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

coming soon

www.christmas-markets-europe.com

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

Photo: Christmas Market - Tallinn Town Square by Toomas Volmer
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All of the subjects in the Guide have been developed following requests from our subscribers. If there is a new section you think is essential information for Group Organisers escorting groups into and around Europe let us know and we will try to add into the 2016 Guide.

We have also again, due to popular demand extracted the Calendar of European Events from the Guide and produced a separate pdf file which is also on the home page. The beauty of having this as a digital file is that you can click on any of the events web sites listed to go directly onto their sites to see the event details in full.

The first 2015 edition of our “sister” publication the digital On the Road magazine has been published, and if you are not receiving via email please let us know. Email info@ontheroad.co.uk

Additional Web Sites 2015

From the end of April we will be adding another couple of web sites which will reflect the Pan European focus of the publications

• The European Calendar of Events we are adding www.eventsandfestivals-europe.com
• On the Road digital magazine and the European Group Travel Trade Guide we are adding a new web site www.ontheroad-europe.com
• European Christmas Markets we are adding a new web site www.christmas-markets-europe.com

If anyone needs additional copies of the European Group Travel Trade Guide you can also download from our web site home page www.ontheroad.co.uk.

Best Regards

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Seeing it once is better than speaking of it a thousand times.

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We have made every effort to ensure the dates and details are accurate, check with the tourist board web site in case of any changes.

**Austria**

- **01 Nov**
  Salzburg: Hellbrunn
  "trick" fountains and gardens, a mechanical toy theatre, magnificent frescoes in the palace. The glass gazebo was in The Sound of Music song I am 16 going on 17 in www.hellbrunn.at

**MAY**

- **01 - 06 Oct**
  Wattens: Swarovski Crystal Worlds 120th anniversary: New 600,000 hand-mounted Swarovski crystals are drifting star-like above a black mirror pool, in the Gardens www.swarovski.com/kristallwelten

- **03**
  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

- **14 - 21 June**
  Vienna: Festival International arts groups perform, productions, orchestral concerts, recitals and chamber music performances in front of the Town hall www.festwochen.or.at

- **14 - 21 June**
  Krems: Donau Festival An avant-garde pop festival in Austria’s wine country

- **19 - 23**
  Vienna: Eurovision Song Contest. The 60th Eurovision Song Contest will take place in the Vienna Stadthalle

- **20 - 25**
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**JUNE**

- **02 - 07**
  Innsbruck: International Film Festival www.iffi.at/en
  Saalbach Hinterglemm: Biker Mania Thousands of beautiful Harley Davidsons visit the Glemm Valley See demo rides, fashion shows, day trips, helicopter flights, open air parties and, of course, the most beautiful motor-bikes of the world

- **04 - 07**
  Innsbruck: Summer of dance. International dance performances, classical ballet, to modern www.tanzsommer.at

- **18 - 07 July**
  Vienna: Rainbow Parade/Ringstrasse gay pride guys and girls get together for music, parties as a symbol of solidarity, tolerance and equality. www.regenbogenparade.at

**JULY**

- **01 - 11**
  Vienna: Jazz Festival One of Europe’s biggest jazz events venues from Town Hall square, nightclubs and the State Opera House World-famous international singers and artist www.viennajazz.org

- **02 - 05 Aug**
  Graz: Styriarte a rediscovery of long-lost variations of our musical heritage, and mirrors today’s wealth of exciting approaches to Early Music and music between the Middle Ages and Romanticism. www.graztourismus.at

- **03**
  Hohenems: Schubertiade, considered the most important and distinguished Schubert festival in the world, presenting about 80 events. www.schubertiade.at

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- **26 - 27**
  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

- **26 - 27**
  Klagenfurt: Iron Man Europe’s largest Triathlon in the beautiful Carinthia area.

- **28**
  Vienna: Austrian Women’s Run the largest women’s run in continental Europe

- **28**
  Vienna: Jazz Festival One of Europe’s biggest jazz events venues from Town Hall square, nightclubs and the State Opera House World-famous international singers and artist www.viennajazz.org

- **29 - 30**
  Reichenau: Festival A top-ranking theatre, Reichenau has been a traditional summer resort for the Viennese high society since the late 19th century.

- **30**
  Ennstal: Classic The rally of cars with interesting C.V’s and a sporty past www.ennstal-classic.at

- **31**
  Salzburg: Festival one of the cultural highlights
Austria continued......

of the year - held since 1920 with the Vienna Philharmonic, musicians and ensembles. www.salzburgerfestspiele.at


23 - 24 Linz: International Street Art Festival

26 - 02 Aug Villach: Villacher Kirchtag Austria’s largest traditional folk festival is a melting pot of traditions and ancient customs, www.villacherkirchtag.at


31 - 16 Aug Strudengau: Danube Festival 8 private concerts in historic venues along the beautiful banks of the Danube.

31 - 08 Graz: La Strada International Festival for Puppet and Street Theatre www.graztourismus.at

AUGUST

04 - 24 Sommeregg Castle: Medieval Tournaments Around 70 performers, knights, horsemen, acrobats, craftsmen and castle maidens show that the Middle Ages were not so dark!! Taverns, kitchens, crafts on offer Wed - Sun www.sommeregg.at

07 - 08 Klagenfurt: Old Town Magic Festival Magicians, stilt walkers, jugglers , live bands

15 Graz: Landhaushof - Long Table of Graz. 700 guests enjoy dining in the square with a gourmet 5 course dinner and wine www.graztourismus.at

20 - 22 St. Pölten: FM4 Frequency Festival, one of Austria’s largest music festivals.

SEPTEMBER

03 - 06 Lake Wörthersee: Pink Lake Festival , an international get-together for gays, lesbians and everyone in between.

03 -13 Eisenstadt: International Haydn Days - the Haydntagte (Haydn Days) annually explores the amazing amount of music Haydn composed, from symphonies to chamber works, opera to piano sonatas and masses to concerts.www.haydnfestival.at

12 Lienz: Red Bull Dolomitenmann 110 teams, 440 athletes, 3 elements, 60km route and 6700 difference in altitude combined with incalculable winds and rapid white water - the world’s toughest team relay race.

25 - 18 Oct Graz: Steirischer Herbst Probably one of the most avant-garde festivals in Austria. It offers great international theatre performances, readings, screenings and parties.

OCTOBER

11 Graz: Marathon

22 - 05 Nov Vienna: Viennale Film Festival www.viennale.at

22 - 25 Graz: The Schlossberg Festival ‘Elève’ concerts, live-acts and DJ-lines. Lectures discussions, workshops, installations and performances www.graztourismus.at

NOVEMBER

05 - 27 Vienna: Festival Wien Modern - it combines both tradition and innovation, seeking to cross boundaries

NOV/DEC Throughout Austria - Christmas Markets - see for full details seewww.christmas-markets.org

Belgium

Mons 2015 European Capital of Culture, and it intends to live up to the title with around 300 cultural and artistic events. Some are related to the 125th anniversary of Van Gogh’s death, as it was in Mons that the Dutchman decided to become a painter. www.mons2015.eu/en

Every Sat Bruges - T Zand Market, one of the largest flea markets in Flanders.

APRIL

18 - 09 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.

23 - 27 Brussels:Tango Festival workshops, dance classes, balls, demonstration and world’s largest tango music concert.

25 - 26 Leuven: Zythos Beer Festival, the largest beer-tasting festival in the Benelux countries.

Over 100 international breweries, with 400 styles of beer available. www.leuven.be/beercapital

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

Antwerp: 10 Mile Marathon

Brussels: MiniPride a prelude to the PrideFestival, Manneken-Pis will be dressed by the timeless fashion legend Jean-Paul Gaultier.

MAY

To Sept Brussels: The Carolus Y Festival showcases the European History and Heritage of the 16th century with a festive, cultural, family-friendly programme of events throughout the City. www.carolusfestival.at

18 - 21 Brussels: PrideFestival www.pride.be

Brussels: Queen Elizabeth Music Competition for violinists, pianists and vocalists. The 2015 edition will be devoted to violinists www.cmqreb.be

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

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

Antwerp: Taste of Antwerp The country’s largest and leading food festival www.antwerpenproeft.be

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

Brussels: 21st Jazz Marathon: With 400 artists at 125 free concerts www.jazzmarathon.be

Oostend: Oostende Harbourfest Music Festival. www.oostendenvoorankert.be

JUNE

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

06 - 26 Sept Brussels: Roller Parade: 7pm every Friday, . 10km roller skate Circuit, ending with a fiesta in the centre of town.

18 - 21 Re-enactment of the Battle of Waterloo with over 6, 000 re-enactors, some 300 horses and 100 canons in Brussells and Wallonia - Fete de la Musique, Hundreds of free concerts in Brussels and Wallonia to celebrate the summer solstice.www.fetedelemusique.be/

28 Brussels: Couleur Café festival . 75, 000 people attend Brussels most atmospheric, multicultural music festival

30 - 02 July Brussels: The Ommegang relive the procession organised in 1549 for Charles V and his son Philippe Iwww.carolusfestival.be

JULY

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

01 - 02 Brussels: Ommegang Pageant Annual event in honour of Emperor Charles V at The Grand Place

Bruxelles-les-Bains (Brussels Beach), along the Beko Basin: Summer in the city with sand, coconut palms, fountains, a football pitch, a petanque

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11 - 13
Chiny: Intercultural Fairytale Festival. Attracts a large number of 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.

11 - 12
Brussels: Brosella Folk & Jazz Free festival including jazz, folk and numerous activities for all www.brosella.be

15 - 19
Dour Festival: - bands and artists in all the musical genres . www.dourfestival.be

24 - 27
Líbramont: Fair Huge outdoor rural exhibition showcasing machinary, livestock breeding, forestry, agri-food industry, horticulture and more.

29 - 05 Aug
Brugge:MAfestval one of the most important early music festivals with competitions www.mafestival.be

AUGUST
07 - 09
Dranouter: Folk Festival annual largest in Europe in Heuvelland www.folkrdranouter.be

13 - 16
Brussels: Flower Carpet again lights up the Grand-Place www.flowerwtime.brussels

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Spa Francorchamps (Province of Liege) Belgium Formula 1 Grand Prix, The exciting F1 on one of the racers' favourite tracks in the world www.spa francorchamps.be

22 - 23
Chassepierre (Province of Namur): International Festival of Street Artists 41st edition of this lively and colourful event which takes over the town, street entertainment, theatre, music and puppetry.

22 - 24
Brussels: Fiesta Latina this festival is a unique opportunity for everyone to start discovering the traditions, rhythms, colours and flavours of Latin-Amercia.www.fiesta-latina.be/ Parenthese Flamence: 10th Festival on Sunday www.ducassedath.be (French only)

23-24 (TBC)
Ducasse, Ath (Province of Hainaut) Dating from 15th century. A folklore procession of giants and 20th century style floats, culminating in a hot air balloon festival on Sunday www.ducassedath.be (French only)

24 - 25 July (TBC)

25 - 27
Libramont: Fair Huge outdoor rural exhibition showcasing machinary, livestock breeding, forestry, agri-food industry, horticulture and more.

JULY
01 - 08
Toussaint: Folk Festival Its a very old tradition, a festival of love and eroticism, celebrates the connection between the famous sducer and Vsr. www.csavanofest.com

01 - 30
Octoberfest: Music and Beer festival. www.oktoberfest1000.com

12 - 19
Brussels: Beer Festival www.belgianbeerweekend.be

12 - 26
Gent: Flanders Festival Each year, over 180 concerts (classical and world music) by more than 1500 international artists www.gentfestival.be

19 - 21
Festival of Wallonia: Prestigious international orchestras and soloists perform in castles, abbeys and churches in the French speaking part of Belgium. www.fetesdewallonie.be

20-26
Brussels: Brussels-Capital Region celebrates with the largest ever blouse parade www.bcrfestival.be

20 - 01 Nov
Istra: Zagizan Truffle Days. The festival of love and truffleswww.zagizantruffledays.hr

27 - 25 July (TBC)
Rijeka: Summer Nights dramatica productions, opera, premiers and concerts of classical music, street theatre and pop concerts. www.rijeceleketenoceni.com

NOVEMBER
27 - 03 Jan
Zagreb: The Secrets of Grišić interactive night tours. See actors dressed in historical costumes re-enact famous events and legends of yesteryear. www.tajnegrica.hr

APRIL
20 - 26
Dubrovnik Festwine - the first ever regional wine festival www.dubrovnikfestwine.com

Trogir: Medieval Fair old crafts, craftsmanship, original products, arts and handmade designs.

MAY
01 - 30 Sept
Zagreb: The Secrets of Grič interactive night tours. See actors dressed in historical costumes re-enact famous events and legends of yesteryear. www.tajnegrica.hr

Lošinj: Culinary Festival shows the gastronomic offerings of the Island"Around The Word under Lošinj's Sails"

OCTOBER
01 - 30 Nov
Punat, Island of Krk: Days of Olives Harvesting by day, evenings with the best cooks in Croatia competing and preparing olive-based dishes. www.tzpunat.hr

Hrvatska Kostajnica: The Chestnut Festival A celebration of the delicious and versatile chestnut with stalls, tastings and recipes www.tz-lovan.hr

Zagreb: Marathon

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14 - 22 Zagreb: Film Festival Not just for film buffs, also excellent concerts. www.zagrebfilmfestival.com

24 - 25 Lovran: S: Marunada Traditional gastronomic event offering assorted dishes and pastry made of famous Lovran sweet chestnuts - maruni. Marunada is accompanied by a series of sports and entertainment events. www.tz-lovran.hr

**NOVEMBER**

25 - 31 Dec Beli Manastir; Advent in Baranja Every weekend, Fairs, Baranja cuisine, wine and ethnic offers and festive products

**Denmark**

**APRIL**

To 30 Aug Klampenborg-Bakken: The world’s oldest amusement park and one of Europe’s most popular. www.bakken.dk

- 20 Sept Copenhagen: Tivoli Gardens - One of the world’s oldest amusement Parks that gave Walt Disney the idea for Disneyland www.tivoli.dk

22 - 24 Copenhagen: Tivoli: Carnival - lots of fun with music, workshops, performances and evening parades with 120 bands on 8 different stages www.copenhagencarnival.dk

24 Copenhagen: World Half Marathon Championships The unique mix of the world’s best elite runners and 25,000 recreational runners creates a world class adventure

**MAY**

15 - 23 Aalborg: Carnival , reputed to be the largest carnival in Northern Europe with up to 60, 000 carnivalest in the Grand Parade and more than 100, 000 spectators

19 - 29 Aarhus: Classic Race Each Fri & Sat - 300 historical vehicles from Denmark and abroad. www.craa.dk

**JUNE**

03 - 07 Copenhagen: Distortion Crazy annual street party 101+ venues. Free cphpdistortion.dk

06 - 09 Copenhagen: Medieval Market brings you back to the time of knights, Vikings and deadly swordplay with more than a thousand actors. Experience the “Battle of the Nations” (the Historical Medieval Battle World Championship) and go shopping medieval-style at the market with 160 stalls. www.kmm.dk

18 - 21 Copenhagen: Open air Summer Ballet with FREE ENTRY at Bernstorff Palace kgt.eater.dk/

27 - 04 July Roskilde: Festival Annual music festival with performances from some of the best rock stars in the world www.roskilde-festival.dk

**JULY**

02 - 05 Skagen Festival: Denmark’s oldest music festival. www.skagenfestival.dk

To 11 Aug Copenhagen: Frederiksberg Palace - The Royal Family’s summer residence Frederiksberg Open pm weekdays and Sundays

03 - 12 Copenhagen: Tivoli Gardens: One of the largest and most respected music events of its kind in Europe with over 250, 000 guests www.jazz.dk

20 - 22 Bakken, Copenhagen: World Santa Claus Congress Annual event practiced in Denmark for the last 55 years www.worldsantaclauscongress.com

25 - 26 Aarhus - Moesgård Viking MootClose to 800 real Vikings gather to recreate the festive market held in the early days of the city of Aarhus. The highlights of the Viking Moot are the battles of Viking warriors and the shows performed by fierce horsemen

26 - 02 Aug Copenhagen: Opera Festival out of the traditional theatre and letting its sounds ring out over the streets, the underground and the waterways www.copenhagenoperafestival.com

**AUGUST**

12 - 16 Aalborg: The Blue Festival, also called the “Mini New Orleans Festival” www.denblaafestival.dk/

11 - 15 Copenhagen: Pride Celebrating Denmark’s gay and lesbian community www.copenhagenpride.dk

13 - 16 Odense: Blomsterfestival www.blomsterfestival.dk

16 - 23 Odense - Hans Christian Andersen Festivals over 270 events offers fairy tales, imagination and adventure for kids of all ages.

23 - 30 Copenhagen Cooking one of the biggest food festivals in Northern Europe. The festival profiles Danish gastronomy and the New Nordic Cuisine with more than 150 events

**SEPTMBER**

04 - 20 Copenhagen: Golden Days Festival to enlighten, entertain and engage everyone in the city’s history. www.festival.goldendays.dk

23 - 27 Copenhagen: Blues Festival an abundance of great International and homegrown blues music spread out over the various clubs and venues in the city. www.copenhagenbluesfestival.dk

**OCTOBER**

04 Copenhagen: THE ERIMITAGE RUN- The Deer Park 20, 000 active runners - and 60-70, 000 spectators.

**NOVEMBER**

13 - 31 Dec Royal Copenhagen’s Christmas Tables The Christmas tables at Royal Copenhagen are set by new artists each year, and the exhibition has become one of the most popular Christmas events in Europe.

14 - 22 Dec (TBC) Copenhagen: Christmas Markets in Tivoli Gardens Also Nyhavn is a canal with beautiful old and historic houses Stalls and decorations are set up along the waterfront www.christmas-markets.org

**England**

**MAY**

02 - 24 Brighton: Festival comedy, music, arts, film, dance, theatre performances and workshops. Held in over 240 venues. www.brightonfestival.org

04 Stilton: Cheese Rolling Championship. Hundreds of villagers and visitors watch the teams battling for the honour of being called the champion www.stiltonfestival.org

06 - 10 Badminton: Horse Trials The first of the great three-day events, www.badminton-horse.co.uk

07 - 10 Malvern: RHS Spring Gardening Show www.rhs.org.uk

08 - 24 Norfolk & Norwich Festival is the international arts festival of the East of England, featuring the very best in world-class performance, with music, theatre, dance, circus and visual arts as well as hosting free outdoor events throughout the region. www.nnfestival.org.uk

Cornwall: Hay festival of Words and Music (Previously known as The Daphne du Maurier Festival of Arts & Literature www.fowey.co.uk)

London: Houses of Parliament - for dates and times www.parliament.uk/visiting

**JUNE**

02 - 24 Liverpool: SoundCity Over 200 performances)

15 - 12 Sept London: Regents Park Open Air Theatres a magical setting for a programme of Shakespeare’s plays, as well as a classic musical. www.openairtheatre.org


16 - 17 Lewes: Glyndebourne Festival Opera Glyndebourne Opera House. Features world premieres, new productions and revivals. www.glyndebourne.com

19 - 23 Windsor Great Park: The Cartier Queen’s Cup THE polo to watch www.guarupsolocup.com

19 - 14 June Hay on Wye: Literary Festival. Described by Bill Clinton as ‘the Woodstock of the mind’ www.hayfestival.com

15 - 30 Aug Twickenham Stadium: London Sevens Rugby

19 - 23 Liverpool: SoundCity Over 400 bands play in over 30 venues. Includes a conference. www.liverpoolsoundcity.co.uk

21 - 31 August Bath: Fringe Festival - Over 200 performances
England continued:......

including music, visual arts, street arts and outdoor performances www.bathfringe.co.uk

Birmingham: Gay Pride Parade includes a parade, live music and entertainment, films, market stalls, community information and other activities.

London/Wembley FA Cup Final

08 - 12

June

London: Houses of Parliament - for dates and times www.parliament.uk/visiting

Hampshire - Alresford: Grange Park: Opera Festival, www.grangeparkopera.co.uk

Epson: Dynasty: with the Queen of course! www.epsonderby.co.uk

Buckinghamshire: Wormley Estate Garsington Opera Home of the Getty family. Guests can dine or picnic between performances Check dates www.garsingtonopera.com

London: The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition

The world's largest open contemporary art exhibition showing a wide range of new work by living artists.

Many exhibits for sale

Hampton Court: Palace Festival world famous artists perform each year www.hamptoncourtpalacefestival.com

Althorp: House Literary Festival www.althorp.com

Isle of Wight Festival established rock, pop - you name it! www.isleofwightfestival.com

Suffolk Aldeburgh: 68th Festival Of Music And The Arts www.aldeburgh.com

Berkshire: Royal Ascot The world's most famous race is steeped in history and is one of the highlights of the British social calendar

Kempshott, Farnham: LITFEST: The Royal International Air Tattoo aviation extravaganza plus, exhibits and displays, www.airtattoo.com

London: Regents Park Taste of London Festival

Foodies will love this food festival

Bakewell and the Peak District National Park

L'Eroica Britannia, celebrating heritage, well-being and local food and drink, and the historic Tuscan bike tour dubbed 'the most handsome bike race in the world' www.eroicabritannia.co.uk


City of London: Festival of Contemporary Performances and free events the City www.colf.org

London: Greenwhich+Docklands Festival A 10-day rollercoaster of theatre, dance and spectacle www.greenwichanddocklands.org

Cowes: Round the Island Race a 50-mile race around the Isle of Wight

Wimbledon: Lawn Tennis Championships www.wimbledon.org

Hampden Park: Opera Festival

Many exhibits for sale

Wormsley Estate Garsington Opera offers the jazz excitement and spectacle of the best classes of horses and pony with the glamour and elegance of a summer fair www.wormsleyestate.com

London Pride various venues. Celebration of sexual diversity includes the Pride parade, party, raly and cabinet events www.prideLondon.org

Brownsea, Poole: Open Air Theatre accessible only by boat, staging 'The Tempest' www.pooleopera.co.uk

Tatton Park: RHS Flower Show www.rhs.org.uk

Huntingdon: Secret Garden Party - quirky, eclectic, musical performances (reggae, rock, funk, hip hop).

Storytelling, theatre, comedy, music installations, snail racing, rubber duck shooting and Space Hopper races. www.secretgardentoday.com

Warwick: 36th Folk Festival, - over 200 events including concerts, ceilidhs, exhibitions, music installations, world premieres, unique concerts and one-off performances: solo recitalists, symphony orchestras, dance and theatre performances: solo recititlists, symphony orchestras, dance and theatre.

Bristol: Harbour Festival Celebrates Bristol's maritime heritage, lots of shows, concerts www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk

Cromer: Carnival A traditional carnival with small rides, petting zoo, bands and street theatre.

Falmouth: Pilot Gig Festival www.pilotgigfestival.com

Frome: Festival programme of visual arts, street theatre, comedy and classical concerts and recitals, workshops www.fromefestival.co.uk

Bristol: International Balloon Fiesta Over 400 balloons in daily mass balloon ascents, over 200 trade stands, fireworks displays, music acts and children's entertainment. www.bristolballoonsfiesta.co.uk

Cambridge: Folk Festival This year the line-up is full of classic acts from the genres and all manner of new starlets too. www.cambridgefolkfestival.com

Leeds: Harewood House: CLA Game Fair, claims to be the biggest countryside exhibition in the world, over 100 exhibitors www.gamefair.co.uk

Manchester: Jazz Festival Showcases the best contemporary jazz www.manchesterjazz.com

JULY

London: Houses of Parliament - for dates and times www.parliament.uk/visiting

Henley: Royal Regatta Running since 1839, and has grown from a local event into one of the biggest meetings in International rowing www.hrr.co.uk

Manchester International Festival - Biennial performing arts, visual arts and popular culture, world premieres, unique concerts and one-off events, some free events www.mif.co.uk

Frome: Festival 200 events this is the biggest yet, with top names in music and comedy, classical concerts and recitals, workshops, www.fromefestival.co.uk

Birmingham: International Jazz Festival Over 200 events at around 60 venues. www.birminghamjazzfestival.com

Harringate: International Festival world music, street theatre, comedy and classical www.harringateinternationalfestival.co.uk

Stratford: Shakespeare International Festival admire over 100 decorated narrow boats, feast on global foods, charity village, craft market, bands and performers. www.stratfordinternationalfestival.co.uk

Oxford: Alice's Day More than 20 historic locations used to celebrate the first telling, in Oxford, of Lewis Carroll's 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland www.storymuseum.org.uk/alice

Kew Gardens: Kew the Music (Formerly Summer Swing at Kew) Outdoor summer music festival. www.kew.org

AUGUST

London: Houses of Parliament - for dates and times www.parliament.uk/visiting

Buckingham Palace - Summer opening www.royalcollection.org.uk

Bristol: International Balloon Fiesta Over 400 balloons in daily mass balloon ascents, over 200 trade stands, fireworks displays, music acts and children's entertainment. www.bristolballoonsfiesta.co.uk

The Solent: Cowes Week - Yacht heaven! www.aamcowesweek.co.uk

London Olympic: The Great British Beer Festival Over 700 real ales from around the world www.gbbf.camra.org.uk

Portsmouth: International Kite Festival Southsea Common display of large kites with notable kite fliers, live music, arts and crafts: www.portsmouthkitefestival.org.uk

Blackpool: The Blackpool Illuminations - Britain's most popular attraction is switched on www.blackpooltowers.com

Reading: Festival Final major event on the UK summer festival circuit www.readingfestival.com

Herstmonceux Castle: England's Medieval Festival of the middle ages withoutousting. 2000 strong battle re-enactment, fire-eaters, falconry, strolling minstrels, craft stalls. www.englandsmedievalfestival.co.uk

England continued…….

