.org.uk
23 - 29 **Whitstable - Oyster Festival** Features food tastings, theatre, exhibitions, entertainment, music shows, walks and displays.
26 - 30 **Goodwood - Glorious Goodwood Horseracing Event** www.goodwood.co.uk
29 - 31 **Bristol Harbour Festival** Celebrates Bristol's maritime heritage.
29 - 01 Oct **London - Houses of Parliament** opens to the public. www.parliament.uk
30 - 21 Aug **Buxton - International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival** Buxton Opera House, various venues. Celebrates Victorian comic opera. 30 full performances, 70 fringe events.

August

02 - 08 **London Earls Court - The Great British Beer Festival** Over 700 real ales from around the world gbbf.camra.org.uk
06 - 13 Aug **The Solent - Skandia Cowes Week** - Yacht heaven!
08 - 14 **London - Yonex BWF World Badminton**

England continued.....

- 24 - 31 **Championships** www.gulliverstravel.co.uk/badminton
Liverpool - International Beatles Week Festival The Cavern Celebrates the British pop music invasion of the 60s with international bands performing tributes
- 26 - 28 **Reading Festival** Final major event on the UK summer festival circuit www.readingfestival.com
- 27 - 29 **Portsmouth - International Kite Festival** Southsea Common display of large kites with notable kite fliers, live music, arts and crafts. : www.portsmouthkitefestival.org.uk
- 27- 29 **Herstmonceux Castle - England's Medieval Festival** of the middle ages with jousting, 2000 strong battle re-enactment, fire-eaters, falconry, strolling minstrels, craft stalls. www.englishmediievalfestival.co.uk
- 28 - 29 **London - Notting Hill Carnival** West London multi-cultural fiesta.
- 28 - 01 Sept **London - Hampton Court Palace Beer & Jazz Festival** Ale accompanied by funky music in fine surroundings.

September

- 02 - 06 Nov **Blackpool - The Blackpool Illuminations** - Britain's most popular attraction is switched on www.blackpootourism.com
- 03 -04 **Bristol International Festival of Kites & Air Creations** UK's biggest kite festival with flying displays, workshops for children www.kite-festival.org.uk
- 10 - 11 **London - The Mayor's Thames Festival** Between Westminster and Tower Bridges high-profile, cutting-edge arts events on the river, including a riverside bazaar
- 16- 24 **Southampton - Boat Show** www.southamptonboatshow.com
- 16 - 24 **Bath - Jane Austen Festival** Participants parade along the grand Georgian terraces in Regency costume - music, dancing, food and literary events

October

- 04 - 09 **NEC Birmingham Horse of the Year Show** www.hoys.co.uk

November

- 06 **London - The London to Brighton Veteran Car Run** www.lbvcr.com
- 07 - 10 **London - World Travel Market** Excel www.wtmlondon.com
- 11 - 20 **London Jazz Festival** UK and international performers. Encourages artists to work in new ways via eclectic collaborations. Features music, DJs, poetry, forums ...
- 13 **London - Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance** Royal Albert Hall

December

- Christmas Markets** - Nationally www.christmas-markets.org
- 25 **London - Serpentine, Peter Pan Cup Swimming Race** Traditionally members of the Serpentine Swimming Club have been plunging themselves into the lake's icy water

Estonia 2011

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2011 Tallinn is a Capital of culture see www.tallinn2011.ee/eng for related events

April

- 20 - 30 **Tallinn : 21th Festival Jazzkaar** - the biggest jazz festival in the Baltic States - 50 concerts in Tallinn, Tartu, Pärnu, Viljandi and other cities. International star musicians and local jazz talents represent various styles.
- 26 - 02 May **Tartu : Student Spring Days**

May

- 06 - 09 **Tartu : Literature Festival** - 'Prima Vista'
- 07 - 08 **Tartu : Author Song Festival** - 'May Song'
- 08 - 09 **Tartu : Running Marathon**
- 12 - 13 **Spring Farm Days : Estonian Open Air Museum** You can see what kind of spring tasks were carried out on an Estonian farm and what peasants eat, drink and do.
- 20 - 23 **Tartu : XXVI Sell Games**
- 28 **Tallin/Tartu : Grand Prix**

- 28 - 05 June **Tallinn : 30th Old Town Days** - Festival of musicians, medieval characters, markets and events
- 29 - 30 **Tartu : Festival 'Runic Night'**
- 29 **Tartu : Grand Prix**
- 30 **Tartu : Cycling Rally**

June

- 01 **Tartu : Children's Day** - 'City Full of Creation'
- 01 **Tartu : 46th Gustav Sule Memorial**
- 03 - 05 **Tartu : Estonian Young Composers Festival**
- 11 - 13 **Tartu : EELC Church Days and Religious Song Festival**
- 12 - 13 **Tallin : Granny's and Grandpa's Days** - Estonian Open Air Museum . Here grandparents lark about together with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Come and enjoy dancing and singing as well as beautiful handicraft.

July

- 06 - 09 **Tallinn : Õllesummer Festival** - (BeerSummer) - biggest outdoor festival in Baltics with over 10 arenas offering five days of local and International bands and program for children as well as their parents. At Tallinn Song Festival Grounds
- 07 - 10 **Tallinn : Medieval Festival in the Old Town** with concerts, carnival, workshops, activities for children and handicrafts sales. The skills of ancient masters are brought to life and nobles, musicians, and fools roam among the market stalls.
- 12 - 20 **Tartu : Festival 'Glasperlenspiel'**
- 14 - 18 **Tartu : Brass Music Festival** - 'The Roaring Horn'
- 16 - 18 **Tartu : Hanseatic Days**
- 15 - 17 **Tallinn - Maritime Days** Maritime Days Maritime and harbour related programmes, concerts, boat trips, water related attractions and performances.
- 17 **Tartu : Festival -'PLINK PLONK'**
- 29 - 31 **Tartu : Youngsters Football Tournament** - Tammeka Cup'

August

- 01 - 31 **Tallinn : XIV International Organ Festival**
- 08 **Tartu : Roller Skating Marathon**
- 09 - 15 **Tartu : Film Festival** - 'Tartuff'
- 10 - 27 **Tallinn : 12th Dance Festival** one of the most well known international festivals of contemporary dance in Estonia.
- 11 - 21 **Tallinn : Birgitta Festival** - St. Bridget's Convent Ruins A unique festival program featuring work steeped in the spirit of the setting at the medieval convent (including operas, vocal-symphonic masterworks
- 20 - 21 **Tartu : V Emajõgi Festival**
- 20 - 22 **Tartu : Extreme Battle**

September

- 01 - 30 **Tallinn : Design Festival** - Design Nights
- 01 **Tartu : Wisdom Day** - 'Showing Knowledge'
- 01 - 05 **Tartu : Festival 'Eletica 2010'**
- 02 - 05 **Tartu : XVII Accordion Festival**
- 06 - 12 **Tartu : Festival of New Drama**
- 11 **Tallinn : Marathon**
- 14 - 24 **Tallinn : Chamber Music Festival** Numerous classical music concerts with Estonia's top soloists and ensembles.
- 18 - 19 **Tartu : Cycling Marathon**
- 21 - 24 **Tallinn : 16th International Festival of Sacred Music "Credo"** Some of the finest examples of Orthodox music, from early Christian liturgical chants to compositions by modern-day composers.

October

- 07 - 10 **Tartu : Early Music Festival**
- 08 - 09 **Tartu : Break Dance Festival** - 'Battle of EST'
- 11 - 17 **Tartu : Student Autumn Days**
- 30 - 03 Nov **Tartu : Youngsters Amateur Film Festival** - 'NAFF'

November

- 10 - 12 **Tallinn : St. Martin`s Day Fair**
- 15 - 15 Dec **Tallinn : 15th Tallinn Black Night Film Festival**
- 26 - 08 Jan **Tallin: Old Town Christmas Market**
- 28 - 24 Dec **Tartu : Christmas City** see www.christmas-markets.org

December

- 18 - 19 **Tallinn - Christmas Village** - let the Christmas mood overwhelm you with smells of food, old songs and Christmas stories. You can take part in traditional holiday preparations of our ancestors while looking for presents during the Christmas hustle, Webpage : Estonian Open Air Museum
- 26 - 05 **Tartu : Black Nights Film Festival**

France

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April

22 - Oct 16 **Chaumont-sur-Loire : 20th International Garden Festival** Over 400 gardens designed. Theme of the festival is "Gardens of the future or the art of happy diversity". www.domaine-chaumont.fr

May

08 **Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne : 20th Festival of the Strawberry** Around five tons of strawberries are on show in giant tarts, on stands, and used for games. www.fetedelafraise-beaulieu.fr
11 - 22 **Cannes Film Festival** - 64th annual world renowned festival www.festival-cannes.fr

June

11 - 02 Oct **Aix-en-Provence : 'L'exemple de Cezanne' Granet Museum** Over 150 works from painters including Cezanne, Monet, Renoir, Van Gogh. Celebrating works from the Planque Collection

11 - 11 Sept **Fontainebleau : Exhibition 'Barbizon à l'affiche'** in the Château de Fontainebleau. A tribute to "L'Angélus" of Jean-François Millet .and an exhibition of famous poster artist Johnny Razzia.. www.musee-chateau-fontainebleau.fr/spip.php?page=sommaire&lang=en

18-19 **Bordeaux : The Bordeaux River Festival** Annual event on the banks of the Garonne with a program of art, architecture, exhibitions, music, singing, dancing and other events. Mexico will be honoured in 2011 www.rio-loco.org

20 - 26 **Le Bourget : Paris Air Show 2000** exhibitors and 400.00 visitors www.paris-air-show.com

July

05-09 **Cognac : 9th Blues Passion Festival** Over 140 concerts (half have free admission) take place throughout Cognac for five days and nights from 10am until dawn! www.bluespassions.com
08 - 14 **Nevers : 'Les Zaccros d'ma Rue'** Street festival celebrating the French Formula 1 Grand Prix. www.zaccros.org

14 - 17 **Brittany - Carhaix : Les Vieilles Charrues** France's answer to Glastonbury celebrates its 20th birthday www.vieillescharrues.asso.fr

16 - 23 **Corsica - Património : Les Nuits de la Guitare** In the Verdure Theatre. Annual rendez-vous for great guitarists in the world of jazz, blues, flamenco, gypsy, rock and tango. www.festival-guitare-patrimonio.com

20 - 20 Aug **Paris Plages (Paris Beach)** a full-fledged beach with sand, games, cafes, and even boating will take over the banks of the Seine and the Bassin de la Villette in North Paris.

