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PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Thanksgiving Celebration

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

- The South Shore Living Magazine's Taste of New England VIP reception Memorial Hall 5-6:30pm (Invitation only)
- PIDC Free Patriotic Concert Memorial Hall 7-10pm (Doors open at 6pm for general seating)



SATURDAY, NOV. 22

- Opening Ceremonies DCR Pilgrim Memorial Park 10:30am
- Thanksgiving Parade Main Street, Plymouth 11am-1:15pm
- New England Food Festival DCR Pilgrim Memorial Park 11am-4pm Soups, Chowders, Entrées, Desserts and Party Foods from 20 restaurants/live music
- Crafters Pavilion DCR Pilgrim Memorial Park 11am-4pm
- Children's Learning Pavilion DCR Pilgrim Memorial Park 11am-4pm
 - Live Entertainment Workshops Kids Crafts & Activities
- Portal to the Past Historical Village & Demonstrations Brewster Gardens 10am-4pm
- Wampanoag Educational Pavilion -Brewster Gardens 11am-4pm
- Coast Guard Rescue-Plymouth Harbor 1pm
- Senior Alumni Drum & Bugle Corps Concert 7pm









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SUNDAY, NOV. 23

- Makepeace Farms Harvest Market DCR Pilgrim Memorial Park 11am-4pm • Farmers Market • Live Bluegrass • Traditional Music
- Crafters Pavilion DCR Pilgrim Memorial Park 11am-4pm
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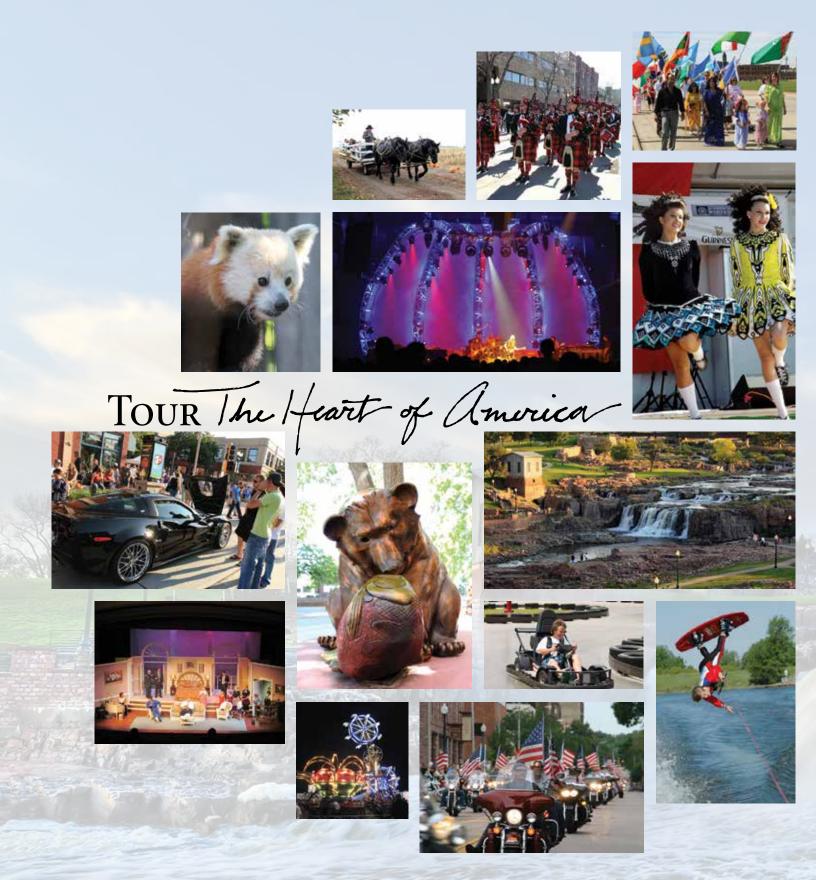