**SEPTEMBER**

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London: Houses of Parliament (for dates and times www.parliament.uk/visiting
01 - 30
London: Totally Thames Festival Between Westminster and Tower Bridges high-profile, cutting-edge arts events on the river, including a riverside bazaar
07 - 27
Plymouth: Ocean City Festival A brand new festival celebrating the City’s very special relationship with the sea. Culture, food, science to sport. www.oceanicityfestival.co.uk
11 - 19
Torquay: The International Agatha Christie Festival - 125th Birthday Celebrations of the Queen of Crime www.agathachristiefestival.co.uk
11 - 13
Ludlow: Food Festival Within the walls of the Castle, over 160 exhibitors, demos and tastings www.foodfestival.co.uk
11 - 20
Southampton: Boat Show www.southamptonboatshow.com
11 - 20
Bath: Jane Austen Festival Participants parade along the grand Georgian terraces in Regency costume - music, dancing, food and literary events www.visitbath.co.uk
26 - 27
Malvern: RHS Autumn Show wwwrhs.org.uk
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**OCTOBER**

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03 - 04
Boscastle: Food, Art & Craft Festival groups can experience the best of North Cornwall www.boscastleford.co.uk
07 - 11
NEC Birmingham: Horse of the Year Show www.hoys.co.uk
08 - 11
Falmouth: Oyster Festival. www.falmouthoysterfestival.co.uk
15 - 16
London, Old Billingsgate Market: London Bierfest, beer of course, Bavarian fare, complete with live music, dancing, live stage acts and a host of other exciting entertainment. www.thenlondonbierfest.com
16 - 18
London Olympia: The Chocolate Show 15,000 chocolate fans expected to enjoy indulgent treats, celebrity demonstrations, free tastings and a spectacular chocolate fashion show. www.thecocolateshow.co.uk
24 - 25
Nottingham Castle, Nottingham Robin Hood Pageant, transform into a medieval village encampment for this popular Pageant.
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**DECEMBER**

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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
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**Estonia**

**APRIL**

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17 - 19
Tallinn: Handicraft Fair, new in 2015 www.tallinnakastitoomess.ee
17 - 26
Tallinn: International Festival Jazzkaar. International star musicians and local jazz talents represent various styles. www.jazzkaar.ee
27 - 03 May
Tartu: Spring Days bring together international and national students studying in Estonia.
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**MAY**

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05 - 09
Tartu: Literature Festival ‘Prima Vista’
05 - 26
Seto: Lace Days handcrafts are showcased in workshops and exhibitions. www.jaapan.ee
06 - 10
15 - 17
Türi: Flower Fair marks Spring in Estonia www.tyrlillieka.ee
22 - 24
Viljandi: International Festival of Puppet Theatres “THEATRE IN A SUITCASE”
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**JUNE**

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22 - 27
www.viljandinikutheater.ee
24 - 03 June
PromFest Pärnu International Opera Music Festival young opera singers get an opportunity to develop their art http://www.promfest.ee
30 - 06 June
Narva: International Mravinski Festival symphonic chamber and choir music concerts
Tallinn: Old Town Days The lavish programme of concerts, theatre, sports events and other fun activities
27 - 31
Tallinn: 6th Literature Festival “HEADREAD”
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**JULY**

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04 - 07
Parnu: Organ Festival
Tallinn: Guitar Festival
Pärnu: Good Food Festival - GRILLFEST www.grillfest.ee
Pärnu: Estonian Line Dancing Festival Everyone can take part www.estonianlinedance.com
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**AUGUST**

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07 - 09
Käsmu: Viru Folk music festival focus on Danish culture www.virufolk.ee/eng
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, ballet and musicals)
10 - 12
Haapsalu: American Beauty Car Show biggest event for American cars in the Baltics, car show, a convention and a drag race. www.american.ee
17 - 19
Tallinn: Maritime Days Maritime Days Maritime and harbour related programmes, concerts, boat trips, water related attractions and performances.
Kureessare: Episcopal Castle - Saaremaa Opera Days Worldwide troupes, directors and soloists perform www.saaremaaoperad.eu/
Viljandi: Folk Music Festival www.folk.ee
Pärnu: Blusispäevad” (Blues Festival)
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**SEPTEMBER**

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07 - 13
Saaremaa: Food Festival www.plmf.ee
12 - 13
SEB Tallinn Marathon
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**OCTOBER**

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03
Tartu: Marathon
07 - 17
Viljandi: Guitar Festival wwwviljandiguitar.ee
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**NOVEMBER**

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01
02 - 05
London: World Travel Market Excel www.wtm-london.com
13 - 22
London: Jazz Festival UK and international performers. Encourages artists to work in new ways via eclectic collaborations. www.londonjazzfestival.org.uk
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**DECEMBER**

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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
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**Finland**

**MAY**

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13 - 17
Vaasa: Choir Festival www.vaasachoirtfestival.fi
19 - 24
Tampere: Contemporary Dance Festival www.tanssivirtaa.net
Helsinki: World Village Festival Multicultural Festival http://www.maalimikyljassa.fi
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**JUNE**

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06 - 10
Helsinki: Samba Carnival, www.samba.fi
Sodankylä: Midnight Sun Film Festival www.msfilmfestival.fi
Tornio/Haparanda: Kalottijazz & Blues Festival www.kalottijazzblues.net
Sämsä: Summer Sounds Countryside festival of music and other arts
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You can see all editions of the Guide and magazine at www.ontheroad.co.uk
Finland continued……

JULY
01 - 06
Kajaani: Words and Music dedicated to poetry, recitation and small-scale theatre. www.festivals.fi

03 - 02 Aug
Savonlinna: Opera Festival www.opperajuhlat.fi

03 - 04
Sonkajärvi: Wife Carrying World Championships www.eukonkanto.fi

06 - 12
Kaustinen: Folk Music Festival www.caustinen.net/en

25 - 29
Pyhäjärvi: Full Moon Dance Festival (Contemporary) www.fullmoondance.fi

23 - 26
Kotka: Maritime Festival www.meripaivat.com/

30 - 06 Aug
Korsholm: Festival Music Chamber music festival www.korsholmmusicfestival.fi

AUGUST
03 - 09
Tampere: Theatre Festival www.teatterikesa.fi

06 - 15
Turku: Music Festival www.tmj.fi

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Hämeenlinna: The Håme Medieval Fair www.keskiakamarin.komet.net

28 - 30
Helsinki: Comedy Festival theme this year zines and Asian comic art www.sarjakuvafestivaalit.fi

SEPTEMBER
10 - 12
Lovissa: Sibelius Festival, dedicated to Finland’s national composer

27 - 28
Helsinki: Keki Harvest Festival

OCTOBER
04 - 11
Helsinki: PianoEsopoo International Piano Festival leading Finnish and international concert pianists

14 - 17
Tampere: Lost in Music www.lostinmusic.fi

NOVEMBER
10 - 14
Helsinki: Baltic Circle, Theatre Festival www.balticcircle.fi/

16 - 22
Oulu: International Children’s and Youth Film Festival

France

APRIL
-Sept

To 08 Aug

21 - 25
Nimes: Feria de Pentecote Floats, dancers, drummers, fireworks and bullfighters, flamenco and partying (free)

23 - 01 Nov
Chaumont-sur-Loire: 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
13 - 24
Cannes: Film Festival: 68th annual world renowned festival www.festival-cannes.fr

15 - 17
Lille: The Montgolfiades: Air shows, sound and light shows and even going up in a hot air balloon. www.montgolfiades.ecl.lille.fr

16 - 26 June
(TBC)
Nantes: Spring Arts Festival (TBC) - An annual festival that showcases baroque and classical music. www.printempsdesarts.fr (French only)

20 - 26
Nimes: Pentecost Feria, carnival parade, toreros open-air concerts and dance parties

21 - 25
Monaco: Formula 1 Grand Prix www.formula1monaco.com/

21 - 01 June
Paris: Saint Germain Jazz Festival www.festivaljazzsaintgermainparis.com

30 - 31
Bordeaux: The Weekend of the Grands Crus wine tastings, and tours of the vineyards

JUNE
06 - 07
Annonay: Hot Air Balloon Festival Men in periwigs and breeches, bonfires, paper and cloth balloons, air show and concerts, night balloon displays, food and drink (free) www.mairie-annonay.fr

06 - 26 July
Paris: Jazz Festival Enjoy free concerts at the Parc Floral.

17 - 21
Toulouse: Rio Loco ANTILLAS Rio Loco this year’s theme will welcome the Caribbean islands www.rio-loco.org

International Paris Air Show Le Bourget

Versailles: "From the Flames and the Lights"

Annual re-enactment of the WW1 Battle of Verdun. Costumes, projector, special effects and more. Each Fri/Sat night. www.spectacle-verdun.com

Paris: Gay Pride

Paris Longchamp: Solidays supporting the fight against AIDS. 40 concerts, countless celebrities, www.solidays.com

Kajaani: 12th 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

July
01 - 31

Avignon Festival traditional and contemporary theatre as well as dance, musicals, puppetry.

Provence: Lavender Festival, discover all the uses for this small inconspicuous purple flower with its enchanting perfume

01 - 31 Aug
(TBC)
Pléiadeacud in Brittany: Jumeaux Festival Europe’s biggest gathering of twins!!

Aix: Festival d’Aix en Provence the world’s greatest artists, with its opera repertoire. www.festival-aix.com

Mulhouse: “La Grande Parade Automobile” Vintage car festival featuring 700 cars from foreign car museums. Events include a “Best Car” competition, daily exhibitions and automobile parades throughout the city. www.festivalauto.mulhouse.fr

Beaune: Festival International d’Opéra Baroque one of Europe’s most prestigious festivals of baroque music. www.festivalbeaune.com

Paris: Tropical Carnival brings the vibrancy and passion of the Caribbean. Thousands of singers, dancers and musicians wearing colourful costumes

Avignon: Le Off - The avant-garde summer festival presents new productions and talent in theatre, dance and music - held at the Palais des Papes and other locations. www.festival-avignon.com

France: “Tour de France” Begins in Utrecht. The world’s most famous bicycle race that takes its course throughout France. www.letoeur.fr

06 - 01 Aug
Carcassonne Festival: A mix of music, theatre and dance. www.festival-guitare-patrimoine.com

07 - 04 Aug
Chorégies d’Orange Opera and classical music, oldest in France www.choreries.fr

07 - 12
Nice: Jazz Festival A vibrant annual event www.nicejazzfestival.fr

18 - 25
Corseca - Patrimonio: Les Nuits de la Guerite rendez-vous for great guitarists in the world of jazz, blues, flamenco, gypsy, rock and tango. www.festival-guitare-patrimoine.com

19 - 19 Aug
(TBC)
Paris: Plages (Paris Beach) an actual beach with sand, games, cafes, and even boating will take over the banks of the Seine and the Bassin de la Villette in North. www.paris.fr

Perigueux: 33rd International Festival of Mime Arts dedicated to mime and its theatrical forms. A homage to Marcel Marceau! Includes spectacles on the streets, theatre performances, circus arts, contemporary dance and more. www.mimos.fr

August
05 - 06
Saumur-Champigny: 13th Grandes Tablees du Saumur-Champigny The city becomes the largest restaurant in the world, boasting local cuisine and winealong with music performances and more. www.producteurs-de-saumur-champigny.fr

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07 - 13

Colmar: Wine Fair 66th annual Alsatan wine fair where exhibitors showcase their Awards for top wines and special wines. www.colmar-winefair.com

12 - 16

Dax: La Feria de Dax – festivities including bullfights, music and more.

13 - 15

Corsica: Ajaccio - Fêtes Napoléoniennes - Feast in honour of Napoleon Bonaparte, who was born in Ajaccio on August 15, 1769. Parades, historical pageants, firework www.visit-corsica.com

19 - 30

Chaise-Dieu, Puy-en-Velay, Amber and Saint-Paulien Chamalières-sur-Loire: Capital of Classical. This festival of baroque and classical music comprises fifty concerts and events. www.chaise-dieu.com

SEPTEMBER

04 - 13

Deauville American Film Festival. some of the world’s greatest movie stars have left their footprints on the red carpet www.festival-deauville.com

08 - 13

Cannes: Yachting Festival Europe’s leading water exhibition offers visitors the chance to see the best in showboats. www.sunallonautiquecannes.com

10 - 13

The Evian Championship: the greatest champions in the women’s golf world have competed on the fairway of the Evian Resort Golf Club.

10 - 03 Jan

Lyon: Biennale of Contemporary Art major festival of contemporary visual arts and performing arts projects www.labiennealedelyon.com

14 - 27

Charleville-Mezieres: International Puppet Theatre Festival is now the biggest event of its kind in the world. Every two years, 250 troupes 200 shows - main festival, fringe, street shows - to 150, 000 spectators www.festival-marionnette.com

25 - 11 Oct


26 - 17 Oct

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

OCTOBER

02 - Feb/16

Paris: Musee d’Art - Andy Warhol , For the first time outside USA an exhibition of his largest works www.mmparis.fr

02 - 05

Grenoble: Millesime Wine & Music FestivalClassical music, gourmet knibbles and lots of tastings of the best wines in France (free) www.lemilllesime.fr

07 - 11(TBC)


07 - 10(TBC)

Paris: Montmartre Harvest Festival www.tetedesvendangesdemosmontmartre.com

10 - 12(TBC)


12 - 18

Lyon: LumiereFilm Festival The birthplace of cinema shows nearly 170 film screenings, with international movie stars and competitions. www.festival-lumiere.org

28 - 01Nov(TBC)


30 - 11 Nov

Dijon: International Gastronomy Fair 580 exhibitors, making this one of the top ranking food fairs in France. www.foirededijon.com

NOV - DEC

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

DECEMBER

04 - 07(TBC)

Lyon: Festival of lights - with a programme of spectacular light shows.

AUGUST

06 - 09

Frankfurt: Green Sauce Festival Geirhe’s favourite dish and Frankfurt’s most popular delicacy is honoured with a seven-day culinary celebration www.gruene-sosse-festival.de

Bonn, Rudesheim, Koblenz, St. Goar, Oberwesel: ‘Rhine in Flames’ – largest and oldest fireworks festival in Germany along The Rhine. See web www.rhein-in-flammen.de

Hamburg: 826th Anniversary of Hamburg’s Port World largest working harbour. Historic ships, dragon boat races, fairs www.hafengeburtstag.de/ Contenten/start_e.htm

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

Düsseldorf: Jazz Rally Germany’s biggest Jazz Festival offering 90 concerts on 36 stages. Also funk, soul, blues and rock www.duesseldorfer-jazzrally.de

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

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

Halle: Handel Festival www.haendelfestspiele.halle.de

Frankfurt: Rose and Light Festival at the Palmengarten features guided tours, lectures, live music, fantastic light festival, 15: 00 h to midnight on Saturday, www.palmgarten-frankfurt.de

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

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

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

Keiler Woche or Keil Week with over 2, 000 yachts, tall ships, dinghies, and surfboards taking part - it’s also a massive open air music and cultural festival www.keiler-woche.de

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

Frankfurt: Opera Square Festival from jazz to world music. www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

Düsseldorf: T3 Triathlon, 13 disciplines of Triathlon www.t3-duesseldorf.de

Berlin: Open Air Festival, 112 concerts, with a musical range covering everything from opera, operetta and stage musicals, to pop classics, soul, swing and jazz www.classicopera.de

Freiburg: Freiburg Wine festival www.freiburger-weinfest.de

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

Cologne Pride

Jena: Open Air Festival of Culture featuring music, cabaret and performing arts www.kulturarena.de

Hamburg & Schl. Holstein: 28th Annual Music Festival all music genres www.shmf.de

Düsseldorf: The Biggest fun fair on the Rhine fairground attractions present nostalgic and the latest sensational rides in an area of 165.000m². www.visitduesseldorf.de

Frankfurt: Christophor Street Day Germany’s most popular gay parades. www.csd-frankfurt.de

Hamburg: Summer-Dom Fair Biggest fair in Northern Germany www.hamburg.de

Frankfurt: Main Fest - folk fair features a great culinary diversity as well as rides and games of skill. www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

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.hanse-sail.com

Berlin: 20th Beer Festival Longest beer garden in the world one mile of stalls offering 1200 types of beer from 180 international breweries www.bierfestival-berlin.de

Frankfurt: The Apple Wine Festival and a diverse stage programme.

Weimar: Kunstadt Fest a festival of music, theatre, dance, fine arts and film. www.kunstadt-fest-weimar.de

Stuttgart: Wine & Food Festival held at the
SEPTEMBER
02 - 11
Frankfurt: Rheingau Wine Market Fine food and wine at over 30 stalls representing vineyards from one of Germany's most renowned winemaking regions Rheingau.
04 - 04 Oct
Bonn: Beethoven Festival Classical music festival with opera, concerts and ballet. www.beethovenfest.de
09 - 27
Dusseldorf: Altstadtherbst Cultural Festival held at numerous locations all over the city centre. www.altstadtherbst.de
11 -13
Selb: The Festival-Medieval medieval music, fire shows, roaming performers such as witches and beggars, theatre groups and a medieval market www.festival-medieval.com.
19 - 04 Oct
Munich: Oktoberfest Beer Festival Over 6 million visitors will celebrate the 180th Anniversary of Bavarian culture. www.bavaria.by

OCTOBER
03
Berlin: Day of German Unity - Festival
04
Cologne: Marathon - One of the 6th largest and most popular marathon events. www.koeln.marathon.de
09 - 18
Berlin: Festival of Lights - 45 iconic landmarks and scenic drives through forests and vineyards. www.baiersbronn-classic.de
25
Frankfurt: BMW Marathon www.frankfurt-marathon.com

NOVEMBER
To 23 Dec
Christmas and Advent Markets throughout Germany www.christmas-markets.org
03 - 08
Leipzig: 25th Euro Scene Theatre Festival Established and innovative festival of German contemporary theatre www.euro-scene.de
04 - 08
Soest: Allerheiligenkirmes ("All Saint's Day Festival") www.allerheiligenkirmes.de
05 - 08
Berlin: Jazz Festival Famous names in jazz worldwide. www.berlinerfestspiele.de
06 - 06 Dec
Hamburg: Winter DOM www.hamburg.de
18 - 22
Cologne: Fine Art & Antiques International art trade fair www.cologne-fine-art.de
19 - 23 Dec
Dusseldorf: Christmas Market at six locations simultaneously www.christmas-markets.org
23 - 23 Dec
Cologne: Christmas markets 7 major markets to visit www.christmas-markets.org
25 - 22 Dec
Frankfurt: Christmas Market featuring some 200 stalls and a wonderfully unique yuletide atmosphere. www.christmas-markets.org

DECEMBER
04 - 06
Hohenzollern Castle: Royal Christmas Market A broad spectrum of exhibitors as well as a stylish supporting program to a festive delight www.burg-hohenzollern.com

Greece
MAY
08 to 17
Sani: Gourmet 2015 theme will be Cuisines of the World: the Silk Road - Vol 2. www.saniresort.com
21 - 23
Agia Eleni, Serifos, and Thassaloniki: The Fire Walking Ritual of Greek Macedonia Every year, barefoot villagers of Agia Eleni, Serifos, and of Langada, Thessaloniki, get themselves worked up into a trance before walking over hot coals.

JUNE
01 - 31 Aug
The Athens Festival (Hellenic Festival) leading lights of theatre, music and dance, both Greek and international http://www.greekfestival.gr/en/

AUGUST
01 - 02 (TBC)
Skala Kallonis Lesvos: Sardine Festival Sardines are offered to the visitors along with plenty of free Ouzo, accompanied by live Greek traditional music and dance shows.
07 - 09
Samos Athens: IREON Music Festival quality rock festival www.ireon-music-festival-samos.gr
16 - 31 (TBC)
Rethymno: Renaissance Festival - theatre performances, music concerts. From world artists www.rethymno.gr
Rodos Cup 2015 With Kos as a starting point, sailors will have a chance to visit the islands of Rhodes, Tilos and Symi. Fir more, or to compete www.rodoscup.gr/

SEPTEMBER
07 - 13
Spatzefes: Armata Festival commemorates the great Naval Battle of Spatzees against the Ottoman fleet during the Greek War of Independence of 1821. Artistic events, traditional dances, theatrical performances
17 - 20
Aegina: Fistiki (Pistachio) Fest - a series of cultural and entertaining events and of course indulge in a variety of pistachio-based and other local products. www.aeginafistikifest.gr

OCTOBER
09 - 11
Spatzefes: mini-marathon running and swimming races from 5-25 km/spatzefesmarathon.com
Greece: Oxi (No) Day the day when Greece demonstrated its national coherence and fighting as an independent nation for the freedom and liberty of it citizens Mass fiestas, parades, street shows, music and folklore dances are part of the celebration
Greece continued…….

NOVEMBER
06 – 15
Thessaloniki: Film Festival
Athens: Classic Marathon 10, 000 runners take part www.athensclassicmarathon.gr

Holland
- 17 May
Keukenhof: Spring Garden. A magnificent display of colour in the 32 acre park plus workshops for groups *www.keukenhof.com

APRIL
- 04 Sept
Alkmaar: Tradition cheese market, every Friday from 10.00-
12. 30th historical costumes.

Rotterdam: Marathon www. fortismarathonrotterdam.co.uk
22 - 26
Noordwijk/Haarlem: Bulb Flower Parade: 20 enormous floats and 30 cars richly decorated with flowers www.bloeencorsoboollenstreek.nl
27
National: King’s Day: There will be markets, shows, bands, games and fireworks throughout the country.