September

01 - 24 **Beaune : 'Festival International d'Opéra Baroque'** one of Europe's most prestigious festivals of Baroque music. www.festivalbeaune.com

09 - 19 **Beaune : 'Jazz à Beaune'** a lovely jazz & wine festival www.jazzabeaune.fr

11 - 27 **'Musique au Chambertain'** The pleasure of classical music with the pleasure of Burgundy wine in prestigious venues such as Chambolle-Musigny and the Château du Clos Vougeot. www.burgundy-tourism.com

15 - 17 **Tulle : Festival 'Les Nuits de Nacre'** also known as the Tulle Accordion Festival. Around 70 concerts held in cafes and cultural venues throughout town. www.nuitsdenacre.com

16 - 25 **Charleville Mezières : 50th World Puppet Festival** puppeteers and enthusiasts come to see shows, photographic exhibitions, window displays, original performance art, and street entertainment in a carnival atmosphere www.festival-marionnette.com

21 - 25 **Orléans : "Festival de Loire"** Celebrations, music and entertainment to pay homage to the river listed as a world heritage site by UNESCO. www.festivaldeloire.com

30 - 03 Oct **Paris - Longchamp : Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe:** Europe's premier horse race www.parisinfo.com

30 - 18 Oct **Montpellier : International Guitar Festival** an ode to guitar playing in all its forms. Performances by world-class musicians www.languedoc-roussillon.leguidedesfestivals.com

October

12 - 16

Pau - Pyrénées Atlantiques - Les Étoiles de Pau International Eventing competition and Cross Country Course at one of the most attractive equestrian grounds in Europe. See the elite of international riders. (The Badminton Horse Trails of France) www.event-pau.fr

NOV - DEC

Throughout France - Christmas Markets see www.christmas-markets.org

Germany

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April

13 - 17

North Rhine/Westphalia : 45th Art Cologne International trade fair/market for modern & contemporary art in www.artcologne.de

15 - 11 Oct

Koblenz : BUGA 2011 - Federal Horticultural Show Koblenz Germany's largest horticultural show Rhineland-Palatinate www.buga2011.de

15 - 18 May

All Bach towns : Bach Music Festival the largest festival of classical music in the Free State of Thuringia www.thueringer-bachwochen.de

22 & 24

Wartburg : Tannhaeuser und der Sangerkrieg auf Wartburg. Wagner Opera www.wartburg.de

28 - 01 May

Bremen : Music Festival & Trade Fair 'Jazzhead'! Congress Centrum. A meeting for the international jazz scene www2.jazzahead.de

May

01 - 15 Sep

Bonn, Rudesheim, Koblenz, St. Goar, Oberwesel : 'Rhine in Flames' - largest and oldest fireworks festival in Germany held in various locations along The Rhine. www.rhein-in-flammen.de

06 - 08

Hamburg : 822nd Anniversary of Hamburg's Port Worlds largest working harbour. Historic ships, dragon boat races, fairs www.hafengeburtstag.de/Contenten/start_e.htm

10 - 13

Berlin : Carnival of Culture. Street fair, concerts, parties and Sunday parade with floats. www.karnevalberlin.de

17 - 22

Dresden : 41nd International Dixieland Festival. Open air music festival www.konzertkasse-dresden.de

18 - 05 June

Dresden : Music Festival Classical music festival and concert. www.musikfestspiele.com

20 - 30 Aug

Rhineland : Palatia Jazz Music festival with a series of concerts in the Palatinate www.palatiajazz.de

23 03 July

Wurzburg : Mozart Festival Classical music festival held since 1921. www.mozartfest-wuerzburg.de/index

21 - 09 Oct

Norderstedt - Schleswig-Holstein : Federal Garden Exhibition www.landesgartenschaunorderstedt.de

June

01 - 31 July

Munich : Opera Festival Opera performances, ballet and concerts. www.bayerische.staatsoper.de/

02 - 12

Halle : Handel Festival www.haendelfestspiele.halle.de

03 - 05

Nurburg : Rock am Ring Star studded open air international festival featuring rock, pop and jazz artists and bands. www.rock-am-ring.com

03 - 09

Zwickau : Schumann Festival www.schumann-zwickau.de

10 - 19

Leipzig : Bach Music Festival World renowned artists perform Bach masterpieces at Thomas Church where Bach was a cantor for 27 years. www.bachfestleipzig.de

10 - 26

Potsdam : Music Festival Opera and concerts in the Sanssouci Palace Open AirTheatre www.musikfestspiele-potsdam.de

17 - 06 Aug

Bad Hersfeld : Festival celebrating Theatre, Musicals, Variety, Literature, Film & Fashion www.bad-hersfelder-festspiele.de

25 - 27 Aug

Hessen : 24th Rheingau International Music Festival Themes include Liszt & Mahler . www.rheingau-musik-festival.de

July

01 - 03

Cologne : Cologne Pride Festival of events, street fairs, ending with The Pride March www.colognepride.de

01 - 03

Cologne : Summer Jam Festival The largest reggae, dancehall and world music festival in Europe on the banks of Lake Fuhlinger See. www.summerjam.de

07 - 12

Berlin : 20th Open Air Festival Classical music

Germany continued.....

- 07 - 21 Aug festival held in one of the most beautiful squares in Berlin. www.classicopenair.de
Jena : Open Air Festival of Culture featuring music, cabaret and performing arts www.kulturarena.de
 09 - 28 Aug **Hamburg & Schl. Holstein : 26th Annual Music Festival** with classical music with focus on the country of Turkey www.shmf.de
 12 - 17 **Berlin : Komische Opera Festival** Opera held in the attractive Komische Theatre www.komische-oper-berlin.de
 29 - 28 Aug **Hamburg : Summer-Dom Fair** The biggest fair in Northern Germany www.hamburgerdom.de

August

- 05 - 07 **Berlin : Beer Festival** Longest beer garden in the world - one mile of stalls offering 1200 types of beer from 180 breweries from Germany, Czech Republic, Belgium and UK. www.bierfestival.berlin.de
 11 - 14 **Rostock : Hanse Sail** Sporting event and festival with regatta's, maritime arts/crafts, shanty choirs, pirates, plays, open ships and pier entertainments with fireworks. www.hansesail.com
 12 - 28 **Xanten : Open Air Festival** held in the impressive Amphitheatre with musicals, ballet and opera. www.xanten@kulturinfo-rheinland.de
 17 - 21 Aug **Berlin : Summer Open-Air Classic festival** Kulturbrauerei www.kulturbrauerei.de
 19 - 21 Aug **Thuringia /Eisenach : Luther Festival Spectacle** Eisenach Central Germany's biggest historical spectacle
 19 - 11 Sept **Weimar : Kunstfest** A festival of music, theatre, dance, fine arts and film. www.kunstfest-weimar.de
 24 - 04 Aug **Stuttgart : Wine Festival** One of the biggest wine festivals in Germany.
 27 - 17 Sept **Bremen : Music Festival** The crème de la crème of world artists perform, at a variety of venues, programmes that range from classical to jazz music www.musikfest-bremen.de
 26 - 28 **Frankfurt : Museum Embankment Festival** Open air art festival and exhibition with concerts, theatre, readings and fireworks.

September

- 01 - 20 **Berlin : Music Festival** Concerts and orchestrals. www.berlinerfestspiele.de
 02 **Munich : Oktoberfest** Over 6 million visitors will celebrate the 201st Anniversary of Barvarian culture. www.oktoberfest2011.de
 09 - 09 Oct **Bonn : Beethoven Festival** Classical music festival with opera, concerts and ballet. www.beethovenfest.de
 25 **Berlin : BMW Marathon** Big sporting event, attracting more than 40,000 runners. The route spans many districts of Berlin and ends at The Brandenburg Gate - concerts, performances and refreshments.