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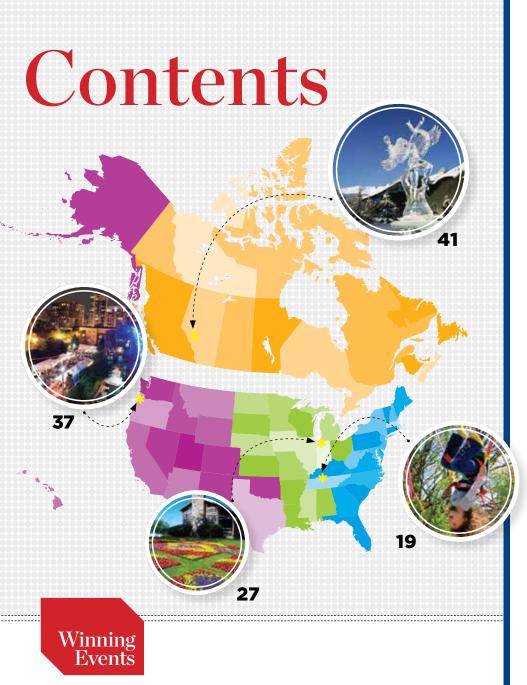






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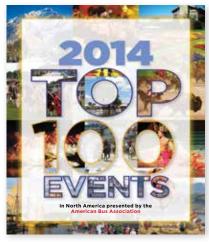
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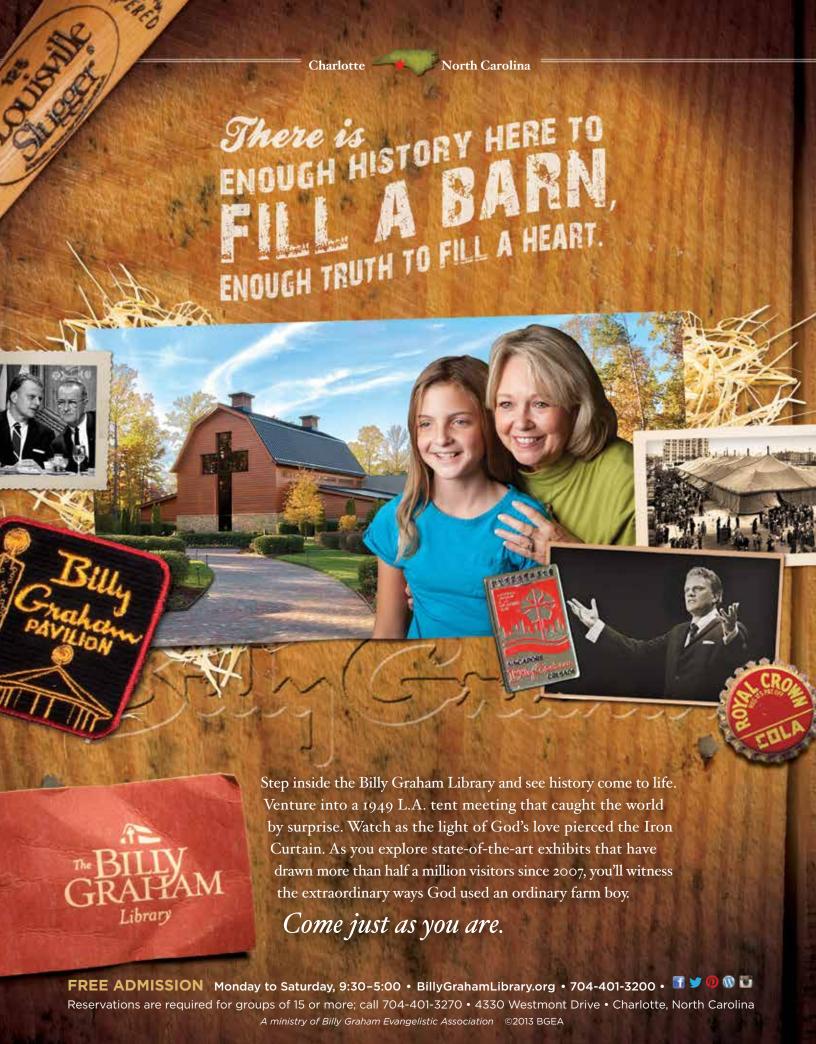
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Events to Watch

vents to Watch are a new part of the Top 100 Events selected by a panel of ABA-member motorcoach and tour operators to highlight events and festivals that were not selected as a Top 100 Event but are great examples of new motorcoach-friendly or group-friendly events and show potential to become future Top 100 events.