MAY
09 - 10
National: Windmill Day: 600 windmills and water mills throughout the country are open to the public
12 -25
Scheveningen: North Sea Regatta 110 sea miles off shore race to Harwich www.nsr.nl
21 - 24
Rotterdam: Shell Eco marathon The challenge is simple: to design, build and drive the most fuel-efficient vehicle that is roadworthy at the same time. www.rotterdam.info
21 - 30
Utrecht: Springdance - the international world of contemporary dance and performance, showcasing the best up-and-coming young talent and international leading artists. www.springdance.nl
22 - 31
Rotterdam: Opera Days (Operadagen) international opera festival, international premieres, opera on location and its own festival productions. The theme of the shows is (R)evolution.
30 - 23 June
Amsterdam: Holland Festival: Annual dramatic arts - music, opera, theatre www.hollandfestival.nl

JUNE
17 - 21
Rotterdam: Chio The show jumping and dressage competitions www.chio.nl
18 - 28
Rotterdam: De Parade / Museumpark Theatre, music, literature, dance, film and visual arts, plus tasty treats to eat and drink: travelling theatrical festival. De Parade tantalises all the senses.
28
The Hague: Parkpop One of Europe’s largest free pop festivals with national and international acts www.parkpop.nl

JULY
01 – 05
Utrecht: Tour de France begins (4th) and 5th) finishes in Zeeland www.tourdefranceutrecht.nl
05
Rotterdam: Tour de France passes through
Rotterdam: North Sea Jazz Festival Each year, well over 65,000 visitors have the time of their life as thirteen hundred artists www.northseajazz.com
17 -31
Friesland: Skûtsjesilen - a sailing competition with old cargo vessels, flat bottom boats that have been built in the turn of the centurywww.skutsjesilen.nl
Hortus Festival classical music, funky jazz, passionate tango Amsterdam(Thu 8pm), Haren(Sun 2pm) Leiden(Wed 8pm) and Utrecht (Sat 8pm) www. hortusfestival.nl
22 - 24
Rotterdam: Summer Carnival a grand new international event, new music, dance, literature, theatre and carnival celebrations. www. rotterdamunlimited.nl
25 - 02 Aug
Amsterdam: Gay Pride: Parties in streets/ clubs in all gay areas, world famous Canal Parade www. amsterdampride.nl

AUGUST
14 -23
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
19 - 23
Sail Amsterdam the city will be a vibrant exhibition of historic ships and nautical heritage. About 20 tall ships are expected in Amsterdam harbour, together with 500 historic sailing and motorboats. (Every five years)
27 - 30
Maastricht: Preuvenemint taste delicious food and wine and enjoy a large variety of live music. www. preuvenemint.nl

SEPTEMBER
03 – 13
Amsterdam: Free Fringe Festival everything from theatre and music, to film and video games
12 -13
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
24 - 27
Rotterdam: Netherlands Military Tattoo Military and civilian bands from around the world
23 - 02 Oct
Utrecht: Netherlands Film Festival annual event www.filmfestival.nl

OCTOBER
02 - 05
Maastricht: Dutch Dance Festival www. nederlandsdansdagen.nl
14 – 18
Amsterdam: Dance Event showcases 2000 international DJs, electronic music experience www. amsterdam-dance-event.nl
18
Amsterdam: Marathon www. ingamsterdammarathon.nl

NOVEMBER
13 - 16
Hague: Crossing Border Festival, books, music, spoken word; much of it in English
13 - 23 Dec

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
APRIL
To - 26
Budapest: The Budapest Spring Festival. The festival offers classical music concerts and jazz nights, as well as theatre performances, open-air concerts and other festival-like events. www. festivalcity.hu

MAY
To Oct
Fazana: The Little Academy of Pilchard various events and workshops
Budapest: Rozalia, Rose Festival. It’s all about rose and sparkling refreshment on the warm sunny weekend in the Gesztenyés Garden of Buda www. borkulturakft.hu/rozalia_33

Hortobágy: Shepherds’ Festival

JUNE
To – 31 Aug
Budapest: Summer Festival, 100 programs on open air stages. www.szabadter.hu
Alsóörs, Lake Balaton: International Harley-Davidson Festival This is Hungary’s largest bike meeting, quality music programme is offered, a motor show fashion show, stunt show and many bike programmes, ac, and of course fireworks. www.hog.hu
Miskolc: Bartók + International Opera Festival, includes stars from La Scala, the Metropolitan, Covent Garden and Bolshoi Theatre. www. operaferfestival.hu

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
01 -05
Sopron, Pannonia: VOLT Festival - both Hungarian and international pop stars perform plus cultural and family programmes. www.volt.hu
Hortobágy Equestrian Days-Competition 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

Eger: Eger-Tokaj Wine Region - 17th Festival of the Wine Egri Bikaver on St Donatus Day. Restaurants and wine cellars offer specialties with the Bikaver

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Hungary continued:......

wines. accompanied by concerts and cultural programmes.

09 - 12
Zamárdi, Lake Balaton: Balaton Sound World-famous DJs, performers and bands at the beach of Balaton with colourful accompanying programmes. www.balaton sound.com

Visegrád: International Palace Games Knight’s tournament and medieval festival In memory of the 1335 Visegrád 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

15 - 19
Veszprém: Panonia Veszprémfest Annual high-quality Hungarian and international events from classical music through to jazz and opera. www. veszpremfest.hu

24 - 26
Nr Budapest; Hungarian Formula One Grand Prix www.formula1.com

AUGUST

10 - 17
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/festival

14 - 20
Budapest: Festival of Folk Arts. prominent crafts people of Hungary showcase their skills in workshops throughout Buda Castle. Folk music, dance and orchestras performances. www.mestersegekunnepe.hu

20
Debrecen: Flower Carnival Week. One of the biggest flower carnivals in Europe, before and after, exhibitions and dancing www.iranydebre cen.hu

20 - 24
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

20 - 04 Sept
Budapest: Jewish Summer Festival focuses on Jewish culture. Books, films, gastronomy events, music and dance. www.jewishfestival.hu

SEPTEMBER

04 - 06(TBC)
Szeged: International Tisza Fish Festival. Cooking competitions, folklore presentations and a fair. www.halfestival.hu

04 - 06(TBC)
Szőlönk: Gosulash Festival. preserving the Hungarian Gosulash both in Hungary and overseas. 720 stew-pots and 60,000 guests www.magyargulyas.hu

09 - 13
Budapest: International wine and Champagne 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

13
Wizz Air Budapest Half Marathon Balatonalmád: Pumpkin Festival - food and folklore www.balatonalmad.hu

27(TBC)

OCTOBER

02 - 04
Budapest: Palinka and Sausage Festival. 20 palinka distillers and 10 different sausage makers participate www.palinkaeskolaszas.hu

02 - 18
Budapest: Cafe Budapest Autumn FestivalTop international productions of new art and our own productions and others created jointly with partners. www.fesztivalvaros.hu

11
Budapest: Spar Marathon

22 - 25
Békéscsaba: Csabaer Sausage Festival Traditions associated with the slaughter of the pig, sausage-making competitions and tastings, food fair, wine tasting www.csabaerkolbaszfesztival.hu

21 - 25
Gödöllő: Liszt Festival The festival’s concerts are linked to Ferenc Liszt’s birthday, 22nd October every year. www.kiraliyikastely.hu

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

27 - 31 Dec
Budapest: Christmas Fair The quality of the goods is guaranteed by the association of Folkloric Unions. The atmosphere is also traditionally festive with the scent of gingerbread, cinnamon, mulled wine and pine wood. www.christmas-markets.org

Iceland

MAY

13 - June 7
Reykjavik Arts Festival - local and international theatre, dance, music, literature and the visual arts. www.listahad.is

01 - 04
Enniskillen: Wilde Festival, Celebrating Oscar Wilde where he went to school in Portora Royal School
Ireland continued:.......

01 - 04
Limerick: City "Riverfest" fashion shows, live music, street performances. www.riverfest.ie

02 - 04
Renwayne, Galway, Connemara: Mussel Festival A weekend of music, activities and bowls full of fresh Killary mussels.

03 - 10
Galway: International Quilt Festival

04
Belfast: Marathon

08 - 10
Antrim Castle: Garden Festival With over 25,000 people visiting the event, www.gardenshowireland.com

16 - 24
Dublin Writers Festival, this international literary festival celebrates our city’s literary heritage and presents the very best of Irish and international writing. www.dublinwritersfestival.com

19 - 30
Dublin: Dance Festival: the best of international and Irish contemporary dance with a programme of live performances, films and special events at various venues. www.dublindancefestival.ie

22 - 24
Wicklow: Arts Festival brings an eclectic mix of cultural offerings for all tastes, from classical to comedy and from art exhibitions to artisan food and crafts. www.wicklowartsfestival.ie

27 - 31
Kerry, Listowel Writers’ Week, a literary festival devoted to all writers including workshops, lectures, readings, interviews, debated, competitions, book launches, art exhibitions. and children’s programme. www.writersweek.ie

28 - 01 June
Dublin: Bloom in the Park Ireland’s largest Gardening and Food exhibition www.bloominthepark.com

JUNE

01
Cork: City Marathon

10 - 17
Sligo: Yeats International Day It was here that he found much of his inspiration and where he is buried www.yeatsday.com/yeatsday-2015

12-14-19-21
Cork: Midsummer Festival: Multi-discipline arts festival at various venues around the city www.corkmidsummer.com

16 - 19
Dublin: Bloomday: A festival celebrating James Joyce and his masterpiece Ulysses www.jamesjoyce.com

19 - 21
Bundoran, Co. Donegal: Sea Sessions Surf & Music Festival, top music with world-class surfing waves. www.seasessions.com

24 - 28
County Wexford: Wexford Strawberry & All-Ireland Farmers Food Festival. Includes theatre street entertainment, markets. wexfordstrawberryfestival.com

27
Waterford: Viking Marathon

JULY

02 - 05
Belfast: Tall Ships Races 2015/ Titanic Maritime Festival 80 ships expected

03 - 12
Clonmel: Junction A feast of theatre, circus, dance, comedy, music and all round entertainment. www.junctionfestival.com

04 - 12
Milltown Malbay, Co Clare: Willie Clancy Summer Festival promotes excellence in the study of Irish traditional music, song and dance. www.visitmilltownmalbay.ie

13 - 26
Galway City: Galway Arts Festival: Ireland’s largest and most prestigious annual arts festival www.galwayartsfestival.ie

23 - 03 Aug
Enniskilien, Co Fermanagh: Happy Days Festival, The world’s largest annual multi-disciplinary festival or Irish Nobel Prize for Literature Winner, Samuel Beckett. www.happy-days-enniskilien.com

27 - 02 Aug
Galway: Races and Summer Festival unforgettable racing and social experience. www.galwayraces.com

31 - 02
Waterford City: Spraoi Festival: Free. An international street theatre and music festival on the streets and quays of Waterford plus the Spraoi parade www.spraoi.com

AUGUST

07 - 16
Kilkenny: Arts Festival: www.kilkennyarts.ie

07 - 12
Co Kerry: Puck Fair: Same dates annually. This is one of the oldest festivals in Ireland and includes the coronation and dethronement of a goat! www.puckfair.ie

14 - 18
Tralee: The Rose of Tralee International Festival - international music, parades, fireworks, and the renowned Rose of Tralee selection

24 - 25
Co Antrim, Ballycastle - Ardara Match Making Weekend. Matchmaking based on an old idea once prevalent in Donegal. www.nesbittarms.com

SEPTEMBER

04 - 19 (TBC)
Dublin: Fringe Festival one of Ireland’s largest performing arts festivals and includes music, dance, street theatre, puppetry, visual arts and comedy.

10 - 06 Sept
Antrim Castle: Garden Festival With over 25,000 people visiting the event, www.gardenshowireland.com

19 - 06 Sept
Clarenbridge Oyster Festival Established in 1954, at Moran’s of the Weir oyster cottage, Paddy Burke’s Oyster Inn and other seafood-related venues. www.clarenbridge.com

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

OCTOBER

21 - 01 Nov
Dublin Marathon www.dublinmarathon.ie

NOVEMBER

07 - 08 (TBC)

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

All year
Salerno: Dante’s Hell at Pertosa Caves
Every Saturday in the grotte (caves). “Dante” guides a tour through his Inferno, introducing guests to characters you’ll find in the first book of The Divine Comedy. The entertainment is 30 actors and dancers with the Tappeto Volante Company www.grottedipertosa.it

APRIL

30 - 27 June
Florence: Maggio Musicale This is one of the oldest traditional cultural events in Florence. The Festival has its own Ballet Company called Maggio Dance www.maggioflorentino.com

MAY

01 - 31 Oct
Milan: Expo 2015 - Milan is host to the Universal Exposition. Theme “Feeding the Planet. Energy for Life”. There are more than a thousand cultural events all over Italy With a wide range of exhibitions, concerts, shows, festivals and traditional celebrations. Special web site listing all www.verybello.it

Ferrara: The Palio is the most ancient event of its kind is the world dating back to 1279. All the Contrade participate wearing dressing of different colour to gain the “palio”, but also it is a festivity to remember the Renaissance, a period in which Ferrara was really a capital. www.paliodifferrara.it

Mille Miglia: The most beautiful vintage cars in the world participate in the race. Departure from Brescia, through Ferrara, Urbino, San Marino, Rome with a stopover at Castel Sant’Angelo. www.1000miglia.it

Sicily: Siracusa: Classical Greek Theatre Festival this year’s programme includes: Agamemnon., the Libation bearers - Eumenides by Aeschylus and The Wasps by Aristophanes. www.indafondazione.org

Florence: Festiva della Sena bring to life its thousand year history and its close ties to the sea and the art of “Voga alla Veneta” rowing www.veneziaunica.it.
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).

10 - 19
Perugia: Umbria Jazz - one huge stage of live jam sessions. This year including Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga www.umbriajazz.com

19 - 02 Aug
Riva del Garda: Musicariva Festival International Meeting of young Musicians. www.musicarivaestival.com programme tbc

22 - 26
Stresa: Festival, Midsummer Jazz Concerts (6) events hosted in parks and at lakeside villas www.stresafestival.eu

22 - 04 Sept
Stresa: Festival, Musical Meditations Concerts (4) events hosted in parks and in lakeside villas. www.stresafestival.eu

24 - 30 Aug
Torre del Lago - 61st Puccini Festival. Operas on show in 2015 are: Madame Butterfly, Tosca, La Rondine and Turandot. www.puccinifestival.it

AUGUST
01 - 09
Senigallia, Marche: SUMMER JAMBOREE dedicated to the music and culture in America in the ‘40s and ‘50s with live concerts www.summerjambooree.com

10 - 22
Pesaro: Rossini Opera Festival 36th edition programme includes: La gazza ladra, L’inganno felice, la gazetta, Viaggio a Reims. www.sinfoniarossiniana.it

18 - 05 Sept
Stresa Festival ; Music on the Move Classical Concerts (16) events hosted in parks and in lakeside villas. www.stresafestival.eu

26 - 05 Sept
Venice Lido: International Film Festival - showcases the best productions, awards competing movies and also rewarding outstanding not-competing movies that distinguish themselves by contents and innovations. www.labiennaire.org

SEPTEMBER
06
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 Mascarade and that of the youngsters Pipperini.

09 - 12(TBC)
Naples: Tantango Festival This festival deeply links Naples and Buenos Aires, includes photos and painting exhibitions, shows, performances, concerts and dancing nights. www.tanotango.it

OCTOBER
11
Trieste: Barcolana Sail Race Over 2, 000 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. www.barcolana.it

NOVEMBER
05 - 08
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. www.fieracavalli.it

DECEMBER
10 - 11
Florence: BTC, Italy’s events exhibition wwwbtc.it

Latvia
All Year
Riga: Eglies; Craft Fair buy the works of Latvian craftsmen at the open-air Fair.

APRIL
06 - 30
Riga: Baltic Ballet Festival This annual ballet offering versatile and rich ballet and dance programmes www.ballet-festival.lv

MAY
06 - 18 June
Riga: Opera Festival www.opera.lv

21 - 24
Jelgava: Summer Signs International Sand Sculpture Festival More than twenty recognised sculptors from all over the world will be creating sand sculptures from 14,000 tonnes of sand.

28 - 31
Riga: Latvibaerfest - the third International Beer Festival www.latvibaerfest.lv

JELGAVA CITY FESTIVAL the city’s 750th anniversary. Crafts days, concerts with choirs, dancers and musicians www.jelgava.lv

JUNE
11 - 13
Riga; International Salsa Festival - the best salsa dancers from around the world and entices numerous spectators. www.rigasalsafestival.com

13 - 14
Lilium Vindavienis: Knight Tournament participants of re-enactment groups - who will be fighting, winning and celebrating. Everything for real!

15 - 21
Riga: EuroPride Events all week, main Parade on 20th http://www.europride2015.eu

JULY
01 - 07
Riga: The Rīgas Ritmi Music Festival is one of the most popular music festivals in Latvia, www. rigaritmi.lv

10 - 13
Riga: Flower Festival - is the largest, most widely attended flower show in the Baltic states. www.botanika.lv

11 - 12
Ventspils: the Sea Festival This is a time at which relatives, friends and colleagues who are sailing across other seas are remembered.

18 - 08 Aug
Cēsis: Art Festival - excellent professional art exhibitions, cinema and theatre, as well as different concerts www.cesufestivals.lv

31 - 02 Aug
Ventspils: City Festival and International Baltic Flower Carpet Festival Not only Latvian florists and flower lovers but also participants from other countries take part in the process of making flower carpets. www.ventspils.lv

SEPTEMBER
06 - 14
Riga: Orchid exhibition wwwbotanika.lv

20 - 18 Oct
Riga: Chamber Music Festival diverse programmes ranging from the classics to jazz, including innovative multimedia projects and unconventional performances. www.latvijaskoncerti.lv

OCTOBER
14 - 18
Riga”Staro Rīga!” Festival of light The facades, bridges, monuments and parks become the objects of the art of light installation and light and video technology, often complemented by theatrical elements.

NOVEMBER
29 - 09 Jan
Riga; Christmas Market wwwchristmas-markets.org

DECEMBER
04 - 30
Riga: Festival European Christmas classics, Gregorian chants, carols and jazz - all on offer throughout the city www.eiropasziemasvetki.lv

Lithuania
MAY
06 - 12
Vilnius: International Contemporary Dance Festival wwwdance.lt

31 - 20June
Vilnius: The Vilnius Festival, classical and contemporary music: www.vilnusfestivalslt/EN

31 - 30 Aug
Pažaislis Monastery in Kaunas: Pažaislis Music Festival The main purpose of the festival is to popularise classical music

JUNE
06
Vilnius Challenge over 1000 racers. explore the urban jungle while biking, orienteering, paddling and climbing in the largest adventure racing crowd ever assembled in the Baltics: www.vilniuschallengelt/en/

TRAKAI: Medieval Festival Enthusiasts will enjoy knights fighting and everyday life in a medieval
Lithuania continued........

25 – 28

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09 - 12

02 – 03

AUGUST

31 – 09 Aug

15 – 22 Aug

11 - 13

08 – 12

24 – 26

Klaipėda: Sea Festival Over 100 different events, ceremonies, processions, exhibitions, concerts, street festivals, markets etc http://www. jurussovente.it.

20 – 22

22 – 25

Zarasai: Galapagai Festival, ceremonies, processions, exhibitions, concerts, and bubble bath!! www.galapagai.lt.

20 – 23

25 – 28

MAY

28- 06 June

02 - 03

04 - 07

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05 - 09

07 –15

11 – 15

15 - 23

16 – 18

20 – 27

21 - 31 DEC(TBC)

22 – 30

23 – 31

24 – 04 Oct

Vilnius: Exhibition Baltic Textiles & Leather

Vilnius: International Theatre Festival “Sirens”

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Vilnius: Contemporary Music Festival “Gaïda”

Kopervik: VIKING FESTIVAL. Historical play, saga tales, competitions, marches, market, concerts, Viking camp. www. vikingfestinn.no

Kåfjord: Riddu Riddu Festival This Sami festival featuring music, film and art from around the world, attracting 200 international artists and 3, 000 visitors every year.

Oslo : Norwegian Wood FestivalNorway’s top rock music festival www.norwegianwood.no

Greig in Bergen Festival classical music www. grieginbergen.com

Tromso: Midnight Sun Marathon With other competitions at midnight and concerts and entertainment www.msm.no

Harstad: North Norway Festival The region’s largest cultural event, with performing and visual arts www. festspillinn.no

National: Midsummer Night Celebrations and bonfires throughout.

JUNE

04 – 07

Anne-Lise Reinsfelt / Norsk Folkemuseum - Credits: Innovation Norway

JULY

National Events

August

Hamaray: The Hamsun Days a forum for literature, music, theatre, and art and folk traditions

Lofotr: Viking Festival With markets, competitions, handicrafts and activities for the whole family www.lofotr.no

Oslo: The Øya Festival top rock and indie acts an arena for musical, visual and cross-cultural performances.

Oslo: Chamber Music Festival top-class chamber music from Norwegian and international musicians www.oslomakomermusikkfestival.no

September

Bergen: Food Festival Focusing on local food and entertainment. www.matfestival.no

Oslo: Ultima Contemporary Music Festival Norway’s largest contemporary music festival with concerts performances www.ultima.no

Oslo Marathon www.oslomaraton.no

Trondheim: International Chamber Festival www. kamfest.no

October

Hardanger Fruit and Cider Festival, www. siderfestival.no

Elid Leonard: Hardanger Food Festival, www.hardanger- matkulturfestival.no

Bergen: The world’s biggest Gingerbread City www.bergen-guide.com

December

Oslo: Days of Peace 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

May

Bergen: International Festival One of Bergen’s artistic highlights. Music, dance, theatre. www. fib.no

Zarasai: Galapagai Festival, international rock, other entertainments dancing, learning handicrafts, performing music themselves, relaxing in a sauna and bubble bath!! www.galapagai.lt.

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July

Warsaw: International Open Air Festival *Jazz Every Saturday www.jazznastarowce.pl

Zielornia: Zora: Summer of muses of all kinds - Concerts, theatre plays, exhibitions, film shows in many places in the town from Thursdays to Sundays www.zok.com.pl/

Gdynia: Heineken Open’er Festival 50, 000 people each day at this major pop concert

Gdansk Baltic Sailing: Jubilee Sailing Meeting - the purpose of the BALTIC SAIL is to rescue old sailing yachts through the promotion of sea tourism on the Baltic Sea. www.balticsail.pl

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

Gdynia: Sailing Days in Gdynia A cyclic event to attract music and cultural event, with performing and visual arts www.msm.no


Warsaw: Mozart Festival performed by the Warsaw Chamber Opera. The complete works of Mozart

Krakow: The festival of the Jewish Culture one of most important and biggest events of this type in world www.jewishfestival.pl

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Gdansk: FETA International Festival of Open Air and Street Theatre http://www.feta.pl/

Elk: Festival of Fire & Water - This is one of the biggest fireworks festivals in Poland. www.cek.ekl. pl/index.php/wydarzenia

Grunwald: Staging of the Battle of Grunwald
Poland continued .......
This annual event attracts tens of thousands of spectators as well as the thousands taking part staging the fighting between knights.

26 - 01 Aug (TBC) Zielona Góra International Festival of the Folklore. The best worldwide folk teams arrive to dance and show traditions and customs of their countries

28 - 19 Aug Gdańsk: St. Dominic’s Fair - medieval tradition combining entertainment and handicraft. Concerts, games, theatre performances and sport events

30 - 02 August Kostrzyn nad Odra: Woodstock Festival (Przystanek Woodstock) rock’n’roll party at the biggest open-air festival in mainland Europe

31 - 02Aug Wölin: Slavs and Vikings Festival (Festival Slowian i Wikingów)

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

01 - 31 Łęczycza: International Knights Tournament - involving brotherhoods and knights www.zamek.łęczycza.pl

01 - 09 Gdańsk: Shakespearean Festival www.gdansk.pl

07 - 09 Katowice: OFF Festival the boldest and eclectic alternative acts from around the world.

07 - 08 (TBC) Szczecin: International Fireworks Festival - Pyromagic & Music Wave The best pyrotechnic companies from all over the world rival against each other.

19 - 23 Székesfehérvár: Pannonien Royal Days in the Town of Royals, the international folk dance festival. www.royaldays.hu

SEPTEMBER
Krakow: ‘Bajt Chadasz’ Jewish Culture Month - Discussions, lectures, concerts and exhibitions. www.judaica.pl

05 - 12 Zielona Góra: Wine Festival- this area has a winemaking tradition which dates back to the 14th century. The streets offer colorful, boisterous street parade, concerts and theatre performances and of course wine tasting.

18 - 26 Warsaw: International Festival of Contemporary Music - concerts presenting works of Polish and international composers. www.warszawska-jesien.art.pl

27 Warsaw: Marathon

OCTOBER
09 - 18 Warsaw: International Film Festival - More than 100 films are screened in theatres throughout Warsaw for this festival. www.wff.pl

17 - 24 Wrocław: 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


PORTUGAL
MAY
09 - 17 Estoril Jazz: Top international musicians and groups, especially from North America

12 - 13 Fatima: Pilgrimage

The largest gatherings of devotees occur on 13th May (especially the Candlelight Procession on the night of 12th May and the “Adeus” (Farewell) Procession on 13th May, which closes the celebrations) and on 13th October.


26 - 31 Oct (TBC) Pont de Lima: International Garden Festival, a wide array of national and international projects

JUNE
01 - 30 Festivities of Lisbon: music and dance, decorations, streets are invaded by the smell of roasted sardines and sweet basil. http://festasdelisboa.com

04 - 06 São Miguel: Azores SATA Rally www.satalibrary.co.uk

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

Ponte de Lima Horse Fair equestrian activities, gastronomy, handicrafts displays and more. www.feiradocavalo.pt

25 - 28 Lisbon: International Handicrafts Fair classical and modern crafts collectors’ items http://fhalisboa.fil.pt

JULY
04 - 13 Tomar: Festas dos Tabuleiros Festival of Trays)

09 - 11 Estoril: International Show Jumping / Global Champions Tour

09 - 11 Lisbon Algés: NOS Alive! (Music Festival) www.nosalive.com


29 - 09 Aug Santa Maria da Feira: Medieval Journey www.viagemmedieval.com

31 - 03 Aug Guaiterianas: Festas Experience historical parades, a battle fought with flowers, bullfighting, fireworks and lots of live music. www.guimaraesestruismo.com

AUGUST
02 - 14 Aug Obidos: International Piano Week Young music students from all over the world to perfect their knowledge with great masters. www.pianobidos.org

Silver: Medieval Fair, see how the Moors and Christians lived in the Middle Ages

27 - 30 Castro Marim - Medieval Days Jouusting tournaments, street theatre performances, banquets, medieval music and a handicrafts and merchandise fair

30 - 06 Sept Punchal: Madeira Wine Festival the residents of Madeira celebrate the harvest of their world-famous wine.