October

- 02 **Cologne : Marathon 15th Event** One of the 6th largest and most popular marathon events. www.koeln.marathon.de
 12 - 23 **Berlin : 7th Festival of Lights** 45 iconic landmarks and historic buildings subjected to laser shows, light projections, light seeing tours. An open air festival.
 24 - 08 Nov **Bonn : Bonner Schumann Festival** - "Endenischer Herbst" Musical Festival featuring Robert Schumann www.bonner-schumannfest.org

November

- 03 - 06 **Berlin : Jazz Festival** Famous names in jazz worldwide. For over 40 years Berlin has been a capital city of jazz and, in recent years, has become a form for European Jazz. www.berlinerfestspiele.de
 08 - 13 **Leipzig : 21st Euro Scene Theatre Festival** Established and innovative festival of German contemporary theatre. Shows and events performed all over Leipzig.
 16 - 20 **Cologne : Fine Art & Antiques** International art trade fair www.cologne-fine-art.de

December

- Dec - 13 Jan **Bad Kissingen : Kissingen Winter festival:** Concerts, Literature & Music Bavaria
Nationwide - Christmas Markets www.christmas-markets.org

Holland / Netherlands

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2011 Dutch DNA

In 2011 Holland shares some of its unique DNA with the rest of the world. You will discover how Holland distinguishes itself within fashion, design, architecture and heritage. www.dutchdna2011.com

- 20 May **Keukenhof Spring Garden.** A magnificent display of colour in the 32 acre park plus workshops for groups, This year, the Keukenhof flower expo will pay a colourful tribute to its German neighbours, under the motto 'Land of poets and thinkers' www.keukenhof.com

April

- To 05 Sept **Alkmaar - Tradition cheese market,** every Friday from 10.00-12.30
 In historical costumes.
 02 - 03 **National - National Museum Weekend:** over 500 museums offer free or discounted entrance www.museumweekend.nl
 10 **Rotterdam Marathon** www.fortismarathonrotterdam.co.uk
 16 **Noordwijk/Haarlem - Flower Parade:** Theme "Musical Parade" www.bloemencorso-bollenstreek.nl
 30 **National - Queen's Day:** There will be markets, shows, bands, games and fireworks throughout the country.

May

- 05 **National - Freedom Festivals** <http://www.bevrijdingsfestivals.nl/14>
 14 **National - Windmill Day:** 600 windmills and water mills throughout the country are open to the public
 31 - 13 June-24 **Scheveningen - North Sea Regatta** 110 sea miles off shore race to Harwich. www.nsr.nl

June

- 09 - 24 **Amsterdam - Holland Festival:** Annual dramatic arts - music, opera, theatre www.hollandfestival.nl
 17 - 19 **The Hague - Jazz festival.** www.thehaguejazz.com
 26 **The Hague - Parkpop** One of Europe's largest free pop festivals with national and international acts www.parkpop.nl

July

- 08 - 10 **Rotterdam - North Sea Jazz Festival** www.northseajazz.com
 16 - 22 **Nijmegen - Vierdaagsefeesten:** parties and concerts in streets around the largest marching event of the world www.vierdaagsefeesten.eu
 30 - 12 August **Friesland Skûtsjesilen** - a sailing competition with old cargo vessels, flat bottom boats that have been built in the turn of the century www.skutsjesilen.nl
 29 - 30 **Rotterdam Summer Carnival** - Annual Caribbean Carnival in the centre www.zomercarnaval.nl

August

- 05 - 08 **Amsterdam - Gay Pride:** Parties in streets/clubs in all gay areas, world famous Canal Parade www.amsterdampride.nl
 12 - 21 **Amsterdam - Canal Festival** the *Grachtenfestival*, offers classical music concerts along two of the city's main canals. Nine days of indoor and outdoor performances www.grachtenfestival.nl
 24 - 28 **Rotterdam - Concours Hippique International** largest international outdoor equestrian sports even in The Netherlands www.chio.nl
 25 - 28 **Maastricht - Preuvenemint** with 40 stalls with food and wine, live music www.preuvenemint.nl

September

- 10 - 11 **National - World Heritage Weekend:** Monuments and historic buildings usually not assessable to the public open their doors for one weekend a year only. www.openmonumentendag.nl
 21 - 30 **Utrecht - Netherlands Film Festival** annual event www.filmfestival.nl

October

- 07-09 **Maastricht - Dutch Dance Festival** www.nederlandsedansdagen.nl
 16 **Amsterdam Marathon** www.ingamsterdammarathon.nl

November

- From 18 **Valkenburg Caves - Christmas Market** Fluweelgrot Valkenburg: Numerous Christmas markets in individual caves www.kerststadvalkenburg.nl

art | nature



De Hoge Veluwe National Park lies between the towns of Arnhem, Apeldoorn and Ede. The Park comprises woodland, heathland, grasslands and drift sands and provides a habitat for many wild animals. The Park's **White Bikes** – which can be used for free – are world-famous, as is the Park's **Kröller-Müller Museum**, with its extensive collection of works by **Vincent van Gogh**. At 25 hectares and with more than 150 works of art, the museum's **Sculpture Garden** is one of Europe's biggest. There is also a **Visitor Centre**, with its **Museonder** underground museum, and of course Country-residence/Museum Jachthuis **Sint Hubertus**, built by **Berlage**.

Breath of Fresh Air, Whiff of Art

- Entrance to De Hoge Veluwe National Park and Kröller-Müller Museum
- Coffee and cake in De Koperen Kop Restaurant
- Lunch in De Koperen Kop Restaurant
- Free walking, cycling and road map
- Free cycling or rambling route of your choice
- Costs: adult € 35 pp
- children of 6–12 years € 25 pp

Art & Nature Package

- Entrance to De Hoge Veluwe National Park and Kröller-Müller Museum
- Coffee and cake in the Monsieur Jacques Restaurant
- Kröller-Müller Museum tour
- Lunch in De Koperen Kop Restaurant
- Blue bike with cycling route
- Get-together with drink
- Costs: € 65 pp

Family Package

- Entrance to De Hoge Veluwe National Park
- Vehicular access
- Coffee and cake in De Koperen Kop Restaurant
- A guided walk
- Picnic lunch box
- Costs: adult € 30 pp
- children of 6–12 years € 25 pp

Bespoke Packages

Special requirements for your brainstorming session, introductory course, family reunion, anniversary or staff outing? Then put together your own package with the Park's professional help.

Reservations

The packages above can be booked for parties of 20 or more no later than 3 weeks before the intended date of your visit at reserveringen@hogeveluwe.nl or on telephone number 0900 464 3835 (20 ct/m). Prices and packages may be subject to changes.

Optional

- Jachthuis Sint Hubertus tour: € 75 per tour, max. 20 pers. (45 min.)
- Kröller-Müller Museum tour: € 105 per tour, max. 20 pers. (90 min.)
- Nature tour: € 50 per guide, max. 20 pers (120 minutes)
- Cycling and rambling routes
- Pancake buffet from 20 pers: € 16 pp



Holland/Netherlands continued.....

December

05 **All Netherlands - "Sinterklaas" evening St.**
Nicholas visits all children who have been good in the past year to give them presents www.holland.com

Hungary

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May

27 - 11 Sep **Ferdöd, Pannonia Concerts** in Fertöd and its surroundings. **CONCERT**

June

08 - 19 **Miskolc : Bartók + International Opera Festival**, includes stars from La Scala, the Metropolitan, Covent Garden and Bolshoi Theatre. www.operafesztival.hu

10 - 28 Aug **Budapest Summer Festival**, 100 programs on open air stages. www.szabadtter.hu

12-20 **Danube : Carnival International Cultural Meeting** organized around the city. Classical and world music from top European/overseas artists, includes brass bands, contemporary dancers and Hungarian folk dancing. www.dunaart.com

July

02 - 03 **Hortobágy : Shepards' Festival and Equestrian Days** at Competitions of lassoing, livestock driving, ear-tag reading, use of whip and herdsman's stick, shepherd's cooking and carriage driving. Show-jumping derby and national horse/herdsman championship. www.hortobagyikht.hu

08 - 10 **Visegrád : International Palace Games** Knight's tournament and medieval festival In memory of the 1335 Visegrad Royal Meeting. Parade, jousting tournaments, archery contest, medieval games in the royal palace. Medieval fair, handicrafts, children's playhouse, music and dance performances. www.palotajatekok.hu

08 - 12 **Alsóörs : Harley Davidson Festival at "Európa"** Camp Site - features rally and awesome procession, spectacular shows and musical events www.hog.hu

17- 01 Aug **Badacsony : Wine week** guests can learn about the historic and cultural traditions of the regions wine making and gastronomy.

31 **Hungaroring circuit. : Formula-1 Hungarian Grand Prix** World-class drivers pit their skills against each other.

August

06 - 07 **Sümeq : Medieval Castle Festival** Events evoke the battles of the Ottoman era, re-enactment of the siege of Sümeq and a Mediaeval jousting tournament

10 - 15 **Budapest : Sziget Festival**, Shipyard Island on the Danube, multicultural festival. Host to 400,000 visitors. International bands, theatre performances, films, exhibitions, classical music and sports programmes www.sziget.hu

14 - 21 **Székesfehérvár : Royal Days International Folk-dance Festival** Open-air performances, concerts, street music, folklore evenings, gastronomy shows, children's programmes, dance , movie screenings. www.kiralyinapok.hu

16 - 21 **Debrecen : Flower Carnival Week**: Kossuth Square. One of the biggest/best flower carnivals in Europe. www.fonixinfo.hu

19 - 21 **Budapest : Festival of Crafts** prominent crafts people of Hungary showcase their skills in workshops throughout Buda Castle. Folk music and dance performances.