General Information About the Top 100 Program

BA's Top 100 Events in North America is an annual compendium of the best events for group travel in the United States and Canada. Each spring, a committee of ABA-member motorcoach and tour operators selects the Top 100 Events for the subsequent year. Winners are chosen from hundreds of celebrations, festivals, fairs, commemorative events, and more that have been nominated by ABA members. From among the winners, ABA names the Top Event for both the United States and Canada. All current ABA members of all membership categories may submit nominations for the Top 100 Events in North America. Nominations are solicited via e-mail from those eligible to nominate. The nomination process begins in February and ends in May. Official State/Provincial Tourism Offices may submit seven



nominations. ABA members may submit three nominations. There is no cost to nominate events for ABA members. Non-ABA members may submit one nomination for a nominal fee.

Information on How to Plan Itineraries for Top 100 Events Using GroupConnect.com

roupConnect is your online planning tool for ABA's Top 100 Events. From departure to return you can build itineraries utilizing ABA and OMCA travel industry members for all your tour components in one place. We make it easy to request and receive quotes and research



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Annual Events

These events receive separate recognition because they have been consistently selected as a Top 100 Event in North America and they continually attract group and motorcoach business. These are the best of the best group events and offer broad appeal, including international audiences. The committee reviews and votes annually to elevate events to this prestigious status or to remove events that no longer meet this level of distinction. Once an event has acquired this status, it no longer has to be nominated with other annual Top 100 Event nominations. However. if the Top 100 Selection Committee decides to remove an event's AE status, that event will be reconsidered in the pool of all Top 100 Event nominations for that year. This status allows us to publish these annually recognized events, while also offering 100 other events for creating itineraries.

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Star-Spangled Spectacular

An international tribute

n international parade of ships will sail into Baltimore on Sept. 10, 2014 to launch Star-Spangled Spectacular, the bicentennial of the Star-Spangled Banner and the National Anthem. More than 20 ships, including U.S. Navy, British, and Canadian "grey hulls" and tall ships from around the globe are expected for the festivities. The 10-day event will feature public tours, land-based activities, fireworks and an air show featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. Ships will be staged in Baltimore's famed Inner Harbor and surrounding areas. There will be bus staging, performance spaces, and group-friendly dining options for group tours. (29) (17) (2) (2)

TOP EVENT

AMERICAN BUS ASSOCIATION



Baltimore, Md. Sept. 6-16, 2014

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:

- Ft. McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine
- Star-Spangled Banner Flag House
- U.S. Naval Academy Tour

CONTACT:

Jill Feinberg (410) 767-6267, (800) 266-5699 jfeinberg@starspangled200.com www.starspangled200.com

Québec City, Québec Aug. 19-24, 2014

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:

- Ile d'Orléans Visit
- Québec Old Town Visit
- Cruise on the Saint-Laurent River

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CONTACT: Mélissa Roux-Laforest

Québec City International Festival of Military Bands

Pageantry to remember

his year, from Aug. 19 to 24, the Québec City International Festival of Military Bands will host the best Military Bands from Europe, South America,

Asia, and, of course, Canada. Even more, in 2014, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Royal 22e Régiment, as well as the 10th anniversary of the Québec City Military Tattoo — a promising edition! Festivities are planned over six days, including 30 free concerts and electrifying events such as the Parade and the Armoury Concerts. Don't miss the famous Québec City Military Tattoo at Colisée Pepsi from Aug. 21 to 23, featuring 800 musicians and





Bourne Scallop Festival

Buzzards Bay, Mass.

Sept. 19-21, 2014

CONTACT: Regina Fitzpatrick (508) 759-6000 member@capecodcanal chamber.org www.bournescallopfest.com

New England's largest Scallop Festival, held along the banks of the Cape Cod Canal, attracts over 50,000 international visitors. At the 45-year-old Bourne Scallop Festival, families enjoy entertainment, a midway of rides and games, and a professional Juried Arts & Crafts Show, featuring over 100 vendors. Try our famous fried scallop and roasted chicken dinners, plus a food court offering lobster rolls, chowder, salads, raw bar, desserts, beer, wine and so much more! 45 (2)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Hy-Line Cruises, Heritage Museum & Gardens, Cape Cod Central Railroad

New England

The 38th Voyage of the Charles W. Morgan

Mystic, Conn.