SEPTEMBER
04 - 06 Caramulo: Motorfestival Take a trip back in time where classic cars race down the roads of the Caramulo mountains. www.caramulo-motorfestival.com

17 - 19 Porto Santo, Madeira: Columbus Festival Music, exhibitions, street entertainment and a historical parade recreate the medieval atmosphere of Columbus’ disembarkation with his companions on the town’s day.

22 - 27 São Miguel Island: Sata Airlines Azores Pro (surf) www.azoresislandspro.com

OCTOBER
15 - 18 Vilamoura: Portugal Masters (golf)

18 Lisbon: Marathon www.osportes.com

NOVEMBER
04 - 13(TBC) Golegã: National Horse Fair Portugal’s Lusitano horses used in bullfights for centuries attract thousands of visitors to the festival.

09 - 15 Espinho: Cinanima -International Animated Film Festival www.cinanima.pt

SCOTLAND
2015 Taste your way around Scotland with the Year of Food & Drink www.visitscotland.com

APRIL
30 - 03 May Shetland: Folk Festival Presenting the best folk music from around the globe. www.shetlandfolkfestival.com

30 - 04 Speyside: Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival - Festival with over 200 events. Whisky, music food & fun www.spiritofspeyside.com
Scotland continued……

MAY
May-Sept Highland Games: Around 100 Highland games take place from Cowal to Tomintoul. 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
16 - 15 Cairntraw: Loch Fyne A feast of West Coast food, wine and entertainment, with workshops and demos www.lochfyne.com
21 - 31 Perth: 44th Festival of the Arts classical music, opera, jazz, rock, folk and visual art www.perthfestival.co.uk
21 - 24 Orkney: Folk Festival www.okneyrkfolkfestival.com
29 - 31 Edinburgh: Gardening Scotland national celebration of gardening and outdoor living. www.gardeningscotland.com

JUNE
05 - 07 Arran: 20th Arran Folk Festival A week of concerts, ceilidhs and open pub sessions. www.arranfolkfestival.com
18 - 21 Edinburgh: Royal Highland Show - The highlight of the Scottish country calendar. www.royalhighlandshow.org
24 - 28 Glasgow: Jazz Festival www.jazzfestival.co.uk
26 - 28 Arran: Malt & Music Festival The best of both

JULY
03 - 05 Perthshire: Game Conservancy Scottish Fair at Scone Palace. Demonstrating the importance of game and other wildlife to the Scottish countryside. www.scone-palace.co.uk
04 - 05 Portsoy, Aberdeenshire: Scottish Traditional Boat Festival, a special emphasis on boat building, restoration and sailing and on associated traditional crafts, music and art. www.stbfportsoy.com
13 - 18 Stornoway: 14th Hebridean Maritime Festival, Dinnae, sailing tuition and challenges to suit all tastes. www.sailhebrides.info
17 - 26 Edinburgh: International Jazz and Blues Festival www.edinburghjazzfestival.co.uk
24 - 01 Aug Aberdeenshire: International Youth Festival 11 days of music, dance and theatre. www.aiyf.org
30 - 02 Aug Turnberry: The Rich Women’s British Open with many of the world’s greatest female golfers taking part

AUGUST
01 - 07 Inverness: World Orienteering Championships www.woc2015.org
07 - 09 Edinburgh Inverleith Park: Foodies festival feast on a vast array of culinary activities, including a new tasting theatre www.foodiesfestival.com
07 - 29 Edinburgh: Military Tattoo Military extravaganza with breath-taking displays. www.edintattoo.co.uk
07 - 31 Edinburgh: Festival Fringe The world’s largest arts festival. www.edfringe.com
07 - 31 Edinburgh: International Festival 3 weeks of the best opera, theatre, dance and classical music from around the world www.ef.co.uk
08 Perth: Half Marathon and Kilt Walk
15 - 31 Edinburgh: International Book Festival www.edbookfest.co.uk
15 - 16 Arbroath: Sea Festival, of course the Arbroath Smokie – haddock smoked over hardwood, traditional crafts, The Reaper will be in the Harbour, fishing displays, modern and traditional music. www.arbroathsea.fest.co.uk
16 - 22 Ballantræe: Smugglers Festival celebrates its colourful smuggling history with a week of events and activities

SEPTEMBER
05 - 13 The Highlands: Blas Festival Celebrating the culture of traditional music and Gaelic in the Highlands. www.blas-festival.com
05 Braemar: Traditional Highland games and gathering. Attended by the ‘Royals’ Pipers and dancers, teams from H.M. Forces will compete in the InterServices Unit Tug of War Championship and in the Services Medley Relay Race. www.braemargathering.org
10 - 13 Blair Atholl: FFE European Eventing Championships www.blair2015.com
19 Ayr: William Hill Gold Cup Festival Ayr Race Course www.ayracecourse.co.uk
27 Inverness: Baxters Loch Ness Marathon & Festival Of Running

OCTOBER
09 - 17 Inverness: Royal National MOD Gaelic festival - famous for celebrating our Gaelic linguistic and cultural heritage. www.ancomunn.co.uk
10 Carrbridge/ Cairnorgans National Park: The 22nd annual World Porridge Making Championships worldwide competitors fight for coveted Golden Spurtle trophy
21 Blair Atholl: Glenfiddich Piping Championships International competition. www.blairatholl.org.uk
Blair Atholl: Glenfiddich Fiddle Festival showing 8 of Scotland’s finest traditional musicians www.blairatholl.org.uk

DECEMBER

Spain
Please be aware that the Spanish Tourist Board site has some incorrect dates for 2015 so refer to individual sites for up dates

MAY
04 - 17 Tarragona: Tarraco Viva Festival celebrating this international cultural festival dedicated to and specialising in the history of the Roman period. www.tarracoviva.com
Ibiza: Medieval Fair Craft markets, wizards, witches, puppets, jugglers, jesters, knights, princesses, princes, dragons, falconry, artists and craftsmen.
Montmelo, Barcelona: The Spanish Formula 1 Grand Prix
Girona: temps de flors (flower season) This floral exhibition converts different monuments, courtyards and urban locations into unique ornamental gardens.
Jerez: The Feria del Caballo The most important horse heritage event in Spain. Superior displays of horsemanship, bullfights and flamenco
Segovia: The Titirimundi, International Puppet Theatre Festival ranging from traditional puppets to acrobatic groups and street entertainment

Madrid: The Fair of San Isidro Madrid’s largest fiesta. Offers the chance to don traditional castizo finery, feast on delicacies, soak up flamenco, zarzuelas and Latin celebrations

Berga, Barcelona: Patum de Berga Street entertainment and shows with different figures typical of these fiestas (giants, “big-heads”, eagles, guixas (dragons), plens (devils)). Fire and dance play a central role.

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

Granada: International Festival of Music and Dance A celebration of flamenco and classical music www.granadafestival.org

Barcelona: Festival de Song - Festival also presents public concerts with well known singers, pianists and guitarists. www.barcelonaferstitivo.org

Madrid: Titirilandia International Puppet Theatre Festival each weekend

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

Penedes: Barcelona: VIJAZZ Innovative festival that combines the world of wine with jazz music www.vijazzpenedes.com

Pamplona: Encierro: Fiesta de San Fermín - The Bull Run, is conducted along an 800m stretch of the town’s streets towards the bullring. www.bullrunpamplona.com

Cartagena 8: La Mar de Musica (Sea of Music) Festival, one of the best festivals of global sounds in Europe

San Sebastian: International Jazz Festival / Jazzaldia more than 60 performances are scheduled (Free) www.heinekenjazzaldia.com

AUGUST
01 - 08 Palma: The King’s Cup Sailing Competition. One of
Spain continued:........

15 - 24 Catalonia: Festa Mayor de Gràcia, By day, long treble tables for communal lunches and board games; at night, outdoor concerts, dances, and general revelry. See www.festamayordegracia.cat.
15 - 22 Malaga: Feria de Malaga The biggest party in town with fancy dress, exotic food and dance, and fireworks www.andalucia.com/festival/malaga-feria

Buñol near Valencia: La Tomatina tomato fight where more than one hundred metric tons of overripe tomatoes are thrown in the streets. reported to be 50,000 attending ‘World’s Biggest Food Fight’ www.tomatina.es

Taste of Stockholm www.tasteofstockholm.com

September
10 - 15(TBC) Cádiz: Fiesta de la Vendimia (Harvest Festival) includes flamenco festival, wine harvest festival, horse jumping events etc. www.turismojerez.com
18 - 26 San Sebastián: International Film Festival one of the most prestigious and internationally recognised in Spain. www.sansebastianfestival.com
20 - 22 Sitges: Santa Tecla Fiesta. Giants, music, fire and popular traditions and major parade as the closing event characters dressed up as devils and dragons, carrying fire. Another much-awaited moment is the spectacular exhibition of castellers or human castles, which reach up to nine tiers high.

October
12 Spain: National Day
31 - 06 Nov San Sebastian: Annual Horror and Fantasy Film Festival www.donostiafilmfestival.com

November
01 Cádiz: All Saints Day A colourful celebration in Cadiz, with beautifully decorated market stalls, often depicting current events, lining the streets. Celebrated throughout Spain
05 - 21 Barcelona: International Comedy Festival The world’s first multicountry comedy festival www.barcelonaanima.com
08 - 28 Dec(TBC) Madrid: en Danza Festival Madrid becomes the focus of the international world of dance

Sweden

MAY
10 -14 Gothenburg: HBT-GBG West Pride Festival dedicated to the culture created by and aimed at gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender, giving all concerned an opportunity to expand on these themes. www.westpride.se
14 -17 Island of Gotland - Open studios, a hundred artists and studios open their atelier to visitors who can admire and purchase artwork. www.opppna-ateljeer.se
23 Gothenburg: Half marathon - a long-distance races of the world’s largest with more than 30,000 participants. www.goteborgsvanret.com
29 - 31 Stockholm: Elitloppet - the most prestigious trotting race in Europe. www.elitloppet.se
29 - 30 Brännbollsplyran: Festival Sweden’s largest student festival with some of the world’s biggest artists.
30 Stockholm: Marathon - www.stockholmmarathon.se

JUNE
03 - 07 Stockholm: Early Music Festival: In the beautiful scenery of the Old Town of Stockholm concerts, seminars and workshops. www.semf.se
03 - 06 Solvesborg: Sweden Rock Festival http://www.swedenrock.com
04 - 07 Taste of Stockholm restaurants move outdoors in the garden of Kungsträdgården, a celebration of gastronomy in the capital, with some of Sweden’s most famous chefs, concerts and entertainment. www.smakapastockholm.se
06 National Day: The biggest festival and traditional place at Skansen in Stockholm in the presence of the Royal Swedes. Feast in the gardens of Kungsträdgården Stockholm-music and entertainment. www.skansen.se

AUGUST
05 - 13 Malmö: 2015 European Championships for Ponies at Ribersborg in Malmö. On August 13th the big horses are taking over and there will be international eventing. www.malmo.se
02 - 09 Island of Gotland: Medieval Week step back in time with the people in period costumes, brave knights in various tournaments and competitions. www.medeltidsveckan.com, www.gotland.info
11 -16 Stockholm: Culture Festival: music, art, street theater, events for children, outdoor dances, and 99%free! www.kulturfestivalen.stockholm.se
14 - 21 Malmo Festival: culinary demonstrations, music, cultural events - the festival begins with the traditional feast of crayfish in the city center. www.malmofestivalen.se
15 Stockholm: Midnattsloppet - stroke of midnight in: 10 km www.tjejmilen.se
22 Gothenburg: Midnattsloppet As above

SEPTEMBER
05 Stockholm: Women’s Race10 km www.tjejmilen.se
24 - 26 Stockholm: Festival of beer and whisky: the exhibition of Europe’s largest beer and whisky largest fair in the world. www.stockholmbeer.se see also October
24 - 27 Gothenburg: International Book Fair , the most important book fair in Scandinavia. www.bokbibliotek.se

OCTOBER
01 - 03 As above Stockholm: Festival of beer and whisky: the exhibition of Europe’s largest beer and whisky largest fair in the world. www.stockholmbeer.se
19 - 25 Stockholm: Open: International tennis tournament with the participation of champions worldwide. www.lfstockholmopen.se

NOVEMBER
26 - 29 Stockholm: International Horseshow. Greater international competition show-jumping, dressage and show horses. www.swedenhorseshow.se

End of November-December
Christmas Markets: . www.christmas-markets.org

DECEMBER
01 Coronation of Saint Lucia in Sweden: the open-air museum Skansen in Stockholm www.skansen.se
10(TBC) Stockholm: Nobel Prize: event presided over by the King of Sweden, Carl XVI Gustaf. www.nobel.se
13 Sweden: Festival of Saint Lucia. www.skansen.se
Switzerland

**MAY**

02 - 03 **Geneva:** Marathon Annual event catering for all levels of fitness, half marathon and Junior courses through stunning countryside. www.genevamarathon.org

03 **Gruyere:** Cheese Festival. Cheese makers show their wares together with music, handicrafts and local artists. www.gruyere.ch

14 - 16 **Chamson VINISSIMA – Wineries open days** www.chamoson.com

**JUNE**

05 - 13 **Morges:** Morges-sous-Rire, humour festival. www.morges-sous-rire.ch

18 - 21 **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

18 - 29 Aug **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.tellspiele.ch

19 - 20 **Zürich:** Pride Festival – An exciting, inspiring and multicultural program. www.bern.com

25 - 28 **Gallen:** Openair Music Festival. 40 world renowned artists perform over 3 days. www.openairg.ch

26 - 27 **Lucerne:** 7th Luzerner Fest Music played on squares in the heart of the Old Town. Food and refreshments. www.altstadtfest-luzern.ch

28 **Wengen:** Mountain Spring Festival at Männlichen. Demonstration of Swiss Folklore: dances, yodelling, alphorn, flag throwing, Swiss folklore band. www.maennlichen.ch

**JULY**

03 - 05 **Saas-Fee:** West-Swiss Yodel Festival. www.jodlertag-saas-fee.ch

03 - 18 **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

11 - 29 Aug **Vevey Marchés folkloriques de Vevey** www.marchesfolkloriques.ch

16 - 09 Aug **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

17 - 25 **Basel:** Tattoo. Based on the world-renowned Edinburgh Tattoo. www.baseltattoo.ch

17 - 25 **Lucerne:** Blue Balls Festival. The international Lucerne Blue Balls Festival presents a cornucopia of music styles on the shores of Lake Lucerne. http://www.blueballs.ch/

 Verbier: Festival. Top classical artists performing unique concert programmes in a breathtaking mountain setting. www.verbierfestival.com

Crans-Montana: Omega European Golf Masters. www.omegaeuropeangolfmasters.com

Interlaken: Interalta - Festival Latino. A tribute to South America dance and food www.interalta.ch

**AUGUST**

All around Switzerland: Swiss National Holiday Locarno Film Festival. Featuring evening projections under the stars, on one of the biggest screens in the world, Piazza Grande deserves its title of ‘the most beautiful open-air cinema lounge’. www.pardo.ch

05 - 15 **Bern:** Buskers Street Music Festival. The musicians and performers are International, the audience can express their appreciation by tossing coins into a hat www.bern.com

06 - 08 **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

07 - 09 **Zermatt:** 47th Folklore Festival and Zermatt Swiss Food Festival. www.swissfoodfestival.ch

07 - 09 **Lucerne:** Festival in Summer is the main event, with about 30 symphony concerts and 60 other events. http://www.lucernefestival.ch

14 - 13 Sept **Zürich:** Street Parade Top DJ’s. 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

**Switzerland**

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**SEPTEMBER**

04 - 06 Schellenberg: The Princely Liechtenstein Tattoo Pipes and Drums, impressing Shows, traditional dances, brass music and a unique setting www.princely-tattoo.li
12 Interlaken: Jungfrau Marathon awarded the title of "The World’s Most Beautiful Marathon" by the American magazine 'The Ultimate Guide to International Marathons' www.jungfrau-marathon.ch

**OCTOBER**

All around Switzerland: Wine festivals celebrating the harvest season

24 - 01 Nov Basel: ATP Swiss Indoors, the world’s tennis elite gathers in the city on the Rhine www.swissindoorsbasel.ch
25 Lucerne: Marathon

**NOVEMBER**

21 - 29 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
23 Bern: Zibelemärit, traditional onion market with popular festival.
28 Samnaun: CLAUWAU Santa Claus World Championships. The best Santa Clauses from all over the world meet for this fun competition www.clauwauchristmas.com

**DECEMBER**

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

**Wales**

**MAY**

02 - 04 Llandudno: Victorian Extravaganza, team engines, Victorian musical organs, vintage cars, costumes, curiosities and side shows www.victorian-extravaganza.com
21 - 31 Hay on Wye: Hay Festival Ten days, 900+ events and, arguably, the world’s greatest gathering of international writers and thinkers. www.hayfestival.com
25 - 30 Boncath, Pembrokeshire: Urdd National Eisteddfod: Europe’s largest youth arts festival celebrating the best talent in song, dance, drama and design www.urdd.org/eisteddfod

**JUNE**

12 - 13 Cardiff, Bute Park: X Music Festival World famous artists will take to the stage 30,000 people! www.visitcardiff.com
27 - 05 Jul Pembrokeshire: Fish Week Major Festival with 250+ events - Learn to fly fish, catch crabs, tastings, master classes, talks, courses and sand castle challenge and more! www.pembrokeshirefishweek.co.uk

**JULY**

01 - 12 Gower: Folk Festival: Churches along the Gower become intimate concert venues. Featuring the very best in music. www.gowerfestival.org
07 - 12 Llangollen: International Musical Eisteddfod an extraordinary cultural celebration featuring 4,000 competitors - singers, dancers and musicians from over 50 countries worldwide. www.international-eisteddfod.co.uk
20 - 23 Built in Wales: Royal Welsh Show Britain’s most popular agricultural show with a host of attractions - live music, displays, craft stalls, food etc www.rwas.co.uk
24 - 26 Caerphilly: The Big Cheese: Caerphilly Castle A celebration of the history of Caerphilly with street entertainers, music, dance fire-eating and falconry www.thefactories.co.uk/whats-on/the-big-cheese

**AUGUST**

Millennium Coastal Park. Llanelli National Eisteddfod of Wales. The highlight of the Welsh language cultural calendar is an eight day festival of poetry, literary, music, dance, comedy, science and technology with a warm welcome to non Welsh speakers www.eisteddfod.org.uk
07-09 Brecon: Brecon Jazz an international festival bringing super- cool jazz from some of the world’s top musicians and performers. www.breconjazz.org
15 Cardiff: Coopers Field: Pride Cymru Wales’s biggest celebration of gay and lesbian life www.pridecymru.co.uk
15 - 22 Conwy: River Festival www.conwynriverfestival.org

**SEPTEMBER**

The Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, Rugby World Cup plays host to several fixtures in this year’s Rugby World Cup. www.rugbyworldcup.com
03 - 06 Portmeirion: Festival No 6, bespoke weekend of music, arts and culture, set in and around the most stunning festival site you will ever see www.festivalnumber6.com
19 - 20 Abergavenny: Food Festival One of the biggest UK food events. Celebrity chefs, master classes, tastings and street stalls www.abergavennyfoodfestival.com
25 - 26 Cardiff: Great British Cheese Festival Cardiff Castle Taste an array of cheeses, artisan wines, ciders & beer www.greatbritishcheesefestival.co.uk
27 - 25 (TBC) 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**

Cardiff: Iris Prize Festival, Cardiff’s international gay and lesbian short film prize welcomes the best new filmmaking talent to the capital. www.irisprize.org
10 - 11 Anglesey Oyster & Welsh Produce Festival www.angleseyoysterfestival.com
24 - 25 (TBC) Snowdonia: Walking Festival: Betws-y-Coed Guided walks for beginners and experienced mountain walkers. Stroll2 to all day treks. www.snowdoniawalkingfestival.co.uk
23 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.org

**NOVEMBER**

12 - 15 Wales Rally GB: The British leg of the FIA World Rally Championship Watch the world’s elite drivers take on the world’s toughest forestry tracks in the Mid Wales mountains, and thrill the crowds at special stages www.walesrallygb.com
13 - 22 Llanwrtyd Wells: Mid Wales Beer Festival The longest festival of its kind in Wales with over 60 different ales and Real Ale Wobble on mountain bikes (14/15th) and Real Ale ramble. (21/23rd) www.green-events.co.uk

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Netherlands
Designer Outlet Roermond
Roermond
Tel: +31 47 53 51 777
Web: www.designer-outlet-roermond.com
Located 5 km from the Dutch-German border and 30 min
drive time from Düsseldorf at the crossroads of The
Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. 120 stores

Scotland
Livingston Designer Outlet
Livingston, West Lothian
Tel: +44 1506 423600
Web: www.livingstondesigneroutlet.com
Located off Junction 3 of the M8 between Edinburgh and Glasgow

Spain
La Roca Village
Barcelona
Tel: +34 93 842 39 00
Web: www.larocavillage.com
45 minutes northeast of Barcelona on the A7 Motorway

Las Rozas Village
Madrid
Tel: +34 91 640 49 00
Web: www.lasrozasvillage.com
45 minutes northwest of Madrid, near to the intersection of two
ring roads, the M40 and M50

Sweden
Freeport Kungsbacka
Kungsbacka
Tel: +46 300 57 00 50
15 minutes from Gateborg, motorway access from E6. Over
60 stores

Switzerland
Foxtowns Factory Outlet
Mendrisio
Tel: +41 (0) 848 828 888
Web: www.foxtowns.ch
Location: 15 km from Lugano, 50 km from Milano, on the Milan-
Lugano highway, exit t Mendrisio

Wales
Bridgend Designer Outlet
Bridgend, South Wales
Tel: +44 1656 66 5700
Web: www.bridgenddesigneroutlet.com
Located just off Junction 36 of the M4. 90 stores

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Distilleries & Wine Attractions to visit in Europe

**Austria**

Domäne Wachau
A-3601 Dürnstein
Tel: +43 (02711) 371-371
Fax: +43 (02711) 371-13
E-m: office(at)domaene-wachau.at
Web: www.domaene-wachau.at

A two hour tour of the cellars and wine tasting of top wines of the estate. This wine experience is exciting for adventurers, tourists, wine fans, and those that would like to become wine lovers.

Esterházy Winery and Museum
Trausdorf,
Tel: +43 2682 633 48 17
Web: www.esterhazywein.at

The Esterházy family has dedicated itself to viticulture since the 17th century. The new winery boasts the most modern facilities and presentation rooms. We offer a variety of tours throughout the day. Advance reservations are highly recommended.

**Belgium**

Distillerie de Biercke
Ferme de la Cour
B-6532 Thuin
Tel: +32 (0) 71.50.00.50
Fax: +32 (0) 71.59.32.33
Web: www.distilleriedebiercke.com
E-m: visit@distilleriedebiercke.com

The most important distillery of brandies and fruit liqueurs in Belgium. Come and discover some of the secrets, see the distillery at work, and then enjoy a tasting.

**France**

Champagne G.H. & Cie
Reims
Tel: +33 (03) 26 49 5970
Web: www.mumm.com
Established in 1827, Mumm today has over 25 million bottles of the bubbly on display in its historic cellars. Make reservations to take a 1-hour guided tour of the cellars, followed by a free champagne tasting.

Chateau Du Breuil
14130 Le Breuil Auge Normandy
Tel: +33 2 31 65 60 00
Web: www.chateau-breuil.fr

Established in 1945. It offers to its visitors guided tours as well as tastings. Guided tour in French, English, Spanish, German and Italian.

Palais Bénédictine
110 rue Alexandre Le Grand
76400 Fécamp, Normandy
Tel: +33 2 35 10 26 10
Web: www.chateau-breuil.fr

A guided tour of the cellars, the tasting of the secrets, see the distillery at work, and then enjoy a tasting.