26 - 06 Sept **Budapest : Jewish Summer Festival** focuses on Jewish culture. Books, films, exhibitions, gastronomy events, music and dance

September

02 - 05 **Szeged : International Tisza Fish Festival**. Cooking competitions, folklore presentations and a fair. www.halfesztival.hu

02 - 18 **Budapest : International wine Festival** Buda Castle. The best wine makers participate in exhibitions, a fair, wine auction and grape-harvest procession. Includes cultural programmes, classical and jazz concerts. www.winefestival.hu

09 - 11 **Szolnok : Goulash Festival** preserving the Hungarian Goulash both in Hungary and overseas. 720 stew-pots and 60.000 guests www.magyaragyulas.hu

15 - 25

Pecs - Heritage Festival - Pecs Days The city's oldest cultural festival, performances, musical concerts and folk events

October

02

06 - 09

Budapest - Marathon

Budapest - Palinka and Sausage Festival. 20 palinka distillers and 10 different sausage makers participate www.palinkaeskolbasz.hu

07 - 16

Budapest : Autumn Top international productions of new art and our own productions and others created jointly with partners. www.btf.hu/english
Gödöllő Liszt Festival www.kiralykastely.hu

20 - 23

November/December

Budapest : Christmas Fair www.christmas-markets.org

Ireland

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April

29 - 01 May

Renvyle, Galway, Connemara Mussel Festival A weekend of music, activities and bowls full of fresh Killary mussels.

May

21 - 23

Dunfanaghy Seafood Festival Co.Donegal seafood of course, BBQ's, demonstrations, live music, fire juggling, raft race etc

30 - 02 June

Docklands Maritime Festival Custom House Quay Dublin Visiting tall ships, family entertainment, continental market, food stalls, sailing on the river. www.dublindocklands.ie

June

11 - 26

Cork-Midsummer Festival: Multi-discipline arts festival at various venues around the city www.corkfestival.com

16 -19

Dublin-Bloomsday: A festival celebrating James Joyce and his masterpiece Ulysses www.jamesjoyce.com

22 - 26

County Wexford- **Wexford Strawberry Festival**: Includes theatre street entertainment, markets. www.strawberryfestival.ie

24 - 26

Belfast Maritime Festival will feature the infamous Tall Ships and host a variety of entertainment for all the family. www.belfastcity.gov.uk/events

30 -3 July

Waterford - Tall Ships Race

July

11 - 24

Galway City : Galway Arts Festival: Ireland's largest and most prestigious annual arts festival www.galwayartsfestival.ie

22- 24

New Ross, Co Wexford : JFK Dunbrody Festival: Action packed three days with open air concerts and street theatre, historical lectures and food markets www.jfkunbrodyfestival.org

25 - 31

Ballybrit : Galway Races and Summer Festival www.galwayraces.com

29 - 31

Waterford City : Spraoi Festival: An international street theatre and music festival on the streets and quays of Waterford plus the Spraoi parade www.spraoi.com

August

05 - 14

10 -12

Kilkenny : Arts Festival: www.kilkennyarts.ie

Co Kerry : Puck Fair: This is one of the oldest festivals in Ireland and includes the coronation and dethronement of a goat! www.puckfair.ie

19 - 23

Tralee : The Rose of Tralee International Festival - international music, parades, fireworks, and the renowned Rose of Tralee selection

27 - 29

Galway : Races and Autumn Festival www.galwayraces.com

29 - 30

Co Antrim, Ballycastle - Ould Lammas: The oldest fair in Ireland originating from 17thC with livestock sales and hundreds of stalls T + 44 (0) 28 8224 3292

September

09 - 11

Clarenbridge Oyster Festival Established in 1954, at Moran's of the Weir oyster cottage, Paddy Burke's Oyster Inn and other seafood-related venues.

10 - 25

Dublin : Fringe Festival one of Ireland's largest performing arts festivals and includes music, dance, street theatre, puppetry, visual arts and comedy.

21 - 25

Galway City : Galway Oyster Festival: www.galwayoysterfest.com

22 - 25

Co. Cork : Johnny Keenan Banjo Festival www.johnnykeenan.com

Ireland continued.....

October

24 - 05 Nov **Wexford : Festival Opera** Ireland's opera highlight, adventurous bold, it's enthusiasm is infectious www.wexfordopera.com
 28 - 31 **Co. Cork : Guinness Jazz Festival** www.guinnessjazzfestival.com

November

11 - 13 **Co. Donegal : Ardara Match Making Weekend** - Music, dancing, speed dating, Blind Date and matchmaking based on an old idea once prevalent in Donegal. www.nesbittarms.com

December

26 - 29 **Leopardstown : Christmas Racing Festival Race Course, Dublin** Principal national hunt racing festival commencing on St. Stephen's Day annually. www.leopardstown.com

Italy

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May

To 28 **Salerno - Dante's Hell at Pertosa Caves** Every Friday and Saturday in the grotte (caves) "Dante" guides a tour through his Inferno, introducing guests to Paolo and Francesca of Rimini, Ulysses, Minos, Count Ugolino, and other characters you'll find in the first book of The Divine Comedy. The entertainment underground is 30 actors and dancers with the Tappeto Volante Company www.grottedipertosa.it

21 - 04 Sept **Stresa Festival** Opening the season is the "SPRING CONCERTS" series: five outdoor musical events on weekends in May, hosted in parks and in lakeside villas. www.stresafestival.eu

07 - 18 **Mille Miglia** The most beautiful vintage cars in the world chosen to participate in the race each year. Departure from Brescia, through Ferrara, Urbino, San Marino, Rome with a stopover at Castel Sant'Angelo. www.1000miglia.eu

7/8, 14,21,27,29 **Ferrara - The Palio** is the most ancient event of its kind is the world dating back to 1279. All the Contrade participate wearing dress of different colours to gain the "palio", but also it is a festivity to remember the Renaissance, a period in which Ferrara was really a capital. www.paliodiferrara.it

June

05- 06 (tbc) **Pisa - Historical Regatta of the Ancient Italian Maritime Republics.** Historical parade and a rowing contest

07 - 09 July **Ravenna - Festival Music,** dance, theatre, poetry, movies, features genre crossovers between the most important names of the classical tradition as well as rock, pop and jazz. www.ravennafestival.org

10 - 15 Oct **Cervia - Sand Sculpture Masters** - showcasing the talents of international artists who create masterpieces out of sand on the beaches

22 - 27 Aug **Torre del Lago - Festival Puccini** The outdoor theatre, close to Villa Mausoleo where the Master's remains lie, an amazing setting to enjoy the music of the esteemed Italian artists. www.puccinifestival.it check for specific dates

17 - 03 Sept **Verona - International Opera Festival.** 49 evenings presenting 6 operas and a gala in the Roman Amphitheatre in its magnificent setting. www.arena.it

July

02 + 16Aug **Siena The Palio** Horse race first run in 1656 to celebrate the miraculous apparition of the Virgin Mary near the old houses that belonged to Provenzano Salvani. The holy apparition was therefore called "Madonna di Provenzano" in whose honour the very first Palio was run (celebrations begin 3 days before each race)

08 - 17 **Perugia - Umbria Jazz** - one huge stage of live jam sessions. www.umbriajazz.com

16 - 17 **Venice - Festa del Redentore** (The Feast of the Redeemer) a fantastic procession of gondolas commemorating the deliverance from the plague of 1575, followed by fireworks in St. Mark's Square

18 - 30 **Bolzano - Festival Bolzano Danza** The charming setting of Castel Firmiano hosts the Festival www.bolzanodanza.it

22 - 31 **Veneto - Jazz Festival** - performances, concerts, workshops and meetings featuring international guests on stage in www.venetojazz.com

24 - 04 Aug **Riva del Garda - Musicariva Festival** Spotlight artists of diverse origins from classical music to dance and includes a competition dedicated to the musician Riccardo Zandonai. www.musicarivafestival.com

August

01 - 02 **Sulmona - The knightly joust of Sulmona** According to the old tradition of the joust the winner district will be awarded the Palio and the rider a golden chain with a medal showing the symbol of Sulmona with the first letters of the famous Ovid's hemistich "Sulmo mihi patria est". www.giostrasulmona.it

31 - 10 Sept **Venice Lido - International Film Festival** - showcases the best productions, awards competing movies and also rewards outstanding not-competing movies that distinguish themselves by contents and innovations.

September

Milan -Turin MITO SettembreMusica More than two hundred events - ranging from contemporary to baroque music through ethnic songs. www.mitosettembremusica.it

04 **Venice - Historical Regatta,** dating back to 1315 starts out with the colourful procession on water, formed by the Bissone, the Bucintoro and the boats of the Venetian rowing clubs, but also the women's race on Mascarate and that of the youngsters Pupperini.