**England**

Distillery for BOMBAY SAPPHIRE®
Laverstoke Mill
Laverstoke
Whitchurch
Hampshire RG28 7NR
Tel: 01256 890090
Web: www.distilleryplus.com

Established in 2014. This deep-rooted heritage of the mill connects the story of England, Laverstoke Mill, India and the 1761 British recipe for Bombay Sapphire.

Lakes Distillery
Bassenthwaite Lake
Cumbria
CA13 9SJ
Tel: 01768 776916
Web: www.lakesdistillery.com

Opened December 2014
First-ever Lakes Distillery. Copper stills nurture the Lakes Malt, gin and vodka, exploring what makes our spirits unique and how we use local resources to ensure that our products are 100% Cumbrian. The bistro and bar are housed in the heart of the distillery with outside heated seating within the distillery’s courtyard making a total of 130 seats inside and out.

The Cotswolds Distillery
Phillip’s Field
Stourton,
Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 5HG
Tel: +44 (0) 1608 238 533
E-m: info@cotswoldsdistillery.com

Opened in 2014
New Gin distillery. American-born whisky aficionado Daniel Soruc experimented with 50 recipes before finding the right mix for their gin which contains organic lavender, bay leaf, grapefruit and black pepper, (a single malt whisky will be ready for release in 2017).

Vinopolis - World of Wine
London SE1
Tel: +44 0870 241 4040
Web: www.vinopolis.co.uk

A fun learning experience of wine and spirits from around the world, tour includes tastings.

New is an interactive Whisky experience in the Still Room, and a unique microbrewery. Sadly, closing at the end of 2015.

**Germany**

Vineum Wine Tastings
Kronengasse 16, Boppard/ Rhein
Tel: +49-(0)6742-2678
Web: www.vineum.com

Group wine, wine and liqueur tastings. Specialist in the best German wines, whiskys and spirits. We are flexible in adapting our tastings to your group.

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Lavera Mill Distillery
BP 21, 16101 Cognac Cedex
Tel: +33 5 45 36 33 99
Fax: +33 5 45 36 33
Web: www.mumm.com

At the oldest of all the major cognac houses, visitors will discover the different stages of production: from the vineyards through distillation to ageing and blending. The experience begins with a tour of the reconstructed Maison du fondateur, or Founder’s House, offers a unique look at life in the early 18th century. Group visits all year booked in advance.

**Distillerie Busnel Cormelles**
Tel: +33 2 32 573880
Web: www.cormelles.com/

Partenaires/busnel/ 2 types of Calvados BUSNEL and ATEE, relive the authentic history of this pays d’ Auge distillery combination of soil, sunshine, humidity and the sea air create perfect conditions for growing cider apples ‘better than anywhere else in Normandy’

Martell Visitor Centre
7, Place Edouard Martell
BP 21, 16101 Cognac Cedex
Tel: +33 5 45 36 33 99
Fax: +33 5 45 36 33
Web: www.visit-martell.com

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110 rue Alexandre Le Grand 76400 Fécamp - Normandy - France
Tel: +33 (02) 35 10 26 10 | www.benedicteinedom.com

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Tel: +33 (03) 26 49 5970
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Mon-Sun. Tour 60 mins. Also offers a restaurant and Castle visit

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house some magnificent artifacts of the Industrial Age: including a 40 foot water wheel, an original stationary Steam Engine, a charming steam-powered fire engine, and the largest Pot Still in the world, with a capacity of 33,000 gallons (150,000 litres).

Italy

Azienda Agricola Zuliani
Sul Gards (BS)
1-Padengho Sul Gards (BS)
Tel: +39 (0130) 9907026
Web: www.vinizuliani.it
Award winning producers of ‘Garda Classico’ this ancient winery provides visitors with a wealth of information, guided tours usually given by the owner’s wife who can still be seen labelling the bottles herself. Appointment necessary - well worth a visit.

Cà Tullio Azienda (UD)
Tel: +39 0431 919700
Fax: +39 0431 919406
E-mail: info@catullio.it
Wines & vineyards in Friuli. The winery offers group visits to see the processes, and group meals can be organised when requested in advance

Castello Vicchiamoggio
Tuscany
Tel: +39 055 854079
E-mail: info@vichiamoggio.it
One of the most historic and well preserved castles in Tuscany and renowned Chianti Classico wine estate offering wine tastings and meals

Tenuta Torciano
Siena
San Gimignano
Tel: +39 0577 950055
E-mail: torciano@torciano.com
Web: www.torciano.com
In our wine cellar, throughout the year you can taste Brunello, Chianti classico, Riserva, Cabernet sauvignon, Merlot, and Vernaccia di san gimignano.

Scotland

Annandale Distillery
Annan, Dumfriesshire
DG12 5LL
Tel: 01461 207817
Web: www.annandaledistillery.co.uk
Open Spring 2015. The re-awakening of Annandale Distillery after 90 years means that fine Single Malt Scotch whisky will flow again from the Scottish Borders. A variety of tours will show visitors the processes of whisky making. Local craftsmen will be displayed in the woodwork and furniture and there will also be a coffee shop and retail area.

The Scotch Whisky Experience
354 Castlehill, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH1 2NE
Tel: 0131 220 0441
Fax: 0131 220 6288
E-mail: info@scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk
Web: www.scotch-whisky-experience.co.uk
All Whisky tours start with a swirling, bubbling barrel ride through a replica distillery as you become part of the whisky-making process. Tours finish with a close-up look at the world’s largest collection of Scotch Whisky and the chance to taste Scotch Malt Whisky.

Spain

Barcelona
La Vinoteca Torres
Tel: +34 93.842.32.20
Web: www.larocavillage.com
It is possible to taste any of over 50 wines and brandies produced by the Torres family in Catalonia, Penedes, Conca de Barbera, Ribera del Duero, Chile and California.

Bocas de Duero
Bodega Senorio de Bocos Valladolid
Tel: +34 903 880988
Fax: +34 903 880988
Offers a guided tour, including a wine tasting. The winery is surrounded by vineyards and the beautiful scenery of Valle del duero. Closed to the public.

Bodegas Campo Viejo
26006 Logroño (La Rioja)
Tel: +34 941 279900
E-mail: visitas.campoviejo@bodegas-beridel颠覆
Web: www.domecqbodegas.com
The tour lasts about one and a half hours. Visitors learn about the history of Campo Viejo and how we make and age our wines, every process from the vineyard to the bottle. The tour ends with a tasting of two of our wines accompanied by a typical Rioja tapa at the wine-bar.

Jerez
Domecq
Tel: +34 956 151 500
Web: www.domecq.es
Jerez’s oldest cellar, where a guided tour through the winery’s history with a audio visual presentation, and into Bodega de la Luz where Spain’s first brandy, Fundador, was born. Tasting and the shop visit.

Sant Sadurní d’Anoia
Codorniu winery
Tel: +34 93 8913342
Web: www.codorniu.com
Between Barcelona and Tarragona. This vineyard and cellars became famous after its owner, Josep Raventós, produced Spain’s first version of sparkling wine. Winery and Museum

Switzerland

Matter-Lugnibühl AG
Unterer Dammpfweg 2
3285 Kappel-Ruhenegg
Tel: +41 (0)32 392 27 72
Web: www.elerbnisbrennerei.ch
Whether Absinthe Duplas (gold medal winner), Oregon, Martinazzi or Vielle Prune: noble liquors are prepared in the specialty distillery using traditional methods. Visitors can join guided tours and distillation courses. Located between Neuchatel and Bern.
**Vienna**

**Albertina Museum**  
Tel: +43 (1) 53483 520  
Fax: +43 (1) 533 76 97  
E-mail: info@albertina.at  
Web: www.albertina.at

Currently the collection consists of approximately 65,000 drawings and nearly one million prints covering all of the major art-historical epochs from the late Gothic to the contemporary Modern.

**Belvedere**  
Tel: +43/1/79 557-134  
Fax: +43/1/79 557-136  
The Österreichische Galerie Belvedere is one of the world's major museums. The Upper Belvedere houses the largest collection of paintings by Gustav Klimt in the world including The Kiss and Judith, Monet, Renoir and Manet. The Lower Belvedere houses the Baroque Museum and Museum of medieval Art.

**Haydn House**  
Haydnagasse 19  
Tel: +43-1-505 87 47-0  
Haydn bought this suburban house in 1793. The exhibition concentrates on the last years of the composer's life, his personal relationships and his place in Viennese society.

**KunstHausWien**  
Untere Weissgerstrasse 13  
A-1030 Vienna  
Tel: +43 (1) 712 04 95 23  
Fax: +43 (1) 712 04 96  
Web: www.kunsthauswien.com

Several permanent exhibitions have been presented in the six floors of this former palazzo including paintings, drawings, tapestry and architecture. A modern day adventure in creative architecture. Regular temporary exhibitions, shop and café.

**Kunsthistorisches Museum**  
Tel: +43 (1) 525 24-417  
Web: www.khm.at

The Museums collections range from Ancient Egyptian and Greek and Roman Antiquities to the Collections of Medieval Art to the splendid Renaissance and Baroque Collections. Regular special exhibitions throughout the year.

**Liechtenstein Palace**  
Tel: +43 1 319 57 67-153  
The Liechtenstein Palace has ceased its previous museum operations. The palace has re-focused on events and pre-booked guided tours of the princely collections.

**Mozarthaus Vienna**  
A-1040 Vienna, Weyringergasse 17/2  
Tel: +43-1-505 31 00  
Web: www.mozarthausvienna.at

A centre devoted to the life and works of Mozart including the historical apartment where he lived. In addition visitors can find out about the times in which Mozart lived and his most important works. The exhibition focuses on his years in Vienna, which marked a high point in his creativity.

**Old Vienna Schnaps-Museum**  
Wilhelmstr 19-21  
A-1120 Vienna  
Reservations required  
Tel: +43 1 815 7300  
Fax: +43 1 815 730010  
E-mail: office@schnapsmuseum.com

www.schnapsmuseum.com

A unique opportunity to see not only the distilling process but the original offices, furniture and equipment from the 1870’s – 1920’s and still in use today. Meet a Viennese family and learn all about Schnaps. Unlimited sampling! Takes 45 minutes. Bus parking in front of the museum.

**MuseumQuartier – Vienna**  
Museumplatz 1  
A-1107 Vienna  
Information  
Web: www.mqw.at  
Tel: +43 1 523 5881

Group Tours  
Tel: +43 1 523 58 81 1704

Housed in the former royal winter stables, it unites baroque with modern architecture. This is a modern and contemporary arts complex, open 24 hours, with 6 restaurants and cafes. Some of the museums in the complex are shown below.

**Sigmund Freud Museum**  
Berggasse 19, A-1090 Wien  
Tel: +43-1- 319 15 96  
Fax: +43-1- 317 02 79  
Web: www.freiuniversum.at

The former living quarters and office of Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis. Freud lived and worked here from 1891 until 1938, when he was forced by the National Socialists to flee with his family into exile in England.

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Old Vienna Schnaps-Museum

MuseumQuartier – Vienna

Opened May 2014

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The DomQuartier provides previously unseen glimpses into the former centre of prince-archibishopric power and impressive vistas of the city.

**Salzburg**

**DomQuartier Salzburg**  
Residenzplatz 1 & Domplatz 1a  
5020 Salzburg  
Tel: +43662 8042-2109  
Web: www.domquartier.at

Opens May 2014

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**Belgium**

**Antwerp**

The Red Star Line Museum

2000 Antwerp  
Tel: 32 3 298 27 70  
The legendary shipping company transported over 2 million passengers by the River Scheldt to America: poor European migrants in search of the American dream, also well-heeled passengers on a pleasure or business trip to New York.

**Brugge**

Choco-Story – The Chocolate Museum

Sint-Janstraat, 7b  
Tel: +0032 50/61.22.37

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**France**

Amiens

Maison de Jules Verne

Tel: + 33 (0)3 22 45 45 75

The house where Jules Verne lived from 1882 to 1900. From the winter garden to the attic, you can relive the adventures of his heroes, Phileas Fogg, Michel Strogoff, Captain Nemo and more.

Bohain-en-Vermoisos

La Maison familiale d’Henri Matisse

Tel: + 33 03 23 60 90 54

Web: www.bohainenvermoisand.fr

Matisse grew up in this house and lived there until he was in his twenties. The Museum has Exhibitions, pictures, drawings, testimonies, about Matisse’s young life. Audio guides and guided tours are available in English. Free entrance.

**Czech Republic**

Prague

Museum of Applied Arts

Tel: +4202 51093111

Rich collection of glass, porcelain, furniture, silver and period costumes.

Mucha Museum

Panská 7

Tel: +420 221 45 13 33

Fax: +420 221 45 14 14

E-mail: museum@mucha.cz

Web: www.mucha.cz

Opening hours: daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Mucha Museum invites you to discover the works of the fantastic Czech artist, Alphonse Mucha (1860-1939), the Master of Art Nouveau. A comprehensive cross section of works loaned by the Mucha Foundation presents you with a unique view into the universe of the artist.

**Denmark**

Roskilde

The Viking Ship Museum

Tel: +45 46 30 02 00

Web: www.vikingeskibsmuseet.dk

The setting for restored Viking ships sunk in the Roskilde Fjord around the year 1000.

Stockholm

ABBA The Museum

Djurgårds vägen 68

Tel: +46 771 75 75 75

Web: www.abbatemuseum.com

The home of ABBA’s collected works, in a contemporary, musical and interactive exhibition that allows the audience to get close to their favourite band. It is part of the new Swedish Music Hall of Fame, and the tickets will be valid throughout the building.

**Germany**

Baden-Baden

Fabergé Museum

Tel: +49 7227 90 45 17 80

Web: www.faberge-museum.de

Permanent exhibition showing over 700 objects by Fabergé. Additionally exhibits by other jewelers including Cartier, Boucheron and more.

Berlin

Berlin Wall Museum – Haus am Checkpoint Charlie

Tel: +49(30)2537250

Permanent exhibition “The Wall from 1961 to today” photos, paintings, examples of escape methods used. Guides include witnesses of the period.

DDR Museum

10178 Berlin

Tel: +49 30 577 123 73 - 1

Post@ddr-museum.de

The DDR Museum is the only museum which concentrates on everyday life in the GDR. The crimes of the State Security, border defences at the Berlin Wall, and the life of the people in the dictatorship.

The 'Diamantmuseum Brugge' offers a unique view into the diamond world, normally inaccessible to the public.Every day at 12.15, a polishing demonstration is carried out by a diamond polisher in the museum’s extraordinary diamond polishing workshop.

Brussels

Belgian Chocolate Village

Rue De Neck 20

1060 Bruxelles - Belgique

Tel: +32 2 549 60 49

info@choco-story.be

Web: www.choco-story.be

1081 Brussels (Koekelberg)

Rue De Neck 20

Reopened 2014. The museum now boasts 40 rooms and 3,000 square metres of exhibition space. On display for the inaugural exhibition are some 400 pieces – just a fraction of the 5,000 artworks comprising the collection. In the former attic are housed works by Matisse, Braque, Derain and Van Dongen - pieces personally collected by Picasso from artists who were his friends.

Rouen

Historial, Joan of Arc

History Centre

7 Rue Saint Romain, 76000

Tel : 03 33 (0) 35 52 48 00

Opened March 2015

The €10 million museum project combines a state of the art immersive exhibition space with comprehensive historical content, inviting the visitor to step back in time to the 15th century and become a witness and participant in Joan of Arc’s trial.

Wingen-Sur-Mode

Musée Lalique

57290 WINGEN-SUR-MODE

Tel: +33 (0) 388 89 08 14

Fax: +33 (0) 3 88 03 42 75

Web: www.musee-lalique.com

The museum is located near the Lalique crystal factory. 200 pieces from the local Lalique, Art Nouveau jewellery, Art Deco glasswork (including his perfume bottles) and around 2,000 drawings, all from the Lalique company.

Lalique Museum - Leurs-Ames pour-Orsay

**Musées and Galleries**
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Frankfurt am Main

Städel Museum
E-mail: info@staedelmuseum.de
Tel: +49(0)69-605098-0
Re-opened 2012 the Städel Museum following an extensive make-over. The museum's new underground annex, is home to the Städel's superb collection of contemporary art.

Gien/Brenz

Die Welt Von Steiff

Teddy Bear Museum
Tel: +49 (0) 73 22 / 13 15 00
Fax: +49 (0) 73 22 / 13 17 00
Web: www.die-welt-von-steiff.de

The legendary Teddy bear was born in 1902. Since then, Steiff animals with the famous "Button in Ear" have travelled all over the world. Margarete Steiff's home now has a museum which is dedicated to her life and work. Located between Stuttgart and Würzburg. Tours by appointment.

Die Welt Von Steiff

Leipzig

Mendelsohn-Haus
Goldschmidtstraße 12
04103 Leipzig
E-mail: imsmendelsohn-stiftung.de
Web: www.mendelsohn-haus.de

The Museum reopened in 2014 with the addition of another floor. Mendelsohn one of Germany's greatest composers, pianists and organists. The museum shows his home, library and the option for visitors to be a composer!

Lübeck

European Hansemuseum
Lübeck

An der Untertrave 1
D-23552 Lübeck
Tel: +49 451 80 90 99-0
E-mail: info@hansemuseum.eu
Web: www.hansemuseum.eu

Opens end May 2015
The largest museum about the history of the Hanse will open in spring 2015 for an exciting journey through 600 years of adventure and medieval trade. The Castle Friary is being restored to its former glory. This unique monument, together with a new building and an archaeological dig, will form the museum complex, a place where history is brought to life.

Stuttgart

Mercedes-Benz Museum

Tel: +49 (0) 711 17 30 000
Fax: +49 (0) 711 17 30 400
Web: www.mercedes-benz.com/museum

The Museum presents the 120 year history of the automotive industry with 160 vehicles and more than 1200 other exhibits. New exhibitions regularly presented Coach parking adjacent.

Porsche Museum

Porschplatz 1
Tel: +49 (0) 711 911 20911
Fax: +49 (0) 711 911 20356
E-mail: info.museum@porsche.de

In addition to world-famous, iconic vehicles such as the 356, 550, 911, and 917, the exhibits include some of the outstanding technical achievements of Professor Ferdinand Porsche from the early 20th century.

Zwickau

Robert Schumann Haus
Tel: +49 375 / 215 269

Born here in 1810, its permanent exhibition in eight rooms and the world’s largest collection of Schumann documents, his birthplace is a major point of attraction for tourists, music lovers and musicologists from all over the world.

Hungary

Near Budapest

Caprice Diamond Museum
Tel: +36 26 302512

Here watch the manufacturing process, from diamond polishing to seeing them set into jewellery.

Budapest

Museum of Ethnography
www.neprajz.hu
Tel: +36 1473 2400

One of Europe's largest specialist museums with 39,000 Hungarian and 53,000 international art exhibits, permanent exhibition Folk Culture of the Hungarians.

The House of Hungarian Art Nouveau
Honvéd u. 3
Tel: +36 0361 269 4622

The permanent exhibition consists of paintings, furniture, ornaments and interiors, also offers a shop and cafe.

Icealand

Reykjavik

Phallological Museum
Tel: 354 561 6663
Web: www.phall.us

Recently reopened. The museum has approximately 280 mammal penises and penis parts and the first human specimen was added to the collection earlier this year.

Reykjanesbær

The Icelandic Museum of Rock and Roll
Jhallaeyg 2
260 Reykjanesbær
Tel: +354 420 1030
Web: www.roksafn.is

Only recently opened and focuses on the history of pop and rock music in Iceland, with stories told using images, texts, screens, projectors, tablets and various memorabilia. Rock and roll, the movement with the addition of another floor. The museum shows his home, library and the option for visitors to be a composer!

Italy

Florence

Galleria dell’ Accademia
Tel: +39 055 238 86 09

Founded in 1563, this was the first school of art in Europe, it displays Michelangelo’s David (1504). There are also a range of paintings from the 13th to the 19th Century with works by Botticelli, Lippi and Perugino.

Museo Novecento
Piazza Santa Maria Novella 10
50123 Firenze
Tel: +39 055 286136
E-mail: comunicazione.cultura@comune.fi.it
Web: www.museonovecento.it/en/museo/

Dedicated to the Italian art of the 20th century, around 300 works located in 15 exhibition areas. A journey backwards from the Nineties to the first decades of the Twentieth century retraces the unique artistic season that saw Florence as one of the most vital centres through paintings, sculptures, videos, installations and documents.

Lucca

Puccini Museum
Tel: +39 0583 469225
Fax: +39 0583 471105
E-mail: info@fondazionegiacomopuccini.it

Here the composer was born in 1858 and lived his musical education years before moving to Milan, the refurbished museum narrates the Maestro’s life and work through his music, documents, paintings, relics and furniture.

Milan

Castello Sforzesco
Tel: +39 02 62 08 39 40

Originally built in 1490, the castle was decorated in frescos, there are libraries, museums and fine collections of furniture, archaeology, antiques and paintings.

Modena

Ferrari Museum
Tel: +39 059 4397979
Web: www.museocasainzoferrari.it
E-mail: info@ museo.casainzoferrari.it

The Museum where guests can visit the workshop and production line, and The Perugina Chocolate Factory offers visitors the opportunity to become chocolatiers for a day.

Pompeii

Domus of the Mysteries
Pompeii
Tel: +39 081 8575111
E-mail: pompeli.info@beniculturali.it

The magnificent Villa dei Misteri re-opened after restoration. The exquisite frescoes depicting convivial scenes in ancient Rome are now fully restored, seen in more than 70 rooms of the house. The complex dates back to the first century BC with subsequent transformations until the time of the eruption (79 AD).

Rome

Villa Borghese & Gallerie Borghese
Tel: +39 06 32 81 01

The 17Century Villa houses works by Bernini, Botticelli, Caravage, Raphael and Perugino.

The Vatican Museums
Tel: +39 06 6988 3333
Web: www.roma.2000.it

There are 21 different museums, chapels, collections and galleries within the Vatican City and include:-

Egyptian Museum
Tel: +39 06 6988 3333
Includes Roman statues from 1st and 2nd Century AD together with sarcophagi and mummies. Egyptian statues, ceramics, tablets and seals.

Sistine Chapel
Tel: +39 06 6988 3333
The Sistine Chapel is without doubt one of the greatest art treasures of all time. The site where the conclaves for the election of popes are held. Built between 1475-1481, the frescoes were created by Perugino, Botticelli, Roselli and Ghirlandio and their assistants. The barrel vaulted ceiling was painted by Michelangelo as was the painting behind the alter the Last Judgement.

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Ireland - Southern

Dublin
National Museum of Ireland - Archeology and History
Tel: +353 1 677 7444
Artefacts from 7000BC to the 20th Century. Also the "Road to independence" exhibition 1919-1921

GUINNESS® STOREHOUSE
Tel: +353 (1) 408 4800
E-m: guinness-storehouse@guinness.com
Web: www.guinness.com
The new home for the museum showing the history of this famous brew, together with examples of the worldwide advertising campaigns so well known, and examples of the transportation used through the ages

The State Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg are displayed - 'At the Russian Court' the inaugural exhibition - a dazzling display of more than 1,800 treasures

Tulip Museum
Prinsengracht 112
1015 EA Amsterdam
Tel: +31 (0)20 421 00 95
Fax: +31 (0)20 421 34 04
Web: www.amsterdamlupimuseum.com
Learn about the history of the Tulip, Holland's most famous flower, from its origin in the central Asian highlands to its modern day cultivation in the fields of Holland

Delft
Royal Delft Museum
Tel: +31 15 251 2030
Fax: +31 15 251 2031
Web: www.royaldelft.com
E-m: info@royaldelft.com
To present its history in a contemporary style, the museum has created the interactive 'Delft Blue Experience': a journey through the present, the past and the future of this age-old pottery

Lithuania
Chocolate Museum
Tiltès str. 133
Šiauliai LT-76349
Lithuania
Tel: +370 41 523 212
E-m: sokoladomuziejus@ruta.lt
Take a look at the nearly four millennia-long history of chocolate. Learn how it was made by the Maya and Aztec people, and how chocolate and its consuming traditions have changed since then. Find out about the first chocolate and candy factories in Lithuania and take a closer look at RUTA, the oldest operating candy factory in the country.

The famous Kon-Tiki raft. Interactive multi media program with touch screen technology, film room.