October

01 - 28 **Teatro Regio di Parma - Verdi Festival** The city celebrates Verdi in this traditional event hosted during the month of Verdi's birth. www.teatroregioparma.org

09 **Trieste - Barcelona Sail Race.** More than two thousand sails meet in the Gulf of Trieste. The 16 mile nautical route, Europe's biggest sailing event and the only regatta in the world to set a single start line for so many yachts.

November

03 - 06 **Verona International Horse Festival** m The Fiera Cavalli horse show in Verona has been held annually for over a hundred years. Visitors can see some of the world's most beautiful horses compete in show jumping.

Latvia

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April

16 - 24 **Riga :International Children's Film Festival.** The lovable mascot is Berrimor the Pug. This affair showcases the most exciting new European fairy tale films marketed solely just for children. Prizes are awarded by a well versed small jury of children.

June

03 - 05 **Riga : Summer Garden Festival.** A must see event for the garden and flower lovers.

03 - 10 **Latvia ;Midsummer Celebrations .** These parties

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Latvia continued.....

- offer all night bonfires, singing, dancing and general overall cheer.
- 08 - 19 **Riga :Opera Festival** In 2011, the festival features productions of Verdi's *Aida*, Puccini's *Turandot*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Il Trittico*, Wagner's *Dutchman*, Rossini's *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, Mozart's *Don Giovanni* and Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*. Russian-born Latvian composer Bruno Skulte's *The Heiress of Vilkaci* adds some local flavour
- 10 - 12 **Riga; International Salsa Festival** The festival features some of the best salsa dancers from around the world and entices numerous spectators each year.

September

- Riga: Sound Forest Festival** Held annually, the unconventional affair presents avant garde sounds created by international as well as local bands.
- 16 - 25 **Riga: International Film Forum - Arsenals** The largest film event in the Baltic. The event also screens films from various genres, including short stories, documentaries, and comedies.

October

Riga : Bildes Festival A multicultural affair, featuring music and art from around the world. International musical groups, jazz, blues and folk music concerts.

December

Riga : Christmas Market www.christmas-markets.org

Lithuania

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May

- 07 **Vilnius - Street Musician Day** Musicians flood the streets,, parks and squares of Vilnius and play rock, classics, jazz, avant-garde and folklore and beat African rhythms.
- 19 - 22 **Kaunas - International Hanseatic Days Medieval Festival** A medieval festival, carnival and tournament of knights. The event will celebrate Hanseatic culture including games, old European food tasting and troubadour songs.
- 26 - 29 **Vilnius - International Festival of Folk Music Skamba Skamba Kankliai** The country's oldest international folklore festival. Learn traditional dances and songs, taste authentic Lithuanian dishes, visit craft fairs and, above all, have fun in the capital's wonderful old town.

June

- 02 - 28 Aug **Kaunas - International Pažaislis Music Festival** Some of the best ensembles, soloists and conductors from Lithuania and other countries will be performing in a number of free concerts.
- 11 - 12 **Castle, Trakai - Medieval Festival in Trakai.** A medieval fairytale as this festival brings the past to life. See knights in shining armour, get to grips with life in a medieval village, discover the stunning Trakai Castle and explore the rich history.
- 18 **Nationwide - Culture Night: Let There Be Night!** A night of culture celebrates art and entertainment in all its forms
- 24 - 26 **Dieveniškės - Be2gether Festival** rock music festival

July

- 01 - 06 **Vilnius -International Folk Festival 'Baltica'**
- 08 - 10 **Mounds of Kernave - Days of Live Archaeology in Kernave** Get involved in the archaeology, mint coins, strike flint and even practice your archery.
- 27 - 01 Aug **Klaipėda - Sea Festival** Concerts, fairs, exhibitions, artistic actions, ceremonies of sailors. One of the oldest festivals in Lithuania.

August

- 18 - 21 **Klaipėda The 2011 Tall Ships Regatta** The ships will harbour in the very centre of the old town with a variety of museums, galleries, pubs, restaurants and shops within a stone's throw.
- 31 - 18 Sep **Nationwide- 2011 European Basketball Championships** In Lithuania we live, breathe and sleep basketball.

October

- 13 - 16 **Vilnius- Jazz** The festival is a threshold between East and West, creating new trends in jazz.
- 21 - 29 **Vilnius - Gaida (The tube)** International contemporary music festival

Norway

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May

- 10 - 15 **Stravanger MaiJazz** International jazz festival www.maijazz.no
- 13 - 15 **Kinsarvik Blossom Festival** Traditional country music and folk dance festival www.hardangertun.no
- 25 - 04 June **NATTJAZZ in Bergen.** Northern Europe's biggest jazz festival with music ranging from trad jazz to World Music. www.nattjazz.no
- 25 - 89 June **Bergen - International Festival** . One of Bergen's artistic highlights. Music, dance, theatre.

June

- 15 - To Aug 17 **Bergen - Concerts At Troidhaugen:** (every Wed + Sun)Classical concerts with Norwegian and international artists at composer Edvard Grieg's home www.troidhaugen.no
- 09 - 13 **Oslo - Norwegian Wood:** Annual rock music festival with international and Norwegian musicians www.norwegianwood.no
- 25 **Tromsø - Midnight Sun Marathon:** With other competitions at midnight and concerts and entertainment www.msm.no
- 18 - 19 **Oslo - Medieval Festival** . Music, theatre, brave knights and beautiful princesses in Olso's medieval park
- 18 - 25 **Harstad - North Norway Festival:** The region's largest cultural event, with performing and visual arts www.festspillnn.no
- 25 **National - Midsummer Night:** Celebrations and bonfires throughout

July

- 01 - 04 **Skudeneshavn - Skudefestivalen:** Coastal culture festivals with a maritime focus and traditional music, folklore www.skudefestivalen.no
- 07 - 10 **Forde - Int'l Folk Music Festival:** Norway's largest. www.fordefestival.no
- 13 - 16 **Alesund - Boat Festival** www.batfestivalen.no
- 28 - 31 **Stravenger - Tall Ships Race** www.visitnorway.com
- 28 - Aug 04 **Trondheim - St Olav Festival:** cultural event (commemorating the death of St. Olav at the battle of Stiklestad in 1030. www.olavsfestdagene.no

August

- 11 - 14 **Mandal Sea Food Festival.** The narrow cobble stoned streets of Mandal will be laid long tables with fresh mussels, shrimps, cray fish, crabs and other delicacies from the ocean. Concerts and entertainment.
- 15 - 20 **Oslo - Jazz Festival:** More than 80 concerts over 7 days with many world famous performers. www.oslojazz.no

September

- 07 - 17 **Oslo - Ultima Contemporary Music Festival:** Norway's largest contemporary music festival with concerts performances www.ultima.no
- 09 - 11 **Bergen - Food Festival:** Focusing on local food and entertainment. www.matfest.no
- 24 - 25 **Oslo - Marathon**
- 30 - 02 Oct **Varanger King Crab Festival** - focus on one of the specialties of Norway's northernmost region, the king crab. Concerts, art exhibits, king crab fjord safaris, gourmet evenings. www.polarspectacle.no

October

- 14 - 18 **Bergen -Grieg Festival** Music festival for young voices
- 14 - 16 **Hardanger Food Festival** focus on fruit and cider www.hardangerfjord.com

December

- 08 - 11 **Oslo - Days of Piece.** The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded on the 10th followed by torch light procession, concerts and exhibitions
- Christmas Markets** see www.christmas-markets.org

Poland

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May

14 - 22
23 - 29
Wroclaw Musica Electronica Nova 2011
Krakow - International Film Festival, one of the oldest European film festivals presenting recent documentaries, animated films and dramas. www.cracowfilmfestival.pl

June

10
Krakow Lajkonik Parade - A colorful parade led by Lajkonik, a man dressed in a Tatar costume, riding a wooden horse. A reference to legends about the Tatar army residing in Krakow in the XIII century. www.polandforall.com

15 - Jul 26
Warsaw - Mozart Festival performed by the Warsaw Chamber Opera. The complete works of Mozart www.wok.pol.pl

22 - 10 July
Wroclaw - Brave Festival opposed to the ethnic cleansing of people from their own cultures and their own sensibilities

30 - 03 July
Gdynia - Heineken Open'er Festival 50,000 people each day at this major pop concert

July

01 - 03
Rzeszów - The International Festival of Song The festival aims at vocalists of author song widely recognized as pop music style and popular songs/pop concert www.opener.pl

02 - 06
Warsaw - International Street Art Festival Every street, bridge, tunnel and building in the city plays host to street performers, entertainers, artists and sculptors eager to show off their works

04 - 09
Poznan - Poland's largest festival of dramatic, street and open air theatre www.malta-festival.pl

14 - 24
30 - 31
Gdynia - Sailing Days
Ryn - Festival of Medieval Culture "MASURIA" Knightly art, music, dance and theatre - these are the key fields of culture which developed most significantly in the period of the Middle Ages. www.zamekryn.pl

August

01
National - Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising. 200,000 people lost their lives in the fight against Nazi occupation during the War

05 - 13
Duszniki Zdrój - International Chopin Festival The oldest festival in Poland, hosting artists from the whole world.

17 - 25
Warsaw - International Festival of Contemporary Music -concerts presenting works of Polish and international composers. www.warszawska-jesien.art.pl

20 28 tbc
Cieszyn - The International Vocal Music Festival 'Viva il canto' It contains oratorios, opera performances, recitals, chamber and choirs' concerts www.vivailcanto.pl

15 - 24
Krakow - Music in Old Krakow Festival Various locations display the diversity of Kraków's cultural traditions

September

02 - 05
Gdynia 2011 Tall Ships Regatta
Krakow - 'Bajit Chadasz' Jewish Culture Month - Discussions, lectures, concerts and exhibitions. www.judaica.pl

October

07 - 16
Warsaw - International Film Festival More than 100 films are screened in theatres throughout Warsaw for this festival

10 - 17 (tbc)
Wroclaw - DIALOG International Theatre Festival - highlighting the cultural wealth of Europe from different social and cultural circles www.dialogfestival.pl

November

11
Throughout Poland - Independence Parade marks the end of World War I and re-establishing Polish state in 1918 after 146 years of partitions

December

Krakow - Christmas Market www.christmas-markets.org

Portugal

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April

Monthly
Fatima - Pilgrimage On 13 May 1917 the Virgin Mary reportedly visited three shepherd children in fields near Fatima. Today several million head for the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima to take part in the Pilgrimage. Usually 12th /13th monthly

05 - 08
19 - 22
Funchal - Festival of the Flower
Madeira Island Open the Porto Santo golf club is the new host of the Madeira Island Open on the PGA European Tour, the first European tournament of the new season.

23 - 01 May
Lisbon - Estoril Open with more than €530,000 in prize money for the male winner one of the highlights of MotoGP calendar. www.motogp.com

June

05 - 18
Portugal hosts its seventh Hot Air Balloon Transcrossing, with 25 teams from three continents taking part. In 2011 the route begins in Bragança and ends in Sagres.

23 - 24
Oporto - Feasts of São João, of pagan origin and associated with the celebration of the summer solstice however the partying goes on all month with dancing, eating and fireworks.

25 - 03 July
Lisbon International Handicrafts Fair The event attracts visitors looking for both classical and modern crafts as gifts and as collectors' items.

July

Coimbra - Holy Queen Festivities All July, Coimbra celebrates its patron saint, the Holy Queen Isabel. The festival includes street performances, exhibitions, gastronomy and handicraft fairs and sporting competitions. www.turismo-centro.pt

08 - 10
Evora - Clássica Festival A classical international music festival takes place every summer in the UNESCO World Heritage Site www.festivalevoraclassica.com

Obidos Medieval Market in Castle For two weeks the castle and the surrounding town recreate the spirit of medieval Europe.

09
Lisbon Pride, or Arrail Pride. Around 10,000 people come out on the streets to take part

03 -16 July
Aveiro - Festas da Ria / Estuary Festival Events include live music, exhibitions and food festivals, as well as a unique seaweed boat regatta down the river. www.rotadaluz.pt

August

06 - 07
Gualterianas - Festas Experience historical parades, a battle fought with flowers, bullfighting, fireworks and lots of live music. www.guimaraesturismo.com

08 - 14 tbc
Silves - Medieval Fair, see how the Moors and Christians lived in the Middle Ages. A historical re-enactment of the Christian Re-conquest the city. It will be invaded by characters from the past, including jugglers, acrobats, dancers and snake charmers

26 - 29
Castro Marim - Algarve - Medieval Days Step back into the Middle Ages. the castle hosts kings and queens, knights and jesters for jousting tournaments, street theatre, live music and banquets. www.cm-castromarim.pt

September

01 - 04
Funchal - Madeira Wine Festival the residents of Madeira celebrate the harvest of their world-famous wine.

03-05
Caramulo - Motorfestival Take a trip back in time where classic cars race down the roads of the Caramulo mountains. www.caramulo-motorfestival.com

23 - 02 Oct
Lisbon - Rock in Rio - major names in blues and soul, indie and rock. International bands play on three stages in the specially constructed Rock City

October

07 - 09
Terceira - Azores - Angrajazz The line-up includes renowned North American and European jazz players, and national stars headlined the festival. www.angrajazz.com

Portugal continued.....

November

04 - 13 **Golegã - National Horse Fair** Portugal's Lusitano horses used in bullfights for centuries attract thousands of visitors to the festival. www.horsefairlusitano.org

December

04 **Lisbon - Marathon** www.lisbon-marathon.com

Scotland

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April

To April 2012 **Year of Scotland's Islands** over 100 events across 42 islands www.scotlandislands.com/festivals-events/ for full cultural listing

10 - 16 **St. Andrews : Golf Week** A week of golfing events to suit all levels. www.standrewsgolfweek.com

16 - 03 May **Glasgow : International Festival of Visual Art** Experience the vibrancy and depth of the city's art scene at its best. Tel: +44 (0)141 287 8994 www.glasgowinternational.org

15 - 16 **Ayr : Scottish Grand National** - Highlight of the Scottish horse racing calendar. www.ayr-racecourse.co.uk

28 - 02 May **Speyside : Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival** - Festival with over 200 events. www.spiritofspeyside.com

28 - 01 May **Highlands & Islands Music & Dance Festival** - Festival showcasing music and dance of the Highlands and islands. www.obanfestival.org

28 - 01 May **Shetland Folk Festival** Presenting the best folk music from around the globe. www.shetlandfolkfestival.com

May

May-Sept **Highland Games** Around 100 Highland games take place from Cowal to Tominfoul and all points in between. The most famous being the Braemar gathering attended by the Royal Family. Each gathering has a mix of piping, athletic events, Highland dancing, tossing the caber and Tug of War. www.visitscotland.com

20 - 29 **Islay : Festival of Malt and Music** Tel: +44 (0)1496 810254 www.islayfestival.org

26 - 29 **Orkney : Folk Festival** based at Stromness and other venues Tel: +44 (0)1856 851638 www.orkneyfolkfestival.com

28 - 29 **Edinburgh : Emirates Airlines Edinburgh Rugby Sevens** held at Murrayfield www.edinburgh7s.com

June

09 - 11 **Arran : 17th Arran Folk Festival** A week of concerts, ceilidhs and open pub sessions. www.arranfolkfestival.com

14 - 27 **Shetland : Hamefarin** Welcoming Shetlanders from around the world back to their home islands. www.shetlandhamefarin.com

23 - 26 **Edinburgh : Royal Highland Show** -The highlight of the Scottish country calendar.

July

01 - 03 **Perthshire : Game Conservancy Scottish Fair** at Scone Palace, demonstrating the importance of game and other wildlife to the Scottish countryside. www.scottishfair.com

07 - 10 **Loch Lomond : Barclays Scottish Open** Major PGA golf championship. www.barclaysscottishopen.co.uk

09 - 12 **Greenock - Tall Ships Race**

11 - 15 **Stornoway : 12th Hebridean Maritime Festival**, Displays, sailing tuition and challenges to suit all tastes. www.sailhebrides.info

14 - 17 Tall Ships visiting Stornoway

21 - 24 **Glasgow : Merchant City Festival** The cream of Scotland's arts scene. www.merchantcityfestival.com

21 - 24 **Lerwick: Tall Ships Race** www.tallshipsraceslerwick.com

25 - 30 **Inverness : Inverness Tattoo** www.tattooinverness.org.uk

27 - 06 Aug **Aberdeen : International Youth Festival** 11 days of music, dance and theatre. Tel: www.aiyf.org

29 - 07 Aug **Edinburgh : International Jazz and Blues Festival** www.edinburghjazzfestival.co.uk

August

05 - 27 **Edinburgh : Military Tattoo** Military extravaganza with breathtaking displays. Tel: +44 (0)8707 555 118 www.edintattoo.co.uk

05 - 28 **Edinburgh : Festival Fringe** The world's largest Arts festival. Tel: +44 (0)131 226 0026 www.edfringe.com

08 - 14 **Glasgow : PIPING LIVE!**, International Piping Festival and world championships www.pipinglive.co.uk

12 - 04 Sept **Edinburgh : International Festival** 3 weeks of the best opera, theatre, dance and classical music from around the world. Tel: +44 (0)131 473 2000 www.eif.co.uk

September

03 **Braemar Gathering** Traditional Highland games and gathering. www.braemargathering.org

09 - 18 **The Highlands : Blas Festival** Celebrating the culture of traditional music and gaelic in the Highlands. Tel: +44 (0)1463 225559 www.blas-festival.com

15 - 17 **Ayr : Gold Cup Festival** Ayr Race Course www.ayr-racecourse.co.uk

October

06 - 10 **Shetland : Accordion & Fiddle Festival** www.shetlandaccordionandfiddle.com

29 - 30 **Blair Atholl : Glenfiddich Piping & Fiddle Championships** International competition. Tel: +44 (0)1698 573536 www.glenfiddich.com

November

27 - 25 Dec **Edinburgh : Christmas Celebration** A month of sparkling celebrations. www.edinburghschristmas.com

December

Dec **CHRISTMAS MARKETS** Throughout December www.christmas-markets.org.

Slovenia

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May

10 - 15 **Piran : Internautica International Boat Show**

10 - 09 Dec **Bled:1000 years of Bled Castle** Anniversary of Bled Castle was first mentioned as castellum Veldes in the deed of gift of King Henrik II, issued on 22 May 1011

21 - 04 June **Bohinj : 5th International Wild Flower Festival** Guided botanical tours showing the vast array of plants and flowers in different settings, as well as craft markets, exhibitions, concerts and workshops. www.bohinj.si

June

17 - 19 **Idrija : Lace Festival** The town literally breathes the lace making tradition during the festival

24 - 09 July **Maribor - Festival of Lent** More than 400 musical performances and half a million visitors. Classical, jazz, pop and ethno music. plus concerts, plays and puppet shows <http://lent.slovenija.net/>.