Venice
Peggy Guggenheim Collection
Tel: +39 041 520 62 88
When she died in 1979, she left her entire private collection of 20th Century art including works by Picasso, Kandinsky, Klee, Dali and Jackson Pollock housed in the Palazzo Venier dei Leoni. The gardens display the sculptures by Arp, Moore, Giacometti and Ernst

The Perfume Museum
Palazzo Mocenigo
Santa Croce 1992,
30135 Venezia
Tel: +39 041 721798
E-m: info@mocenigo..visitmusee.it
Web: www.mocenigo.visitmusee.it
Reopened After a period of radical restyling at. The sections dedicated to perfume, its history and essences is housed in the aristocratic Palazzo among furniture and accessories from the 18th century Venice

WiMu - Wine Museum,
Falletti di Barolo Castle
Tel. +39 0173 38 66 97
Fax. +39 0173 38 07 14
info@wimu.barolo.it
A new Museum dedicated to one of the most famous red wines in the world: the Barolo, the 'king of wines'

Norway
Bergen
Edward Grieg Museum,
Trolldagen
Tel: +47 55922992
E-m: info@trolldagen.com
Web: www.trolldagen.com
The home of Nina and Edward Grieg (1843-1907) in picturesque, Norwegian landscape outside Bergen. Concert hall (200 pax) with regular concerts during the season. Museum containing exhibitions, café and shop. Open all year.

Oslo
Kon-Tiki Museum
Tel: +47 23 08 67 67
Fax: +47 23 08 67 60
Web: www.kon-tiki.no
The Museum houses original vessels and objects from Thor Heyerdahl's many expeditions. The famous Kon-Tiki raft. Interactive multi media program with touch screen technology, film room.

Spain
Barcelona
The Picasso Museum
Calle Montcada 15-23
08003, Barcelona
Tel: +34 932563000
Fax: +34 933150102
E-m: museopicasso@bcn.cat
Web: www.museopicasso.bcn.cat
The Picasso Museum in Barcelona traces the influence of the painter from Malaga on art from the time of his death to the present day.

Bilbao
Guggenheim Museum
info desk (+34) 94 435 90 80
An architectural masterpiece, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum now possesses one of the world's most important collections of avant-garde and contemporary art.

Getaria, Basque Country
Cristobal Balenciaga Museum
Tel: info@balenciaga.org
Web: www.balenciaguemuseo.com
Conceived to promote, disseminate and strengthen the importance of the life and work of the genius designer, Cristobal Balenciaga, who hails from the area.

Madrid
Prado Museum
Tel: +34 91 300 00 00
Fax: +34 91 330 28 56
E-m: museo.nacional@prado.mcu.es
Web: www.museoprado.es
1819 the Prado Museum was inaugurated to house the royal collection. It is now recognized as one of the world's greatest...
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museums, and has a collection of over 7,500 works of art and sculpture including the Goya collection.

Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum
Tel: +34 913 790 151
Web: www.museothyssen.org
Housing an outstanding selection of Old Masters and modern paintings from every school, spanning early Renaissance to the late 20th century. Major expansion planned for 2004.

Córdoba Museo Regina
Plaza D. Luis Venegas, 1
14002 Córdoba
Tel: +34 957 496 889
E-m: info@museoregina.com
Museo devoted to jewellery, visitors can watch the manufacturing process of the famous Cordovan Jewel. Guided tours and shop.

Switzerland

Basel
Toy Worlds Museum
Steinervorstadt 1
CH-4051 Basel
Tel: +41 (0)61 225 95 95
Fax: +41 (0)61 225 95 96
Web: www.toy-worlds-museum-basel.ch
With more than 6000 teddy bears, dolls, toy grocers' shops, doll's houses and miniatures, the museum is the only one of its kind in Europe. Additionally special themed exhibitions throughout the year.

Bern
Swiss Brand Museum
Grosser Muristalden 2
3036 Bern
Tel: +41 31 536 08 29
E-m: info@swissbrandmuseum.com
Web: www.swissbrandmuseum.com
Opened late April 2015
Located near - the BearPark and in the historical walls of the old tollofice. From the special displays about 25 Swiss inventions, many Swiss citizens may learn for the first time that absinthe or aluminium foil may be invented for the first time in Switzerland. The museum has a special section on the famous Cordovan Jewel. Guided tours and shop.

Zurich
Jacobs Museum
Museum of Coffee Culture
Tel: +41 44 386 6151
Web: www.johann-jacobs-museum.ch
Museum houses an exhibition of various things to do with the social world of coffee drinking. Porcelain, coffee advertisements, Japan coffee boxes and various other exhibitions to the theme coffee.

UK

Bath
No.1 Royal Crescent
BA2 1LR
Tel: +44 (0)1225 428 126
E-m: no1museum@bptrust.org.uk
A magnificently restored Georgian townhouse that creates a wonderfully vital picture of life in Georgian Bath. Nowadays No.1 provides visitors to the Crescent with an opportunity to look beyond the famous Palladian facade and see what life was like for the wealthy in 18th century Bath.

The Roman Baths
Abbey Church Yard
Tel: +44 (0)1225 477785
Fax: +44 (0)1225 477743
E-m: romanbaths_booking@bathnes.gov.uk
Web: www.romanbaths.co.uk
One of the finest thermal spas of ancient world, built 2000 years ago around the country's only hot springs. Fine Roman museum, audio guides in eight languages, computer animations and costumed Roman characters bring the experience to life.

Special audio tour for children and a 'Bryson at the Baths' audio tour - both free. Open daily.

Cheltenham
Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum
Cheltenham, GL50 3JT
Tel: (+44) 01242 237431
E-mail:artgallery@cheltenham.gov.uk
Four floors offering a fine art collection. It will also become home to a new retail outlet for the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsman Gallery - called “Guild at 31”, Tourist office and bistro.

London
Florence Nightingale Museum
2 Lambeth Palace Road
London SE1 7EW
Tel: +44 (0)20 7620 0374
Web: www.florence-nightingale.co.uk
The Museum holds a unique collection of artefacts and is the only place where you can learn the full story of this remarkable icon. From Florence’s statue she used as a child, her pet owl Athena, to the Turkish lantern used in the Crimean War, the collection spans the life of Florence Nightingale, the Crimean War and Florence’s

nursing legacy up to the present day.

HMS BELFAST
London SE1
Tel: +44 (0)207 940 6300
A cruiser, moored on the River Thames. She served throughout the Second World War, playing a leading part in the destruction of Scharnhorst, and the Normandy Landings

IWM London
Lambeth Road
London SE1 6HZ
Tel: 0207 7416 5000 or email
E-m: mail@iwm.org.uk
Re- opened July 2014
IWM London has been transformed with new, ground-breaking First World War Galleries alongside a new central atrium space with large object displays and new shops and cafes.

London Transport Museum
Covent Garden Piazza
Tel: +44 207 379 6344
E-m: groupvisits@tmuseum.co.uk
Experience journeys from a bygone era as and explore a range of historical vehicles. Take control, driving a specially modified bus or having a go on a Tube simulator.

Museum of London
150 London Wall, London EC2Y 5HN
Tel: +44 (0)20 7001 9844
Web: www.museumoflondon.org.uk/groups
FREE entry!
Step inside Museum of London for an unforgettable journey through the capital’s turbulent past. Travel back in time and discover prehistoric London, see how the city changed as Romans moved in, visit the interior has been faithfully described in the published stories.

Museum of London Docklands
West India Quay, Canary Wharf, London E14 4AL
Tel: +44 (0)20 7001 9844
Web: www.museumoflondon.org.uk/groups
Kids go FREE!
From Roman settlement to Docklands’ regeneration, Museum of London Docklands reveals the long history of London as a port through stories of trade, migration and commerce. With archaeological finds, unusual objects, fascinating tours, films, and events, this is one of the capital’s real hidden gems. Visit our website for benefits for groups.

Royal Museums Greenwich
Web: www.rmg.co.uk
With inspirational stories of exploration and endeavour at sea and packed to the gunwales with intriguing objects and fascinating galleries, see the fabulous CuttySark, the historic 17th Century Queen’s House and the Royal Observatory Greenwich, all set in the beautiful Greenwich World Heritage Site

The Fan Museum
Greenwich
Tel: +44 0208 305 1441
Web: www.fan-museum.org
The first and only museum in the world entirely devoted to all aspects of the ancient art and craft of the fan.

The Sherlock Holmes Museum
London NW1
Tel: +44 (0)20 7935 8866
Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson’s home. It is open as a museum dedicated to the life and times of Sherlock Holmes, and the interior has been faithfully maintained for posterity exactly as described in the published stories.

Manchester
The Lowry
Salford Quays
Tel: +44 0870 787 5780
The Lowry houses the biggest public collection of works by LS Lowry and now numbers around 350 paintings and drawings, ranging across Lowry’s artistic career. Also enticing displays of contemporary and historical art in three exciting spaces.

Portsmouth
Mary Rose Museum
Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
30 years since the hull of Mary Rose was raised from the Solent in 1982 and 437 years after she sank in 1545: The ship sank in full view of King Henry VIII while leading the attack on a French invasion fleet during the Battle of The Solent. Now a museum is built around her, reuniting the ship with its contents and crew.

Royal Naval Museum
Historic Dockyard
Tel: +023 9283 9766
Web: www.historicdockyard.co.uk
Here is the most significant collection of permanent exhibitions in the UK devoted to the Battle of Trafalgar and Nelson, including a breathing taking walk through Trafalgar Experience
The galleries dedicated to the 20th century Navy focus on the changing face of the senior service from the launch of the Dreadnought to the Falklands War.
Belgium
Sportimonium
Hofstade-Zemst
Tel: +32 015/618.222
Trace the story of sports and games and the history behind them. Admire personal belongings of great heroes of sport.

England
Henley on Thames
River & Rowing Museum
Oxfordshire
Tel: +44 01491 415600
Its famous regatta has been running since 1839. Through The Collection you can explore the museum’s extensive collection of rowing objects and images.

Liverpool
Liverpool Football Club Museum & Tour Centre
Tel: +44 0151 260-6677
Visitors can combine a trip to the club’s museum with a guided tour of the ground. As well as showing off artefacts from the club’s rich history it allows people to see behind the scenes.

London
Stamford Bridge
Chelsea Football Club
Tel: 0871 9841 905 (UK)
Tel: +44 20 7915 2900 (Intl.)
Guided tour will take you to Chelsea FC Home Team dressing rooms, the press rooms, the players tunnel, the managers dug-out and the Centenary Museum which documents over 100 years of one of the most famous football clubs in the world!

Norway
Oslo
Holmenkollbakken Ski Museum and Jump Tower
Tel: +47 22 92 32 00
The Holmenkollen national ski facility is open all year. The ski simulator allows visitors to experience a real “Holmenkollen jump” and downhill races at Kvitfjell by Lillehammer. The ski museum exhibits the history of skiing over 4000 years.

Spain
Barcelona
Olympic and Sports Museum
Tel: +93 2925 379
Web: www.fundaciobarcelonaolimpica.es
Opened April 2008. Discover the Olympic movement and sport. A comprehensive historic, recreational, ethical and educational overview of the different sporting disciplines and types.

Switzerland
Lausanne
The Olympic Museum
Quai d’Ouchy, 1, 1006 Lausanne
Tel: +41 21 621 65 11
www.olympic.org/museum
To live a story is to share it. An enthralling exhibition, moments of intensity. Would you like to relive great Olympic moments? Feel the pulse of the champions? Discover the creative flair of the host cities? The world of the Games with its many facets will open up to you. The Museum has 3000 m² of exhibition space, over 1500 exhibits, 150 screens and our passion, combining to create the ultimate experience. From The Olympic Park to the TOM Café, you will have great stories to tell. Take your time, the view of the lake will take your breath away.

Germany
Cologne
German Sports & Olympia Museum
Tel +49 (0)221 / 33 609 - 0
Web: www.sportmuseum.info
Only national sports museum; exhibitions on the social development of national, international and Olympic sports culture from classical antiquity to the present. Cologne’s highest sports-ground; Café and shop

Netherlands
NIJMEGEN
VELORAMA National Bicycle Museum
Tel: (0)24-3225851
E-m: info@velorama.nl
Collection of over 250 authentic veteran cycles. This includes bicycles, tricycles and quadricycles, starting with the very first “hobbyhorse” which was invented in 1817.

You can see all editions of the Guide and magazine at www.ontheroad.co.uk
Austria

Eisenstadt
Schloss Esterházy
Tel: +43 2682 63854-12
Email: ausstellung@esterhazy.at
Web: www.esterhazy.at
Was the seat of the Esterházy princes, a great and powerful Hungarian family that helped the Hapsburgs gain control of Hungary. Haydn worked on his music here. Exhibitions and concerts held regularly through the year.

Innsbruck
Schlöss Ambras
Tel: +43 1 525 2475
Fax: +43 1 525 2474
Web: www.khm.at/ambras
Em: schloss.ambras@khm.at
This beautiful palace was the residence of an Austrian emperor nestled on a hill above the City, tours of the palace, gallery with a very large art collection and armoury, and gardens.

Salzburg
Schloss Hellbrunn
Tel: +43 662 8203 720
Web: www.hellbrunn.at
The castle was built in 1615 as Italian-style "villa suburbana", with park, beautiful "trick" fountains and magical grottos, a remarkable mechanical theatre. Evening tours also available for groups.

Vienna
Belvedere Palaces
Tel: +43 1 79 5570
Web: belvedere.at
A privately-owned palace with all royal goodies you would expect - beautiful royal portraits, collections of instruments and fabulous dishes. The audio-tour included the family’s personal story and reflections.

Hofburg
Imperial Apartments
Tel: +43 533 75 70
Em: info@hofburg-wien.at
Web: www.hofburg-wien.at.
Highlights include Amalia’s Wing - the private apartments of Empress Elizabeth, Francis Joseph’s wife, the Alexander apartments and dining room of the imperial family. Now also the Sisi Museum dedicated to Empress Elizabeth.

Czech Republic

Prague
Lobkowicz Palace
Tel: +420 233 312 925, 724 557 617
Em: palace@lobkowiczcevnts.cz
A privately-owned palace with all royal goodies you would expect - beautiful royal portraits, collections of instruments and fabulous dishes. The audio-tour included the family’s personal story and reflections.

Hluboká nad Vltavou

Hluboká Castle
Tel: +43 387 843 911
Web: www.zamek-hluboka.eu
Tour the private apartments of the last four generations of the owners. A collection of porcelain, silver, firearms and woven tapestries from the 17C. Renovated in the 19C modelled on the Royal Castle Windsor. Open for tours during the winder.

Belgium

Celles

Castle of Veves
Tel: +32 (0) 82 666 393/395
Fax: +32 (0) 82 666 036
E-m: veves-noisy@skynet.be
Web: chateau-de-veves.be
Faityale, turreted castle dating from 1410. The castle houses 18th century furniture and a rare porcelain collection.

Brussels

Gaasbeek Castle
Tel: +32 (0) 52 310130
Fax: +32 (0) 52 310143
Em: kasteelvangaasbeek@vlaanderen.be
Web: www.kasteelvangaasbeek.be
Just outside Brussels, this fairytale castle is a stone shrine for the impressive art collection of its latest occupant, Marquise Arcanati Visconti; an impressive series of tapestries, pieces of furniture, paintings, statues ... Extensive park with centuries-old trees, historical buildings and ponds.

Modave

Castle of the Counts of Marchin
Tel: +32(0)85/41.13.69
Fax: +32(0)85/41.26.76
E-m: info@modave-castle.be
Web: modave-castle.be
The current building dates from late 17C. century, stands in the middle of a nature reserve and has about twenty richly decorated and furnished rooms. Astonishing stucco and 17th century tapestries, beautiful faience from Gien and 19 century Val-St-Lambert crystal are on show.

England

Bucks

Waddesdon Manor and Gardens
Buckinghamshire HP18 0JH
Tel: +44 1296 653226
Email: waddesdonmanor@nationaltrust.org.uk
Web: www.waddesdon.org.uk
Just 20 miles from Oxford, Waddesdon makes a memorable day out.

London

Historic Royal Palaces
Tel: +44 870 750 8080
Em: groupstraveltours@hrp.org.uk
Web: www.hrp.org.uk
Spectacular options which include HM Tower of London Hampton Court Palace and Gardens, Kensington Palace Kew Palace and Queen Charlotte’s Cottage.

North Yorkshire

Bolton Castle
Tel: 01969 623981
We aim to give our visitors a taste of what life was really like during the Castle’s heyday through providing the sights, sounds, smells and experiences of life in the past.

Yorkshire

Blenheim Palace
Tel: 0800 849 6500 (24 hour info)
Web: www.blenheimpalace.com
Em: operations@blenheimpalace.com

Blenheim Palace South Side
Estonia
Alatskivi Castle and Eduard Tubin Museum
SA Alatskivi Loss, Alatskivi vald, 60201 Tartumaa
Tel: +37 2745 3816; +37 2528 6598
Em: admin@alatskiviloss.ee
Originally dating back to the 16C, Alatskivi Castle was rebuilt between 1876 and 1885 by Baron von Nolcken who was inspired by the royal residence of Balmoral in Scotland. With its protruding towers with cone-shaped roofs, the building is considered to be one of the most beautiful neo-gothic manor houses in the Baltics.

France
Champs-sur-Marne
Château de Champs-sur-Marne
77420 CSM
Tel: +33 (0) 1 60 05 24 43
Web: www.monuments-nationaux.fr
Reopened spring 2013, 18 km to the East of Paris 18C jewel of classical architecture complete with rococo decor and rich furniture which brings back to life the refined setting of Enlightenment-era pleasure palaces. Its grounds contain an 85-hectare park, with an odd combination French formal gardens, and the more rambling English garden.

Chantilly
Château de Chantilly/Musée Condé
Tel: +33 (0) 3 44 62 62 62
Fax: + 33 (0) 3 44 62 32
Web: www.chateaudechantilly.com
Em: reservations@chateaudechantilly.com
The Château de Chantilly stands since the Middle Ages in the heart of a huge forest near Paris. The Château has one of the finest Museums of historical paintings in France, and a library well stocked with rare and precious books and manuscripts. It is set in beautiful parks and gardens with a snake and ladders’ game.

Fontainebleau
Château Fontainebleau Group reservations
Tel: +33 (0).60.71.50.60
Em: contact.chateau-de-fontainebleau@culture.fr
A symbol of Renaissance style, 34 sovereigns lived and hunted here. In the 16th Century the best renovated the royal palace for François I. Superb collection of paintings and furniture.

Loire Valley
Chenonceau
Tel: +33 (0)2 47 23 90 07
A large piece of its charm to women: it was built in 1513, then made even more attractive by Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Médicis, and saved from the rigours of the French Revolution by Mrs Dupin. Excellent furnishings, masterpieces and beautiful gardens.

Royal Chateau Amboise
Tel: +33 02 47 57 00 98
A favourite of French kings during the 15th and 16th centuries and regularly visited by Leonardo da Vinci, who was buried close by. Home to King Henri II and his wife, Catherine de Medici, along with Mary Stuart, the child Queen of Scotland.

Germany
Baden-Württemberg
Heidelberg Castle
Heidelberg,
Tel: +49 6221 5384311 bookings
Fax: +49 6221 538430
Web: www.schloss-heidelberg.de
Picturesque 14th - 17th Century castle, partly rebuilt in baroque style after being destroyed by Louis XIV’s armies in 1689. Situated next to the Neckar, it is the symbol of the City of Heidelberg. Guided tours on reservation.

Hohenzollern Castle
72379 Burg Hohenzollern
Tel: +49 (0)7471-2428
Em: info@burg-hohenzollern.com
Web: www.burg-hohenzollern.com
Majestically and picturesque located. One of the most famous castles in Europe. Home of counts, kings and emperors. The family history dates back to the 11th Century. Daily guided tours are offered in German and English. Other languages or for groups on request. The castle’s restaurant offers regional specialties also for groups.

Visit the legendary Colditz Castle and enjoy the experience
All year - tours of the castle including the museum, the chapel, the French tunnel, and the former VIP-prisoner’s quarters.

Gesellschaft Schloss Colditz e. V.
Schlossgasse 1
04680 Colditz
Tel.: +49 34381 43777
Fax: +49 34381 469929
Internet: www.schloss-colditz.com
e-mail: info@gesellschaft-schloss-colditz.com

Schloss Hämelschenburg
Marienburg Castle
D-30882 Pattensen
Tel: +49 (0) 5069 / 407
Fax: +49 (0) 5069 / 804318
Em: office@schloismaurienburg.com
Web: www.schloss-marienburg.com
Situated 20 km south of Hanover, Marienburg Castle is one of the most important neo-Gothical historical buildings in Germany. Visit the former summer residence of the Guelphs and be enchanted by a fairy tale life in a castle.

Rhineland Palatinate
Marksburg Castle
Blankenloch
Tel: +49 (0) 26 27/206
Web: www.marksburg.de
Dating from 1231, this is the only undamaged mountainside castle on the Rhine. The furnishings provide a true picture of life in a medieval castle.

Marksburg Castle
Elz Castle
56294 Wierschem
Tel: +49 2672 9 50500
Fax: +49 2672 9 50505
Em: burg@eltz.de
Web: www.burg-eltz.de
Medieval fairytale castle, depicted on the former DM500 banknote, is located on the Elz river in the Moselle area. Home to the Lords and Counts of Eltz for the last 850 years. Guided tours

Lower Saxony
Niedersachsen
Schloss Hämelschenburg
On the Fairy Tale Road near Hamein, this exquisite 16th century Jacobean castle is now a hotel.

Eltz Castle
Colditz Castle
Colditz, Saxony
Tel: +49 34381 43777
Fax: +49 34381 469929
Internet: www.schloss-colditz.com
e-mail: info@gesellschaft-schloss-colditz.com
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Fax: +49 4348 43788
Web: www.schloss-colditz.com

Medieval Castle and museum, and World War II prisoner of war camp for allied officers, known as “Colditz Escape Academy”. Guided tours in English on reservation.

Hungary
Royal Palace Gödöllő
Gödöllő Grassalkovich Kastély
Tel: 36/28 410-124
Web: www.kiralyikastely.hu
20 km from Budapest. Visit to the former Summer-Residence of Queen Elisabeth (Sissi) in Gödöllő (the second largest baroque chateau of the world). The 18C Castle is set in 71 acres of parkland.

Ireland
Co. Clare
Bunratty Castle
Tel: +353 61 360788
Fax: +353 61 361020
Bunratty Castle is the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425, restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour. The Bunratty Collection features over 450 items of medieval furniture and artifacts. Within the grounds, Bunratty Folk Park 19th century life is vividly recreated. Set on 26 acres, the impressive park features over 30 buildings in a ‘living’ village and rural setting.

Luxembourg
Beaufort Castle
Tel: +352 86 95 43
Fax: +352 86 95 43
E-mail: beaufort@pt.lu
Web: www.beaufort.lu
The Castle dates from the 11th century. Today its imposing Romanesque ruins also include a torture chamber, while visitors are invited to taste and/or buy the locally-made “Cassis de Beaufort”.

Lithuania
Trakai Island Castle
Tel: +370 528 53946
Fax: +370 528 53946
E-mail: info@trakaimuziejus.lt
Web: trakaimuziejus.lt
The Castle dates from the 15C “tower house” and legend and perched high atop a 200-foot-high rock, Bran Castle owes its fame to its imposing towers and turrets as well as to the myth created around Bram Stoker’s Dracula.

Latvia
The Rundâle Palace & Museum
Pilsrundâle
Tel: +371 63922274
Fax: +371 63922274
E-mail: r Dundale@rundale.net
Web: www.rundale.net
Original 17th, 18th and 19th century furnishings. Beautiful gardens reflect Versailles/English landscape styles.

Netherlands
Het Loo Palace
Tel: +31-(0)55-5772448
Email: info@paleisllooo.nl
It was the favourite summer residence of the Royal Family of the Netherlands from 1686 to 1795. Now offers permanent and visiting exhibitions of historical objects, documents, paintings, china, silver, royal garments and court costumes.

Peles Castle
Sinaia - Southern Romania
Tel: (268) 0244 310.918
Email: contact@peles.ro
Website: www.peles.ro
A masterpiece of German new-Renaissance architecture, considered one of the most stunning castles in Europe. Its 160 rooms are adorned with the finest examples of European art, Murano crystal chandeliers, German stained-glass windows and Cordoba leather-covered walls.

Poland
The Malbork Castle
Museum
Tel: +48 55 647 08 00
Fax: +48 55 647 08 00
Email: secretariat@zamek.malbork.pl
Web: www.zamek.malbork.pl
About 60 minutes from Gdansk. Founded in Prussia in 1274 by the Teutonic Order. Said to be the world’s largest brick gothic castle and museum. Inscribed in 1997 on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

A hallt for sale of over 600 years ago known as the “Tower of Arnhem”.