29 - 02 Jul **Ljubljana :Jazz Festival** a connoisseur's choice of music and offers an exciting insight into creativity in contemporary jazz.

July

01 - 31Aug **Ljubljana : Summer Festival** - established over 50 years ago. www.ljubljanafestival.si/en/

August

28 - 04 Sept **Bled - World Rowing Championships**

September

16 - 18 **Lake Bohinj : Cow Ball Festival** celebrates the return of the cattle to the valley after a summer out at pasture. Cows are decorated and paraded through the dry Govic waterfall, joined by herdsman, dairymaids and cheese makers with traditional Slovenian folk music and dancing. www.bohinj.si

19 - 29 **Velenje - 22nd Pippi Festival** Two red pigtailed, freckles on cheeks and nose, colorful socks and too big shoes. Dedicated to children and their parents. creative workshops, theatrical performances, exhibitions, and films www.pikinfestival.si

19 - 26 **Maribor : 11th Festival of the Old Vine** Concerts, wine tasting, traditional Slovenian food sampling and the Old Vine grape-gathering ceremony. www.maribor-pohorje.si

October **Ljubljana :marathon**

23

Slovenia continued.....

November

Ljubljana : LIFFE 22nd International Film Festival
Contemporary films from around the world, www.liffe.si

Spain

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April

05 **Madrid - Marathon**
21 - 24 **Alicante - The Moors and Christians Festival:** One of the major celebrations in Alicante's calendar, a mixture of religion, history and street carnival.

May

03 - 08 **Seville - La Feria de Abril:** April Fair with round-the-clock flamenco parties, - an enticing programme of typically Andalusian cultural events.

08 - 15 **Jerez - The Feria del Caballo** The most important equine heritage event in Spain. ... witness the superior displays of horsemanship, bullfights and flamenco

15 **Madrid - the Fiesta de San Isidro** Madrid's largest fiesta, offers the chance to don traditional castizo finery, feast on delicacies such as thick steamy broth and soak up flamenco, zarzuelas and Latin celebrations

13 - 23 **Seville - International Puppet Festival** presents a programme for both adults and children. The best national and international companies perform

27 **Murcia - Tres Culturas (Murcia Three Cultures)** International Festival features an extensive programme of concerts and cultural activities that centre on Judaism, Christianity and Islam

June

06 **Castrillo de Murcia - El Colacho The Baby-Jumping Festival.** Since 1620 the town celebrated Corpus Christi with a bizarre event, grown men dressed as the Devil leaping over a row of babies

13 - 18 Aug **Barcelona Summer Festival [del Grec]** - theatre, dance and music.

08 - 23 July **Cartagena - La Mar de Músicas (Sea of Music) Festival,** one of the best festivals of global sounds in Europe.

July

01 - 11 **Córdoba Gran Teatro - International Guitar Festival** www.guitarracordoba.com

01 - 03 **Madrid - Gay Pride Celebrations** The main event is the carnival-style parade through the city which ends with a huge party.

06 - 14 **Pamplona - Encierro:** The Bull Run, part of the spectacular Fiesta de San Fermín, is conducted along an 800m stretch of the town's streets towards the bullring.

08 - 11 **Igualada, Barcelona European Ballon Festival** Brightly coloured, bulbous hot-air balloons from around the world. The event draws around 25,000 people

29 **Neves - Fiesta de Santa Marta de Ribarteme:** Locals who have had a near death experience parade through the streets in coffins carried by family and friends .

August

12 - 21 **Malaga Feria de Malaga** - the biggest party in town with fancy dress, exotic food and dance, and fireworks

24 - 04 Sep **Requena - La Fiesta de la Vendimia:** A water fight to celebrate the beginning of the grape harvest. Residents beseech for water needed for the next harvest

26 **Bunyol - La Tomatina:** Every year 30,000 residents and visitors in this tiny village turn out for the largest tomato fight on the planet. There is a monumental 125,000-kilo arsenal of ripe fruit.

September

Cardona - Corre del Bou: On the opening day of the fiesta, the *encierro* takes place - when the young bulls are placed in a pen in a makeshift arena in the town square, who are then joined by around 100 men. The only way out is for them to climb some of the few ropes or alternatively scramble up the sides of the walls.

03 - 09

Segorbe - Semana de Toros: horsemen accompany a torrent of bulls along Calle Colon to the town's main square. The festival attracts over 200,000 people who come to watch the impressive sight of bulls racing down the main street.

22 - 25

Barcelona - Fiesta of La Mercè: the city undergoes a fantastic makeover of Catalan popular culture and mythology. Fire-breathing dragons, costumed devils, human pyramids, Sardana dance groups, orchestras, DJs and big-name bands converge on the city.

October

01 - 05

Benidorm The Moors and Christians Festival: One of the major celebrations in Alicante's calendar, a mixture of religion, history and street carnival.

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National Day

November

01

Cadiz - All Saints Day: A colourful celebration in Cadiz, with beautifully decorated market stalls, often depicting current events, lining the streets

Sweden

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May

06 - 08

Liseberg's Garden Days : Biggest garden fair in western Sweden. Around 100 exhibitors

07 - 08

Borås : Linneus Walk Over 5000 participants take part in a 42 km marathon - Sweden's largest walk

21

Göteborg : Half Marathon 40,000 runners expected. www.Sweden.se

June

01 - 05

Stockholm - Belly Dance Festival . The annual event offers oriental dance workshops, theme classes with guest teachers

02 - 05

Goteborg : 33rd Basketball Festival Europes largest youth basketball tournament www.infobasketballfestival.se

05 - 08

Halmstad - Tall Ships Race www.tallshipsraceshalmstad.se

06

National Day: Celebrations all over the country. The largest and most traditional event will take place at Skansen with the King and Queen

08 - 11

Sölvesborg : Sweden Rock Festival: With international artists

17 - 18

Motala : Vätternrundan The largest recreational bicycle ride in the world, follows the shoreline of the beautiful Lake Vättern (186 miles/300km) over 15,000 cyclists expected. www.vatternrundam.se

24

National -Midsummer Eve/Solstice Celebrations: With dance and music around the Maypole. www.Sweden.se

28

Stockholm : Marathon 17.500 runners from all over the world.

July

02 - 09

Dalarna : Music at Lake Siljan Music festival with more than 100 different programs and performances .www.musikvidsiljan.se

03 - 18

Bastad/Skäne : Swedish Open Annual International tennis tournament. Sweden.se

14 - 16

Hultsfred : Småland-Hultsfred Rock Festival: Sweden's largest with attractions for everyone

15 - 03 Sept

Dalarna : Dalhalla Festival Concerts at an outdoor auditorium in a former limestone quarry www.dalhalla.se

17 - 23

Göteborg : Gothia Cup 730.000 youths from 124 different countries take part in the Soccer matches info@gothiacup.se

20 - 23

Karlshamn : Baltic Festival: Folk celebration with cultural events from all over the world T+46 454-811 16

August

01 - 07

Stockholm : Pride Festival: www.stockholmpride.org

07 - 14

Visby : Gotland Medieval Week: Markets, people wearing medieval attire, music, contests and games. T+46-498-29 10 70

10

Crayfish Party all over Sweden

11 - 13

Göteborg : Way out West 5th year of one of the best music festival in Europe with rock, indie, and alternative acts.

16 - 21

Stockholm : Cultural Festival Over 500 shows of music and entertainment, most of which are free www.kulturfestivalen.stockholm.se

Sweden continued.....

- 19 - 26 **Skåne : The Malmö Festival:** A gigantic party with music, theatre, fireworks, sport events, amusement parks and handicrafts. www.malmofestivalen.nu
 26 - 28 **Göteborg : Jazz Festival** Swing, New Orleans jazz, gospel and Blues, on eight different venues. www.gothenburgjazzfestival.com

September

- 03 **Stockholm : Tjejmilen** The biggest sporting event for women with 28,000 females running and jogging a 10,000 metre course
 17 **Stockholm : Half Marathon** 21,098 metre course
 23 - 25 **Stockholm : Lidingöloppet:** Awarded the Guinness Book of World Records' for the largest terrain race in the world for novice/experienced runners & joggers. T +46-8-765 26 15
 24 - 25 **Kivik, Skåne : Apple Market** Harvest festival with music and guided tours of the apple factories of Äppelriket Österlen and Kivik's Juicery.
 30 - 02 Oct **Olands : Harvest Festival** One of Sweden's largest Harvest Festivals. The emblem is The Pumpkin. www.skordefest.nu
 26 - 30 **Stockholm - Beer and Whisky Festival** The worlds largest beverage festival of its kind with over 1.300 beer, whisky and calvados exhibitors Also incorporating Taste Experience. www.skordefeste.nu (also on 7-9 Oct)