Scotland
Elie Donan Castle
Dornie by Kyle of Lochalsh
Tel: +44 01449 855202
Web: www.eliedonancastle.com
A fortified site for at least 800 years, the present building largely dates from the early 20th century. Today’s castle, which rose from the ruins of its predecessor, was re-built between 1912 and 1932.

Eilean Donan Castle
Tel: 0844 4932186
Email: office@eileandonancastle.com
The home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne, the childhood home of HM The Queen Mother, and the legendary setting for Shakespeare’s Macbeth.

Italy
Trieste
Castello di Miramare
Tel: +39 040 224143
Fax: +39 040 224223
An ornate white castle amidst a forest, by the waters edge. The palace was built in 1860 by the Hapsburg Archduke Maximilian, who got to live in it for only three years before becoming Emperor of Mexico, where he was assassinated by the republican army. Furnishings are exactly as they were when he lived here with his beloved Princess Carlotta.

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Duino Castle
Duino Aurisina (TS)
Tel: +39 040 208 120
Fax: +39 040 208 022
Web: www.castelloduiduno.it
E-mail: visite@castelloduiduno.it
One of the major attractions of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region. The Castle of Duino is one of the few Italian manors in which the noble owners still live: the Thurn und Taxis family. Visit the reception rooms, corridors, sumptuously furnished with antique paintings, carpets, porcelain, silver and furniture.

Lithuania
Trakai Island Castle
Traku Salos Pils, Trakai 21104
Tel: +370 528 53946
Fax: +370 5 285 5288
E-mail: info@trakaimuziejus.lt
Web: trakaimuziejus.lt
The Castle dates from the 15C “tower house” and legend and perched high atop a 200-foot-high rock, Bran Castle owes its fame to its imposing towers and turrets as well as to the myth created around Bram Stoker’s Dracula.

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Scotland’s largest inhabited castle.
Castle, grounds, restaurant, café, plant centre and more. Open May - October 10am - 5pm. Contact: 01573 223333

www.floorscastle.com

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Contains fine portraits of the Stuart monarchs and 17th century
tapestry hangings. the Royal Tennis Court is the oldest
in Britain, built in 1539.

Selston
Floor Castle
Roxburghshire
Tel: +44 01573 223333
Fax: +44 01573 226056
Em: marketing@floorcastle.com
Web: www.floorcastle.com
Dating from 1721 remodel in
1847. is the result of a romantic
fairytale castle with its roofs
cape of turrets, pinnacles and
cupolas. It is the Duke & Duchess of Roxburgh. Filled
with fine works of art, timelesstapes and a beautiful
collection of antiques

Perth & Kinross
Blair Castle
Tel: 01796 481207
Fax: 01796 481487
www.blair-castle.co.uk
The ancient home and fortress
of the Earls of Dens and Atholl
for over 725 years. 30 rooms
of display beautiful furniture,
paintings, arms and armour,
china, costume, lace and
embroidery. Jacobite relics
and other unique treasures - a
picture of Scottish life from 16th
to 20th centuries.

Perth
Scone Palace
Tel: +01738 552300
Web: www.scone-palace.co.uk
The ancient crowning place
for Kings of Scotland and the
home of the Stone of Destiny.
Fine collection of furniture,
porcelain, clocks and ivories.
Beautiful grounds, restaurant
and gift shop.

Sterling
Sterling Castle
Tel: 01786 450000
www.stirlingcastle.gov.uk
The royal palace was built within
the castle walls by James V,
and probably only completed after
his death in 1542. In 1543 it became
home to the infant Mary Queen
of Scots and her mother Mary of
Guise.
June 2011 - Grand opening of
Stirling Castle’s Renaissance royal
palace following a £12 million
refurbishment.

Thurso
Castle of Mey
Caithness
Tel: +44 01847 851473
Fax: +44 01847 851475
Web: www.castleofmey.org.uk
There are tours of most rooms to
tell you about the history of the
memewrabilia and how life was
lived when Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth, the Queen Mother was
in residence. It is a very
unpretentious, comfortable
old Castle and is still a Royal
residence as HRH The Prince
Charles

Spain
Palacio Real
28071 Madrid
Tel. +34 91 454 87 00
Mighty impressive, with around
2,000 rooms, the chandeliers,
mable columns, gilded borders,
paintings, and objets d’art,
including Flemish tapestries and
Tiziano ceiling frescoes, are well
preserved. The empty thrones of
King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia
are among the highlights of the
tour.

Alcázar
40003 Segovia
Tel: +34 924160759
El Alcázar rises dramatically
from a rock spur near the ancient
heart of town. Isabella’s marriage
to Ferdinand at this foreboding
site eventually led to Spain’s
unification. Today, it’s the single
most photographed and dramatic
castle in Iberia.

Alhambra
18009 Granada
Tel: +34 902441221
The Alhambra was originally
conscierved by the Muslims as a
fortified pleasure pavilion. Its
allure was instantly recognized
by the Catholic monarchs
after the Reconquest. Despite the
presence of a decidedly
European palace at its centre,
the setting remains one of the
most exotic (and Moorish) in all
of Europe.

Slovenia
Bled Castle
4260 Bled
Tel: +386 4 572 97 82
Email: bledski.grad@zkbled.si
Perched atop a steep cliff rising
130 metres above the glacial
Lake Bled. Castle terraces offer
spectacular views of the lake
and the island, down the Dežela
area with Lesce and Radovljica
and over to the mountain ranges
of the Karavanke and the Julian
Alps.

Lenzburg Castle
Tél: +41 848 871 200
Em: lenschlumburg@ag.ch
Web: www.ag.ch/lenschlumburg
One of Switzerland’s oldest and
most important strongholds.
Its oldest part consists of a
spacious High Medieval complex,
set at the rule of Counts of
Lenzburg, later the Kyburg
dynasty, subsequently Counts
Habsburg, then Bernes barons
for over 350 years. Now
accommodates the historical
museum of Canton Aargau.

Lenzburg Castle
1000 Ljubljana
Tel: +386 1 306 42 93
Email: info-center@ljubljanskigrad.si
Web: www.ljubljanskigrad.si
Possibly dating from the 9C.
In 1335 it became the
hereditary property of the
Hapsburg in the second half of
the 15th century a new, larger,
circular castle was built by
Duke Frederick III of Hapsburg,
later crowned Roman German
Emperor.

Switzerland
Aigle
Château D’Aigle
Tel: +41 24 4662130
Fax: +41 24 4662131
Em: info@chateaudaigle.ch
In the heart of the Chablais
Vaudois, surrounded by
vineyards, the castle has a wine
and vineyard museum which
presents 1500 years of wine
history. Opposite the Castle
is the International Labels
museum - more than 800 labels
from 52 countries explaining
the worldwide history of wine
civilization.

Château de Coppet
Fondation O. d’Haussonville 1296 Coppet
Tel.: +41 (0)22 776 10 28
Fax: +41 (0)22 776 65 32
Email: chateau.coppet@bluewin.
ch
Web: www.chateaudecoppet.ch
The former home of the
celebrated writer Madame de
Stael is the only private residence
of its kind on Lake Geneva still
furnished in its original style.
Guided tours guide visitors a
fascinating insight into life here
in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Castle Tarasp
Lower Engadine
CH-7553 Tarasp
Tel: +41 (0)81 864 93 68
Email: info(at)schloss-tarasp.ch
Web: www.chateaudecoppet.ch
Dating back to the 11th century,
the inventor of the mouthwash
Odol, Karl August Lingner, bought
it and had it completely restored
completed in 1916). Visitors,
who can view knights’ halls and
ballrooms, old bedrooms, the
castle chapel and the organ with
its 2,500 pipes.

Lenzburg
Tel: +41 21 9668910
Fax: +41 966 89 12
Web: www.chillon.ch
Em: info@chillon.ch
One of the most beautiful
medieval castles in Europe.
Chillon houses magnificent
collections of furniture, art
and antique weaponry. Erected
in the 13th century on Roman
foundations, the Castle of Chillon
was the residence of the Counts
of Savoy throughout the Middle
Ages. Many prominent figures in
history stayed there: emperors,
popes, princes, poets, etc. Tour
fakes approx 1 hour. Free coach
parking, group special rates

Veytaux
Château de Chillon
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Ages. Many prominent figures in
history stayed there: emperors,
popes, princes, poets, etc. Tour
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Wildegg
Schloss Wildegg
Tel: +41 848 871 200
Fax: +41 848 871 201
Web: www.schlosswildegg.ch
Em: info@schlosswildegg.ch
The Baroque Wildegg Castle
domain is an authentic place to
experience history and historical
horticulture. The feudal domain
consists the castle, the kitchen,
pleasure and rose gardens, a
vinyard, woods, a farm and
outbuildings looms. Visitors
experience the world of the
patrician Effinger family from
the elegant style of living to
the processing of grapes from the
farm.

Seengen
Schloss Hallwyl
Tel: +41 848 871 200
Em: schlosshallwyl@ag.ch
Web: www.schlosshallwyl.ch
The Water Castle on Lake
Hallwil. In the late 12th
century, the Lords of Hallwil
erected a residential tower. The
impressive foundation walls
formed the core of the later
castle complex. Extended to
a double moated castle in the
14th century. Enclosed by a ring
work and a water-filled moat,
Hallwil developed from a modest
residence to a strongly fortified
castle. The permanent exhibition
illustrates 1000 years of history of
the castle and its inhabitants

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Castles, Manor Houses, Chateaux and Palaces
outstanding natural beauty. The North Norfolk Railway offers trips by steam trains or vintage diesel trains on some journeys. Restoration of three sets of vintage wooden-bodied vehicles is currently being undertaken, saving a unique part of transport history.

Severn Valley Railway
Bewdley, Worc
Tel: +44 01299 403 816
Web: www.svry.co.uk
E-mail: grouptravels@svry.co.uk
The SVR is a full-size standard-gauge railway line running regular steam-hauled passenger between Kidderminster, Worcestershire and Bridgnorth in Shropshire, a distance of 16 miles.

One highlight of the trip is the crossing of the River Severn by means of the Victoria Bridge - a massive 200-foot single span, high above the Severn which, incidentally, features in the film 'The Thirty-nine Steps' with Robert Powell in the leading role.

France
Pic du Midi du Bigorre
Cable Car
La Mongie (South of Lourdes)
Tel: +33 05 62 56 71 14
This cable car takes you on a dramatic ride to the Pic du Midi du Bigorre, a mountain of nearly 3000m which dominates the northern edge of the central Pyrénées.

Veolia Transport Trains Touristiques
Parc des Fontaines 169 avenue Georges Clémenceau
92275 Nanterre Cedex
France
Tel: +33(0)1 46 69 30 00
Fax: +33(0)1 46 69 36 30
The first French tourist train trademark Connex Tradition carries nearly 700,000 tourists every year.

Le Chemin de Fer de La Mure - located in the Alps: the most beautiful railway of the Alps. A historical train in an exceptional landscape www.train.fmure.com
Le Train des Pignes - located on the French Riviera: in the heart of the Provence, a hundred year railway known in the world. www.trainprovence.com

Germany
Deutsche Bahn UK
Cable Cars Centre
Tel: +49 35 55 20 0
Come and see the unique view from the top of Mount Ulriken!
Free telescopes. Ulriken Mountain Cafe is open when the cable-car is running. Dinner, beer and wine. During summer the outdoor restaurant serves grilled food. Occasional (free) outdoor concerts.

The Flåm Railway
Flåm
Tel: +47 57 63 21 00
Fax: +47 57 63 23 50
Web: www.flamsbana.no
The Flåm Railway is a railway experience unparalleled in Europe; 20 kilometres long with a descent of 2,838 feet. The journey provides panoramic views to dramatic Norwegian mountain landscape.

Scandinavia
Cairngorm Mountain Experience
Tel: +44 01479 861261
Enjoy the highest mountain railway in the UK and the only one in Scotland. It carries visitors in comfort (protected from the infamous Scottish weather) from car park level to the new Ptarmigan Station and the higher lying snowfields in around fifteen minutes. And nestled just below the summit of CairnGorm the Ptarmigan Station offers spectacular views combined with a mountain cuisine on the highest panoramic restaurant and shopping in the UK.

Switzerland
Bergbahnen Beckenried - Emmetten AG
CH-6137 Beckenried
Tel: +41 62 64 66 00
Fax: +41 62 64 66 10
E-mail: info@klewenalp.ch
Take the panoramic cablecar to the Klewenalp, with its unique views over lake Lucerne, numerous options for groups including folklore evenings.

Brienz Rothorn Bahn
CH-3853 Brienz
Tel: +41 33 952 22 22
E-mail: info@brienz-rothorn-bahn.ch
Steam railway. A trip to the Brienz Rothorn is well worth making just for the bewitching view of Lake Brienz, with its emerald green waters sparkling far below. High in the Swiss Alps, unspoilt natural all around you.

Hungary
Budapest
Children's Railway
Tel: +36 91 3592
Web: www.gyermekvasut.hu
A scenic train ride through hidden Miterdale, to the coastal village of Ravenglass for 11.3 kilometres from the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway, a new Nostalgic attraction.

Steam train, open and closed carriages, including carriage made from 62,000 crystals (drinks and souvenirs). Groups welcome.

England
Cornwall
Bodmin & Wenford Railway
Tel: +44 0845 125 9678
This railway is Cornwall’s only standard gauge railway still operated by steam locomotives and the trains run through some delightful Cornish scenery. The engine shears are here, as well as a souvenir shop and refreshment room in the restored station buildings.

Lake District
Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway
Tel: 01229 717171
steam@ravenglass-railway.co.uk
Four steam locomotives in regular service, including the oldest working 15” gauge locomotive in the world. The Railway runs for 11.3 kilometres from the Lake District National Park’s only coastal village of Ravenglass in the Western Lake District, through hidden Mitterdale, to the grandeur of the Eskdale valley. The terminus at Dalegarth for Borrowdale home to new tourist centre.

Norfolk
The Poppy Line (MGN Joint Railway Society and NNR)
Tel: 0744 (0)1263 820800
www.mandgn.co.uk
Sheringham
The Poppy Line has five and a quarter miles of track running through a designated area of

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Our top excursions for groups:

- **Jungfraujoch – Top of Europe**
  - 100% guaranteed snow and ice with new alpine sensation tour.

- **Schynige Platte**
  - Nostalgic railway and amazing views.

- **Grindelwald First**
  - Hikers paradise and a crystal-clear mountain lake including the unique First Flyer.

- **Harder Kulm**
  - House mountain with the new Two Lakes Bridge and great view over Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau.

Les Rochers de Naye

*Tel: +41 33 828 32 32*

The journey from Montreux to the summit of the Rochers de Naye takes under an hour by cosy cogwheel railway. Amazing views over the Alps. Attractions on the summit include the Marmot Paradise Park and the Rambertia garden with its wealth of Alpine plant life.

**Mount Pilatus-Railways**

Schlossweg 1

CH 6010 Kriens/Luzern

Tel: +41 (0)33 828 72 14 d/l

Fax: +41 (0)33 828 72 65

E-mail: sales@jungfrau.ch

Web: www.jungfrau.ch

**Mount Stanserhorn Railway**

Rondorama® revolving restaurant

PO Box, CH-6370 Stans

Lucerne, Switzerland

Tel: +41 41 618 80 40

Fax: +41 41 618 80 48

E-mail: info@stanserhorn.ch

Web: www.stanserhorn.ch

**Rigi-Bahnen**

CH-6354 Vitznau

Switzerland

Tel: +41 041 399 87 87

Fax: +41 041 399 87 00

E-mail: rigi@rigi.ch

Web: www.rigi.ch

**Mount Stanserhorn**

- Vintage vinicular & mountain top restaurant.
  - Luzern's only revolving restaurant.

**Rigi-Bahnen**

- CH-6354 Weggis
  - Switzerland
- Tel: +41 (0)41 639 50 50
- Fax: +41 (0)41 639 50 60
- Mt. Titlis – the highest glacier excursion in Central Switzerland.

**Schilthorn Cableways, Restaurants & Hotel**

Terrace

Poststrasse 3

CH - 6390 Engelberg

Tel: +41 (0)41 639 50 50

Fax: +41 (0)41 639 50 60

Contact: Elke Guth

Web: www.titlis.ch

**TITLIS ROTAIR Cableways, Restaurants & Hotel**

Terrace

Poststrasse 3

CH - 6390 Engelberg

Tel: +41 (0)41 639 50 50

Fax: +41 (0)41 639 50 60

Contact: Elke Guth

Web: www.titlis.ch

**Schipilhorn Cableway Ltd**

Hoeheweg 2

3800 Interlaken

Tel: +41 (33) 82 60 007

Fax: +41 (33) 82 60 009

E-mail: info@schilthorn.ch

**Schilthorn – Best views of Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau!**

Located only 30 min. from Interlaken, the mountain can easily be reached by cable car (duration 32 min.). Revolving Restaurant Piz Gloria at the top with a view over more than 200 mountain peaks. Film location of James Bond 007 “On Her Majesty’s Secret Service”.

**Rhätische Bahn/Rhaetian Railway**

Sales Dept

Bahnhofstrasse 25

CH-7002 Chur

Tel: +41 812 886 104

Fax: +41 812 886 143

Contact: Reto Rostetter

E-mail: r.rostetter@rhb.ch

Web: www.rhb.ch

The most beautiful alpine railway in the world. Trendsetters refer to this way and others simply get on board, escape and enjoy the magic.

**Wine Train**

Le Lavaux, Vevey

Tel: +41 848 86 84 84

E-mail: info@mvtourism.ch

The route is through the terraced vineyards of the lovely Lavaux region to the village of Chexbres with its welcoming wine tasting cellars.

**Wales**

**Snowdon Mountain Railway**

Llanberis

Gwynedd LL55 4TY

Tel: +44 0871 720 0033

Web: www.snowdonrailway.co.uk

Travel on the only public rack and pinion railway in Britain to the 1085m summit of Snowdon - the highest mountain in England and Wales.

**Great Orme Tramway**

Llandudno

Tel: +44(0)1492 879306

Web: www.greatormetramway.com

One of only 3 operational funicular railways in the world and over 100 years old, consisting of two tramcars which use a system of counterbalanced weights on cables so that as one train descends the hill, it helps to pull the other up. Visitor Centre at the top and Bronze Age Copper Mine at half way station.

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Austria
Mirabell Garden
5020 Salzburg
Tel: (+43) 662 80720
Email: post@stadt-salzburg.at
Web: stadt-salzburg.at
Just near the Mirabell Castle and they are so beautiful that they are often used as a backdrop for films. The Gardens were opened to the public by Emperor Franz Joseph in 1854. Today they are a horticultural masterpiece.

Hellbrunn
5020 Salzburg
Tel: (+43) 662 8203720
Email: info@hellbrunn.at
Web: www.hellbrunn.at
The Parc des Topiaires, a moat, a crown being pushed up and down by a jet of water - breathtaking.

Park Schönbrunn Palace
Vienna
Entrance at Hietzinger Tor
1130 Wien
www.bundesaergarten.at
The 160-hectare World Heritage Garden, board the diesel-powered panoramic railway (50 minutes) see statues, fountains and a mechanical, water-operated and music-playing theatre built in 1750 showing various professions at work, a grotto and a crown being pushed up and down by a jet of water - breathtaking.

Rosenburg Castle
A - 3573 Rosenberg 1
Tel: (+43) 02982 2911
Fax: (+43) 02982 4511
Email: scloss@rosenburg.at
Since 2012 the David Austin show garden gives an overview of almost 120 different kinds of roses bread by grower-legend David Austin unique for their romantic look and their beautiful scent. Also different species of Rambler roses growing up to a height of 10 meters and blooming in cascades of blossoms.

Belgium
Le Parc des Topiaires
6940 B-Durbuy
Tel: (+32) (0)86/21.90.75
Fax: (+32) (0)86/21.90.76
Email: info@topiairesdurbuy.be
Web: www.topiairesdurbuy.be
With a unique collection of sculpted box trees, it is the largest topiary garden open to the public. This very original garden boasts more than 250 figures, some of which are more than 120 years old.

Herba - Sana - The Garden of Health
1130 Brussels
Tel: +0032 (012) 343 48 51
Email: info@museumvanbuuren.be
The garden includes the "Picturesque Garden", the "Labyrinth" and the "Garden of the Heart". The Grande Roseraie, a rose garden, is the central element of the garden of a big classicism, composed of rectangular flowerbeds, bordered by boxes. A jewel in the centre of the City.

The Castle of Havré Gardens
7021 Havré (Mons)
Tel: (+32) (0) 65 87 25 35
Fax: (+32) (0) 65 87 46 47
The entire castle is surrounded by a moat. The estate is home to a rose garden that was developed in 2000. Over 15,000 rosebushes, 210 different varieties, planted in original compositions, a garden in which old and new roses rival for visitors attention.

England
Herstmonceux Castle
Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 1RH
Tel: 01323 833816
Web: www.herstmonceux-castle.com
Herstmonceux is renowned for its magnificent moated castle, set in 600 acres of beautiful parkland and superb Elizabethan gardens. The gardens and grounds embody the history of medieval England and the romance of renaisance Europe.

Wakehurst
West Sussex RH17 6TN
Tel: info line: +44 (0)1444 894066
Email: wakehurst@kew.org
Web: www.kew.org
Kew Gardens is London’s largest UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll along a soaring, tree-top walkway and wander through extensive glasshouses, including a tropical rainforest in the iconic Palm House, where temperatures reach 27°C. Step inside beautiful Kew Palace and see fascinating collections of botanical art.

Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew, Richmond
Surrey TW9 3AB
Tel: +44 (0)20 8332 5648 groups
Email: info@kew.org
Web: www.kew.org
Kew Gardens is London’s largest UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll along a soaring, tree-top walkway and wander through extensive glasshouses, including a tropical rainforest in the iconic Palm House, where temperatures reach 27°C. Step inside beautiful Kew Palace and see fascinating collections of botanical art.

A fascinating visit, trick fountains just one feature of this amazing park

www.hellbrunn.at/en
Swiss Cottage

Andy Marshall

Opens end of July

A little-known Swiss Garden created in the early 1800s has been saved from decay... Last vistas have been reinstated re-creating the scenic windows which opened onto very deliberate ‘stage set’ views of buildings, bridges, urns, arches and other garden features as originally intended by Lord Ongley. Over 25,600 shrubs and 8,400 bulbs have been planted.

French

Vaux-le-Vicomte

Maincy 77950

Tel: +33 (0) 1 64 14 4190

Email: chateaudevaux-le-vicomte.com

www.vaux-le-vicomte.com

This is the Castle garden that so enraged Louis XIV that he had its owner imprisoned. The King then hired its designer Andre Le Nôtre, to make something bigger and better for himself – Versailles. Many visitors disagree the later was better.

Château de Brecy

Brecy, Normandy

Tel: +33 (0) 2.31.80.11.48

Email :lesjardinsdebrecy@gmail.com

Web www.parcs-et-jardins.fr

The greatest charm of this 17C residence lies in its terraced gardens surrounded by stone balustrades and statues. The site is a listed National Monument (1650-1675). ‘Garden of Note’ award.

Château de Bagatelle

75016 Paris

Passy / Bois de Boulogne

Tel: +33 (0)1 53 64 53 80 / 53 82

Enchanting garden mid 19C, offering an orangery, Japanese water garden, an internationally famous rose garden and finally an English styled garden by gardener Thomas Blaikie

Versailles

78008 Versailles

Email: groupes@ot-versailles.fr

Web: www.chateauevaraielles.com

Tel: +33 1 30 83 78 00

In 1661, Louis XIV commissioned André Le Nôtre with the design and laying out of the gardens of Versailles which, in his view, were just as important as the Château.

The Gardens are the ultimate in the French formal style, combining geometrically aligned vistas, grand ponds, pavilions and mythical statues

Garden Kingdom of Dessau-Wörlitz

Kulturstiftung Dessau-Wörlitz Schloss Grobünkau

06846 Dessau-Roßlau

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Email: info@gartenreich.com

Web: www.gartenreich.com

Versailles

Fondation Claude Monet

Giverny 27620

Tel: +33 (0)2 32 51 90 31

Email: reservation.groupes@fondation-monet.com

Web: www.fondation-monet.com

For over 40 years, Giverny was Claude Monet’s home, the gardens his inspiration. The gardens are composed of the Clos Normand, with its flowerbeds, and the Water Garden, planted with oriental vegetation and weeping willows, its Japanese bridge painted green and its water lilies

Château de Champs-Sur-Marne

77420 Champs-sur-Marne

Tel: +33 (0) 1 60 05 24 43

Web: www.monumentsnationaux.fr

The Château which is 18 km to the East of Paris has grounds with an 85-hectare park which combines two garden styles normally considered at odds with one another: the regular French-style garden, and the more rambling English garden

La Villa & Gardens

Ephrussi de Rothschild

Cap-Ferrat, 06230

Tel: +33 (0) 4 93-01-33-09

Web: www.villa-ephrussi.com

Once the empire of the richest man in Europe - Rothschild, the Villa has 9 stunning themed gardens surrounded by sculptures and fountains. Themes include Spanish, the Japanese and the Florentine gardens.