October

- 26 - 30 **Umeå : Västerbotten - 44th International Jazz Festival:**

November

- Nov/Dec **National - Advent and Christmas markets** www.christmas-markets.org

December

- 03 - 04 **National : Lucia:** The coronation of Lucia, the bearer of light is celebrated all over Sweden
 10 **Stockholm : Nobeldagen:** The Nobel Prize Awards presented by HM Carl Gustaf XVI, the King at a formal ceremony. By special invitation only. T+46-8-663 09 20

Switzerland

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April

- 06 - 09 **Crans-Montana: Caprices Festival** 5 days of partying at the biggest winter music festival in Switzerland! Don't miss it! www.capricesfestival.ch
 08 - 11 **Zürich: Sechseläuten spring festival.** Annual festival of the townsfolk charming and colourful children's parade, also procession of the Guilds to the bonfire where the "Böögg" (effigy representing the "Old Man of Winter") is burned www.sechselaeuten.ch
 12 - 16 **Zermatt: Unplugged** Europe's only festival featuring exclusively acoustic instruments. www.zermatt-unplugged.com

June

- 02 - 05 **Neuchâtel: Festi=Neuch** Music festival on shores of Lake Neuchatel with the likes of Mika, Cypress Hill and Bonobo already lined up. www.festineuch.ch
 15 - 19 **Basel : ART BASEL** world fair of the international art market. Over 300 carefully selected exhibitors from the world's most important galleries turn the fairground into a museum www.artbasel.com
 16 - 19 **Zürich: Pride Festival-** a party, celebrating the rights of gays and lesbians. An exciting, inspiring and multicultural program on the festival site rounds the day off. www.csdzurich.ch
 13 - 20 **Grindelwald: Eiger live - 1000 meters above Everyday Life.** A week of events for visitors who appreciate mountains, sports and nature. www.eigerlive.ch
 Mid June **Interlaken: William Tell, open-air theatre** Friedrich Schiller's most successful play, staged at Matten, The Tell arena is set in a forest. The open-air stage is graced by over 180 amateur actors, 20 horses and a complete procession of cows and goats www.tellspele.ch Closes early Sept
 18 - 19 **Gruyères: Medieval Festival** held in the castle on Midsummer Day with sounds of the troubadours of Albadir and concert of the famous band Espanatar. Archers and Cannons and succulent meals from Middle Aged recipes. www.chateau-gruyeres.ch



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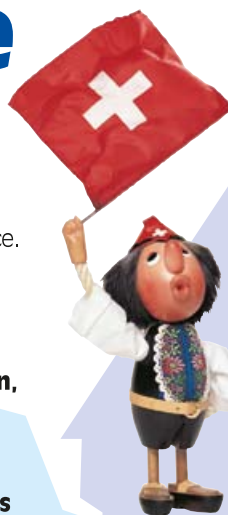
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- 25 - 27 **St. Gallen: Openair** open-air music festival - 3 days with 40 performances from artists from all over the world www.openairsg.ch
- 25 **Lucerne: 3rd Luzerner Fest** Music played on squares in the heart of the Old Town. Food and refreshments. Proceeds support charitable institutions www.altstadtfest-luzern.ch
- 25- 26 **Swiss Hiking Night (at full moon)** dedicated to Midsummer Night. The theme for this Year is the «Lithafest» - the midsummer festival of Nordic countries and one of the eight witches' Sabbats. www.wandernacht.ch

July

- 01 - 16 **Montreux: Jazz Festival** 16 days of jazz, blues, rock, world-music, rap, electro and pop. From Miles Davis to Ray Charles, and including David Bowie or Prince, all the greats have appeared on its various stages. www.montreuxjazz.com
- 08 - 10 **Weggis: Rosefestival** Fairground, live dance music and big fireworks display. Countless bars, snacks and entertainment stands. www.rosenfest-weggis.ch
- 15 - 31 **Verbier: Festival** top classical artists performing unique concert programmes in a breathtaking mountain setting. www.verbierfestival.com
- 26 **Wengen: Folklor festival at Männlichen** Demonstration of Swiss Folklore: dances, yodelling, alphorn, flag throwing, Swiss folklore band. www.maennlichen.ch

August

- 01 **All around Switzerland: Swiss National Holiday**
- 04 - 14 **Geneva Festival** - concerts, world foods, crafts, entertainments galore and a funfair on the lakeshore with the grand finale - a spectacular display of musical fireworks. www.fetes-de-geneve.ch
- 12 - 14 **Saignelégier: Marché Concours**, National horse market and show. Held in the wonderful Franches-Montagnes area. Includes huge exhibition, original presentation of horses, folkloric parade, and rustic horse races. www.marcheconcours.ch
- 13 **Zürich: Street Parade** Top DJs. Street Parade featuring lovemobiles, digital art and live performances showcasing latest trends from the world of electronic music. Parties afterwards in over 100 clubs www.streetparade.ch

September

- 24 **Charmey: Alpine Festival with Alpine descent of the cattle** Flower decorated herds and cowherds in traditional costume (bredzon) return from four months in the mountains. Folklore market, musical entertainment and displays. www.charmey.ch

October

- 06 - 09 **Jungfrau INTERfolk - A fusion of folk culture events** throughout the Jungfrau, full of folklore from Switzerland and abroad. The programme is packed with folk music, song and dance, language and customs, handicraft and trades, sport and games, food and drink. www.interfolk.ch

November

- 21 - 27 **Lucerne Festival** "Piano features star pianists from the fields of classical music, contemporary music and jazz, with a repertoire drawn from every epoch. www.lucernefestival.ch
- 26 - 27 **Samnaun: CLAUWAW Santa Claus World Championships.** The best Santa Clauses from all over the world meet for this fun competition www.clauwau.com
- 28 **Bern: Zibelemärit, traditional onion market with popular festival** Farmers bring over 50 tons of onions in artistically woven plaits, also garlic. Market stalls selling ceramic pots, bread, vegetables. Taste cheese, cheesecake, onion cakes and onion soup in the restaurants. Fairground for children. www.berninfo.com

December

Basel, Montreux, Zürich, Saint-Gallen all offer Christmas Markets from mid December, spicy snacks and drinks, lovely gift ideas. www.christmas-markets.org

Wales

We have made every effort to ensure the dates and details are accurate. Check with the tourist board web site during the year in case anything changes

April

- 29 - 02 May **Mumbles Mostly Jazz and Blues Festival.** Different name but as ever, you can expect all the special flavours that make this event a high-quality boutique music festival, lashings of tasty festival food, and that indefinable Mumbles seaside atmosphere!

May

- 26 - 6 June **Hay Festival** Hay on Wye Britain's town of books once again hosts its annual literary festival. Plus music, comedy and current affairs crammed into its cosmopolitan programme. www.hayfestival.com
- 30 - 04 June **Ceredigion - Urdd National Eisteddfod** Europe's largest youth arts festival Celebrating the best talent in song, dance, drama and design www.urdd.org/eisteddfod

June

- 10 - 12 **Gower Folk Festival** Join us for a packed weekend of workshops and folk music from a wide variety of artists.
- 25 - 04 July **Pembrokeshire Fish Week** locally caught fish and shellfish. Tastings, master classes, talks, courses and fishing trips at 200 venues www.pembrokeshirefishweek.co.uk
- 30 - 03 Sept **Cardiff Summer Festival** The capital comes alive with street theatre, live music, comedy, drama and funfairs. www.cardiff-festival.com

July

- 04 - 10 **Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod** an international gathering of singers, dancers and musicians from over 50 countries worldwide.
- 18 - 21 **Builth Wells - Royal Welsh Show** Britain's most popular agricultural show. Plus live music, stunt displays, craft stalls, food etc www.rwas.co.uk
- 29 - 31 **Caerphilly - The Big Cheese**, A weekend of food, Fun, Fire-eating and falconry <http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/bigcheese/>
- 30 - 06 Aug **Ebbw Vale - National Eisteddfod of Wales** Feast of Welsh culture and heritage, the Welsh Language. Pomp and ceremony, poetry, dance and comedy www.eisteddfod.org.uk

August

- 12 - 14 **Brecon Jazz** An international festival bringing super-cool jazz. www.breconjazz.org
- 19 - 21 **Crickhowell- The Green Man Festival** Described by *The Guardian* as 'Arguably the definitive boutique festival', www.thegreenmanfestival.co.uk

September

- 17 - 18 **Abergavenny Food Festival** Slow food, good food, local food, celebrity chefs, tastings and street stalls. www.abergavennyfoodfestival.com
- 23 - 25 **Porthcawl - Elvis Festival** 'The King' lives on, dozens of tribute acts from all over the world perform in the biggest Elvis festival in Europe. www.elvies.co.uk

October

- 01 **Newport - The Ryder Cup** - The Celtic Manor Resort, other golfing events throughout the summer www.golfasitshouldbe.com
- 16 **Cardiff Half Marathon** over 15,000 entering the biggest road race in Wales
- 27 - 09 Nov **Dates tbc Swansea - Dylan Thomas Festival** Readings, talks, performances, music and celebrity guests celebrate the life and work of Dylan Thomas, Wales' most famous writer. www.dylanthomas.com

Nov/Dec

Cardiff Winter Wonderland Outdoor ice skating, funfair, mulled wine and roasted chestnuts, Head to the lawn at the front of Cardiff City Hall and join in the Christmas festivities. www.cardiffwinterwonderland.com