Japanese Garden © S. Lloyd

Germany

Nymphenburg Palace Gardens

80638 München

Tel: +49 (0) 891 79 08-0

Fax +49 (0) 891 79 08-6 27

Email: sgvnymphenburg@bsv.bayern.de

The grounds originally Italianesque, were beautifully transformed and expanded in the 17C. Imposing statues of the Greek Gods oversee verdant lawns and large, crystal-clear ponds. Diverse flowerbeds and roaming birds add flair.

Swiss Cottage

Andy Marshall

Opens end of July

A little-known Swiss Garden created in the early 1800s has been saved from decay... Last vistas have been reinstated re-creating the scenic windows which opened onto very deliberate ‘stage set’ views of buildings, bridges, urns, arches and other garden features as originally intended by Lord Ongley. Over 25,600 shrubs and 8,400 bulbs have been planted.
The Italian masterpiece is a world famous garden with its plants, architecture and landscape and it’s amazing Avenue of Hundred fountains.

**Tarot Garden**

Garavicchio near Capalbio Tuscany Tel: +39 0564 895 122

The French-American artist Niki de Saint Phalle created this extraordinary sculpture garden in Tuscany from 1978 until her death in 1998. Monumental figures, wittily realised in the artist’s trademark bright colours, amorphous shapes and mosaic-work, many of which also serve as pavilions or small buildings, were based on tarot cards.

**Tarot Garden**

Giardino Giusti
Verona Tel: +39 045 803 4029

Email: info@giardinogiglio.com

Originally laid 1570s, with fountains, statues, grotesoes and a labyrinth, which, astonishingly, remain. It is said that those finding each other in the labyrinth remain lovers for life. Later a French-style parterre was added, a woodland area and a belvedere with romantic city views.

**Fontvielle Landscaped Garden and the Princess Grace Rose Garden**

Avenue des Guelfes Tel: +377 92 16 61 16

Prince Rainer III created a place in dignimony of his wife Princess Grace in 1984. It has just been renovated and enlarged to 53,819 sq. ft. It retains the originality of the previous garden and has 8,000 rose bushes in 300 different varieties. An interactive terminal and QR codes on each rose variety. Open 24 hours a day.

**Royal Botanic Gardens**

Edinburgh EH3 5LR Tel:0131 248 2909

Web:www.rbge.org.uk

Indoor and outdoor spaces over 70 acres. The fascinating rock garden is a major draw, as is the Scottish-Heath garden. The Queen Mother’s garden showcases plants from all around the world, and the Chinese hillside is especially extensive. Tropical flowers and indigenous European species mingle.

**Bodnant Garden**

Conwy LL56 0JP

Tel: +44 (0)1492 650460

Email:bodnantgarden@nationaltrust.org.uk

Plants from all over the world grown from seed and cuttings collected over a century ago on plant-hunting expeditions. Created by five generations of one family, this 20-acre garden is superbly located, with spectacular views across Snowdonia.

**National Botanic Garden of Wales**

Carmarthen SA32 8HG

Tel:+44(0)1558 668768

Email:info@gardenofwales.org.uk

Web:www.gardenofwales.org.uk/

Created within a beautiful 568-acre Regency park, combining 200-year-old historical features with spectacular modern architecture and landscaping and a collection of some 100,000 different plants. The Great Glasshouse is a must visit.

**Drummond Garden**

Muthill, Crieff, PH7 4HZ Tel: 01764/681-433

The courtyard of Drummond Castle looks down upon one of the finest formal gardens in the country. The space flows into the natural countryside and has an extensive display of topiary, fountains, trees, and flowers. There is also an interesting kitchen garden and greenhouse.

**Gardens in Europe**

**Slovenia**

Ljubljana Botanical Gardens

1000 Ljubljana Tel: + 386 (0) 1 / 427 12 80

Email: botanicni-vrt@siol.net

Web:www.botanicni-vrt.si

Established in 1810, the Gardens contain more than 4,500 different species and subspecies. One third of them are endemic to Slovenia, while the rest originate from other parts of Europe and other continents.

**Wales**

Bodnant Garden

Colwyn Bay, LL28 5RE

Tel: +44(0)11492 650460

Email:bodnantgarden@nationaltrust.org.uk

**Switzerland**

The Glacier Garden

Lucerne Tel: +41 (0)41 410 43 40

info@letschergarten.ch

A great Museum with a beautiful park and gardens, with many different flowering plants of the late glacial and post glacial periods. For almost 150 years the gardens have been an oasis of peace and quiet and many visitors enjoy to retreat and relax. Duration of the tour: 45-60 minutes.

**Tuscany**

Generalife

Granada

Tel: +34 902 441221

Web:www.alhambradegranada.org

The fabled patios of this Moorish fortress-palace constructed (9C - 14C) The Court of the Lions do not contain plants, but the sight and sounds of water, the play of light and shadow and the decorative effects of the rich yet delicate carving and stucco-work turn these outdoor living rooms into works of art.

**Kingdom of England**

**Scotland**

Alhambra

Granada

Tel: +34 902 441221

Web:www.alhambradegranada.org

The charming villa overlooking the Alhambra, features fountains and flourishing flora fill the romantic courtyard and enhance adjacent panoramic patios. The colourful gardens and accompanying views make this one of the most picturesque places in Spain.

**Lucerne’s Glacier Garden with its Swiss Chalet from 1871**

**Italy**

**Isola Bella**

Borromean villa and its garden

Lago Maggiore

Piemonte

Tel: +39 0323 30556

Web:www.borromeanomuditorio.it

Reached by boat, this is a garden that looks like a ship. Built in the 1630s on this oddly shaped island, the formal layout of the gardens appear random, however they are a direct result of the lie of the land. Splendid too is the series of six connecting grotoes beneath the palace.

**The Gardens of Ninfa**

Lazio

Tel: +39 0773 633935

Web: www.fondazionecaetani.org

A Short journey from hectic Rome to Ninfa will reward the traveler with what the New York Times defined as “the most beautiful garden in the world”. Wildflowers, cyclamens in spring, and hydrangeas, roses, clematis and numerous delicate or rare species later in the season.

**Boboli Garden**

Florence

Tel: +39 055 238 8786

Web: www.polomuseale.firenze.it/musei/bobob

Email: giardino.boboli@polomuseale.firenze.it

The Giardino is the private garden of Florence with its pavilion park, filled with sculptures from the sixteenth century. The gardens are made in the typical Tuscany style to represent the majesty of the nature and the culture of Italy. The design of the garden is praised as one of the best in the world.

**Villa D’Este**

Tivoli

Tel: +39 0774 31 2070 / +39 0774 33 2920(Tickets)

Email: info@villadestetivoli.info

Website: www.villadestetivoli.it

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Swarovski Innsbruck
Tel: +43 512 57 3100
Fax: +43 512 57 3530
E-mail: swarovski.innsbruck@swarovski.com
Web: www.swarovski.com/innsbruck
Visitors experience the entire spectrum of Swarovski products in the renovated store - crystal components, crystal objects, jewellery, accessories, - with contemporary designs Bar for pre and post shopping refreshments.

Vienna
Swarovski Wien
Kärntner Strasse 24
Web: www.swarovski.com/vienna
Tel: +43 (0)1 324 0000
A shopping landscape, displaying jewellery, accessories, decor objects and figurines. Exclusive Moët & Chandon Bar and enchanting with magical installations from world renowned artists.

Wattens
Swarovski Crystal Worlds
Tel: +43 5224 51080
Fax: +43 5224 51080-3831
Web: www.swarovski.com/kristallwelten
Reopens beginning of May with magical installations from world renowned artists. Life is breathed into the subterranean chambers through cultural events staged throughout the year.

Czech Republic
Karlový Vary
Moser
Tel: +420 353 416 111
Fax: +420 353 449 619
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800 166 737, +420 353 449 455
E-mail: customerservice@moser-glass.com
Web: www.moser-glass.com
For more than 140 years, the Moser glassworks has produced luxury glassware and decorative items in classical and contemporary shapes. The Moser brand products are sold exclusively at 5 Moser stores in the Czech Republic

Nižbor
Rückl Crystal
Tel: +420 602 813 479
E-mail: marketa.rucklova@ruckl-crystal.cz
Web: www.ruckl-crystal.cz
Established in 1846, tour includes total process, painting and cutting (45 mins). Groups welcome, every guest receives a small gift. There is a shop and café

Prague
Erpet Bohemia
Crystalstaroměstské náměstí 27
110 00 Praha 1
Tel: +420 2 2422 9755
Fax: +420 2 2423 9157
A store rather than visitor centre, opposite the Old Town Astronomical Clock. Having more than 2000 sq metres of sales area, it is one of the largest stores of this kind in the Czech Republic. Stocks all the producers of famous Bohemian glass, crystal and Bohemian garnet jewellery.

Denmark
Copenhagen
Holmegaards Glasmørkæer
Amagerort 6
Tel: +33-12-44-77
This is Denmark’s only major producer of glasswork. Its Wellington pattern, created in 1859, is available again. The Holmegaard glasses and the Regiment Bar set reflect solid craftsmanship

Germany
Bavarian and Upper Palatinate Forest
BV: www.germany-tourism.de
Glass Route
Glassworks here were creating works of art 500 years ago. The Glass Route runs for approx. 250 - 300 kilometres including subsidiary routes - from Neustadt an der Waldnaab, Europe’s ‘lead crystal capital’, to the Plassau Glass Museum where over 15,000 examples of glassware. Visitors can watch glassmakers at work at many show glassworks along the route

Villeroy & Boch
D-66787 Wadgassen
Tel: +49 (0) 6834/400240
Just 25 minutes away from Mettlach – HQ of the world famous V&B. Visit the Discovery Center in the Wadgassen glassworks

Hungary
Ajka
Ajka Crystal Ltd
Tel: +36 88510 520
Fax: +36 88 311 986
E-mail: ajkacrystal.ttk@nilai.datanet.hu
The factory was established in 1827. All items made from the finest crystals, blown by mouth, ground by hand. Also have a china painting workshop all done by hand. Shop at the factory and Group Tours arranged with advance notice to email above, gift with ticket.

Ireland
Waterford
House of Waterford Crystal
Tel: +353 (0)51 317000
Fax: +353 (0)51 351937
Web: www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com
Here, approximately 40,000 hand-crafted high end pieces will be produced using traditional methods for our most discerning customers and for the thousands of tourists who will come to visit the new facility.

Italy
Vetreria Artistica Colleoni
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Fondamenta s.g. Dei Battuti
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You can see all editions of the Guide and magazine at www.ontheroad.co.uk
**Austria**

Österreichisches Freilichtmuseum Stübing
8114 Stübing (Graz)
Tel: +43 (0)3124/53700
E-mail: service@freilichtmuseum.at
Web: www.freilichtmuseum.at
About 100 original historic buildings were re-established surrounded by forest, meadows and cornfields. The oldest building is about 600 years old. Craftsmen pass on their traditional art.

**Salzburg**

Salzburg Freilichtmuseum
A-5084 Grossgmain
Tel: +43 662 85 00 11
E-mail: salzburg@freilichtmuseum.com
Web: www.freilichtmuseum.com
100 original constructions established again from agriculture, craft, rural trade and industry. A trip through six centuries and discover the rural past of Salzburg.

**Czech Republic**

Open-air Museum Vesely Kopec
Hlnisko
Tel/Fax: +420 469 12 31 88
E-mail: mail@veselykopec.eu
Web: www.vesely-kopec.eu
In East Bohemian, a collection of about 30 folk buildings dating back to the 19th century. People living in these buildings had no electric or machines. Events with historic characters throughout the year.

**Denmark**

Den Gamle By
8000 Aarhus C
Tel: +45 86 12 31 88
E-mail: mail@dengamleby.dk
Web: www.den-gamleby.dk
"The Old Town" - founded in 1909 as the world’s first open-air museum of urban history and culture. The museum demonstrates how a Danish town might have looked in Hans Christian Andersen’s days, with streets, shops, yards, homes and workshops.

**Finland**

Estonian Open Air Museum
13521 Tallinn
Tel: +372 65 49 101
E-mail: info@evm.ee
Web: www.evm.ee
Just 15 minutes’ drive from the centre of Tallinn. Over 70 historical buildings in a lovely forest park. Horse and carriage rides, farm animals, handicraft and cooking demonstrations, traditional music and dance performances, bicycle rental. Traditional food served at the inn and much more.

**Iceland**

Skógasafn – Skógard Museum – Iceland
Open Air and Folk Museums
See how the Icelanders lived in the past in small turf houses and learn the history of Icelandic inhabitants. An enormous artifact collection ranging from fishing boats to carved headboards and makeshift moustaches. Knowledgeable team guides your group. 150 km south east of Reykjavik, next to the famous Skógafoss waterfall. Contact us for special group rates: booking@skogasafn.is

**Holland**

Nederlands Openluchtmuseum
NL-6800 AP Arnhem
Tel: +31 (0)26-3576111
E-mail: res@openluchtmuseum.nl
Web: www.openluchtmuseum.nl
A journey through the last two hundred years. Authentic buildings, objects and true stories bring the past to life. The museum has farmlands, farms, cottages and businesses, farmer’s café and shops.

**Germany**

Schwarzwälder Freilichtmuseum
77793 Gutach (Schwarzwaldbahn)
Tel: +49 - 7831 - 93 56 0
E-mail: info@vogtsbauernhof.org
Web: www.vogtsbauernhof.org
Six fully furnished farmhouses, labourer’s cottage and 15 outbuildings. Assembling a lot of old wooden buildings from around Finland. Guides and workshops in the old village. See life 200 years ago. Through the many life, hands-on activities visitors will gain insight into the peasant culture and its living conditions, artisan traditions and customs.

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Norway

Maihaugen
2609 Lillehammer
Tel.: +47 61 28 89 00
Fax: (+47) 61 28 89 01
E-mail: post@maiaugeno.no
Web: www.maihaugen.no

180 houses from Norway, including a 13th century stave church. One of Europe's largest open air museums presenting Norwegian way of life through the centuries. A living museum with lots of activities in summer. Eventful Christmas market every year. Special tour operator rates or events. Open all year.

Norsk Folkemuseum (The Norwegian Museum of Cultural History)
N-0287 Oslo
Tel Groups: +47 22 12 37 27
Tel General: + 41 22 12 37 00
E-mail: booking@norskfolkemuseum.no
Web: www.norskfolkemuseum.no

Norway's largest museum of cultural history. With collections from around Norway, the museum shows how people lived in Norway from 1500 to the present. Over 150 buildings represent different regions in Norway, different time periods, as well as differences between town and country, and social classes.

Sogn Folk Museum
Vestreim, 6854 Kaupanger;
Tel: +47 57 67 82 06
E-mail: ds-sf@msif.museum.no
Web: www.dhs.museum.no

Experience how people from Sogn have lived and worked from the Middle Ages until today. Over 30 buildings, from the medieval open-hearth cottage to a modern house from the late 1980's.

Poland

Kaszubian Park of Ethnography
Wdzydze Kiszewskie
Tel./Fax: 0048 58 686-11 30
E-mail: muzeum@muzeum-wdzydze.gda.pl.

The oldest open-air museum in Poland presents the culture and folklore of Kaszuby. It consists of 30 wooden folk exhibits, dating back to the 17th-19th centuries, fully equipped - cottages with arcades, a Dutch mill and an absolutely unique little church from 1700.

Romania

Village Museum (Muzeul Satului)
Bucharest
Tel: +40 (21) 317.91.03
Email: contact@muzeul-satulului.ro

Claims to be the largest in Europe, covers some 30 acres on the shores of Lake Heresrau in Heresrau Park. It features a collection of 50 buildings representing the history and design of Romania's rural architecture. It hosts special events witness folk artisans demonstrating traditional skills in weaving, pottery and other crafts.

Slovakia

The Open-air Museum
The Museum of Folk Architecture
086 31 Bardejovské Kúpele
Tel: 421 918 596 432
Email: info@muzeul-satului.ro
Web: www.muzeeumbardejov.sk

On an area of 1.5 hectares, arranged like a park and garden, there are 24 exhibited buildings from the 19th and 20th C, which present the folk culture and the construction of two ethnic groups, Slovaks and Hungians, living in the regions of Upper Sáriš and Northern Zemplín.

Slovenia

Open Air Museum Rogatec
3252 Rogatec
Tel: +386 3 818 62 00,
E-mail: muzej.rogatec@siol.net
Web: www.rogathec.net/muzej.asp

Largest open-air museum in Slovenia. The museum preserves the folk architectural heritage and cultural tradition of the Obototerje region between the 18th and 20th centuries. Presents domestic arts and crafts, traditions, and customs every Friday and Saturday (16:00 to 18:00).

Sweden

The Skansen Foundation
SE-115 93 Stockholm
Tel: 46 8 442 80 00
Email: bokning@skansen.se
Web: www.skansen.se

The Town Quarter of Skansen show what a Swedish town looked like in the mid-19th century. Most of the houses come from Stockholm. Here visitors will find workshops and dwellings side by side, with a historical interpreter of different crafts and occupations represented.

Switzerland

Swiss Open-Air Museum
Ballenberg
Brienz - Interlaken
CH-3858 Hofstetten
Tel:+41 33 952 10 30
Infoline: +41 33 952 10 40
E-mail: info@ballenberg.ch
Web: www.ballenberg.ch

With almost 100 original century old buildings from all over Switzerland, “historic” gardens and fields, demonstrations of typical crafts, special events and 250 native farmyard animals. Farmhouses, humble workers’ quarters, alpine huts and stails, barns, store-houses, washhouses and drying ovens provide architectural and socio-historical testimony to the everyday life and rural culture of the past.

UK/Ireland

England

BEAMISH
North of England Open Air Museum
County Durham DH9 0RG
Tel: +44 (0)19191 370 4000
E-mail: museum@beamish.org.uk
Web: www.beamish.org.uk

Within the 300 acre site find Pockerley Old Hall, The Town, Rowley Station, The Fairground, Home Farm and The Pit Village. The story of Georgian, Victorian or Edwardian living. See how life in North East England changed over 100 years, from a Georgian Agricultural lifestyle to the Industrial Revolution.

Wales

St Fagan’s National History Museum
Cardiff CF5 6XB
Tel: +44(0)29 2057 3500
Web: www.museumwales.ac.uk

Over forty original buildings from different historical periods have been re-erected in the 100-acre parkland, among them houses, a farm, a school, a chapel and a splendid Workmen’s Institute. Craftsmen still demonstrate their traditional skills. Native breeds of livestock can be seen in the fields and farmyards.

NORSK FOLKEMUSEUM IN OSLO, NORWAY

Meet the People!
Life, traditions and history
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Folk dance and music
Crafts and activities
Sami Culture

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www.norskfolkemuseum.no

Black Country Living Museum
Dudley
West Midlands DY1 4SQ
Tel:+44 (0)121 557 9643
E-mail: info@blcm.com.
Web: www.blcm.co.uk

The Museum preserves a section of the Black Country's industrial landscape, including two mine shafts, limekilns and a canal arm. It has relocated buildings into this canal side village, from across the region. Each house, shop and workshop has been filled with collections, from the 1800 to the 1940s. 80,000 items to discover.

Ireland

Ulster American Folk Park
Omagh, Co Tyrone BT78 5QU, Northern Ireland
Tel: +44 (0) 28 8224 3292
Web: www.nmni.com

Street dancing Ulster American Folk Park
The story of Irish emigration. Follow the emigrant trail from the thatched cottages of Ulster on board a full scale emigrant sailing ship leading to the log cabins of the American Frontier. Costumed characters, traditional crafts to show, tales to tell and food to share.

Scotland

Auchindrain Township - Open Air Museum
by Inveraray , Argyll
PA32 8XN
Tel: 01499 500235
E-mail: info@auchindrain.org.uk
Web: www.auchindrainmuseum.org.uk

The restored old township of that name, with related domestic and working life collections. A visitor centre offers an introductory exhibition about west highland life. The township is presented as it would have been around the turn of the last century offering visitors a view of the lives of the west highlander in a past age.

Wales

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Cardiff CF5 6XB
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Web: www.museumwales.ac.uk

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Austria

Innsbruck

Tyrolean Evening with the Gundolf Family

Gasthaus SANDWIRT located near the heart of beautiful Innsbruck. Your guests will enjoy folk dancing, brass band music, yodelling and traditional dances of the Region. The performers have travelled Internationally as musical Ambassadors of the Tyrol Daily 20:30 - 22:00 April - October, out of season - on request

Tel: +43-4222/41563
Web: www.burg-landskron.at

Landskron

Burg Landskron

The feudal feast is served in period costume. “Armed” only with a knife you can eat to your hearts content, washing it down with red or white wine and mineral water included in the price of the meal. Groups of 20 plus

Tel: +49 351 49 72 60
Web: www.sommeregg.at

Seeboden, Carinthia

Sommeregg Castle

Located in a ancient vaulted cellars of Ivory House, close to the Tower and Tower Bridge. Accompanying King Henry VIII are jousting knights, strolling players, dancing wenches and the incredible strong man which provide a magical medieval pageant.

Tel: +40 2 51 64 11 11
Web: www.puydufou.com

Belgium

Antwerpen

Pepergrom

One of Antwerp’s most historic drinking and eating places, we also serve pheasant and wild boar. Music, minstrels and maidens.

Tel: +32 (0)3 234 08 09
Web: www.paparex.it

Brugge

Gallo Roman Wine Cellar

Gallo Roman Wine Cellar named after those that settled in Brugge 2,000 years ago. Taste typical home made brews, dress as a Roman, and enjoy a delicious Roman meal.

Tel: +32 (0)50 599 99 99
Web: www.galloromeinsewinjekelder.be

Czech Republic

Prague

U Sedmi Svabu

Medieval decorations and waitresses in peasant dresses serving beer and mead to diners seated at long wooden tables. Special multicourse “knight’s feasts” are also available.

Tel: +420 222 31 13 66
Web: www.oldehansa.com

Folklore Garden

Our ensemble of dancers and musicians dressed in traditional clothing will entertain and amuse, along the two and half hour performance. Guests are welcome to take an active part in learning Czech songs, dances, and games. A traditional dinner will be served with unlimited drinks.

Tel: +49 351 49 72 60
Web: www.sommeregg.at

England

London

Medieval Banquet

St. Katharine’s Dock

The regal banquet takes place by flickering torchlight in the vaulted cellars of Ivory House, close to the Tower and Tower Bridge. Accompanying King Henry VIII are jousting knights, strolling players, dancing wenches and the incredible strong man which provide a magical medieval pageant.

Tel: +40 2 51 64 11 11
Web: www.puydufou.com

Germany

Dresden

Sophienkeller

Located in an ancient vaulted cellar, transports its guests to the time of August the Strong and George the Bearded. Dine on traditional medieval dishes and are entertained by a troupe of actors, dressed in costume, who recreate scenes and tell anecdotes about life in the Middle Ages

Tel: +49 89 786 940
Web: www.muenchnerhaupt.de

Munich

Münchner Haupt - Zellermeier

Back to medieval times, suits of armour, swords, crossbows, and torture devices.Lute music plays in the background to help aid digestion (meat lovers only restaurant)

Tel: +49 89 786 940
Web: www.muenchnerhaupt.de

Hungary

Budapest

Lancolot

Tel: +36 1 302 4456
Back to medieval times, suits of armour, swords, crossbows, and torture devices.Lute music plays in the background to help aid digestion (meat lovers only restaurant)

Tel: +36 1 302 4456
Web: www.lancolot.hu

Switzerland

Luzern

Stadtkeller Swiss Folklore Restaurant

Enjoy original Swiss folklore. Traditional Swiss customs such as alp horns, cowbells, national costumes, flag throwing and yodelling combination of good food, music and fun. Restaurant air-conditioned

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Austria

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Theater Graz offers generous group concessions for all performances at the opera and theatre. Groups can have specially tailored backstage tours.

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Fax: +43-512-263-4
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Web: www.tirolerabend.info
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