May 24-Aug. 3, 2014

CONTACT: Sarah Spencer (860) 572-0711, (888) 973-2767 sarah.spencer@mystic seaport.org

www.mysticseaport.org

...... The Charles W. Morgan is the last remaining wooden whaleship and the oldest American commercial vessel still in existence. Built in 1841 in New Bedford, Mass., she sailed worldwide during an 80-year whaling career. After a lengthy restoration, the Morgan, a National Historic Landmark, was relaunched July 21, 2013 and will embark on her 38th voyage to historic ports in New England from the end of May 2014 through Aug. 3, 2014.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: New Bedford, Boston, Newport

America's Hometown **Thanksgiving** Celebration

Plymouth, Mass.

Nov. 22-24, 2014

CONTACT: Sharon Lidell (508) 746-1818 info@usathanksgiving.com www.usathanksgiving.com

Our mission is to educate the public while preserving our country's important history. We will accomplish this goal by producing a three-day Thanksgiving Celebration including concerts honoring military sacrifice, a parade chronicling the Pilgrim legacy, a New England Food Festival, an Authentic Harvest Market, and a live reenactment village. See Pilgrims, Native Americans, soldiers, patriots, and pioneers climb out of history books and onto Plymouth's streets.



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Plimoth Plantation, Mayflower II, Pilgrim Hall Museum

Annual League of N.H. Craftsmen Fair

Concord, N.H. Aug. 3-11, 2014

CONTACT: Susie Low-Stockwell (603) 224-3375 slowstock@nhcrafts.org www.nhcrafts.org

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The 80th League of N.H. Craftsmen's Annual Craftsmen's Fair is the oldest continually running fine crafts fair in the country and offers high quality, juried craft with 200 individual booths, exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops and family entertainment. It's held at Mount Sunapee Resort which offers a mountain adventure park and chairlift rides to the summit.



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: The Fells, Indian Museum, Sunapee State Park Beach

Bright Nights at Forest Park

Springfield, Mass.

Nov. 26, 2014-Jan. 1, 2015 **CONTACT:** Amy Barron-Burke (413) 733-3800 amy@spiritofspringfield.org www.brightnights.org

..... Bright Nights at Forest Park is one of the country's premier holiday lighting experiences, with a three-mile route that winds its way by and through magnificent lighting displays like Seuss Land, Garden of Peace, Winter Garden, and more. Refreshments, souvenirs and photos with Santa are available at the Gift Stop. The Barney Carriage House, a banquet facility located among the lights, hosts dinner entertainment like Dinner with Dickens and Christmas Cabaret.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Yankee Candle, Springfield Museums, Storrowton Village

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Hampton Beach Seafood Festival

Hampton, N.H.

Sept. 5-7, 2014

CONTACT: Ginni McNamara (603) 926-8718 ginni@hamptonchamber.com www.hamptonbeachseafood festival com

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Come sample our world famous seafood at New England's largest beach party. Sixty restaurants serve seafood and much more. There's a Lobster Roll Eating Competition, sidewalk sales, 80 craft vendors, Kiddie Land, culinary chef demonstrations, as well as continuous entertainment, spectacular fireworks, Shoot Sky Diving Extravaganza, and a free shuttle service. 🥸 🗙

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Water Country, Strawberry Bank, Tuck Museum

Haunted Happenings Salem, Mass.

Oct. 1-31, 2014

CONTACT: Kate Fox (978) 744-3663, (877) 725-3662 kfox@salem.org www.hauntedhappenings.org

Salem Haunted Happenings is the largest celebration of Halloween and fall in New England. Groups choose from museums, attractions, tours, and dramatic programs that bring Salem and the October season to life. Add the fall foliage, local New England food, unique shopping, and festive atmosphere and you have a perennial favorite for thousands!

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Topsfield Fair, Spirits of the Gables

Kennebunkport **Christmas Prelude™**

Kennebunk, Maine

Dec. 5-13, 2014

CONTACT: Sheila Matthews-Bull (207) 967-5457 sheila@rhumblineresort.com www.christmasprelude.com

Kennebunkport's Christmas Prelude™ will be celebrating 33 years of fun and family enjoyment. The event, which began with one tree lighting, caroling, and Santa, has blossomed into two full weekends of activities, including tree lightings, caroling, craft fairs, musical performances, entertainment, Santa's arrival on a lobster boat, our famous Hat Parade, a Pooch Parade, a fireworks display, and visitors from all over the world. Some who came as children are bringing their own children, along with the grandparents, of course. (2)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Seashore Trolley Museum, Museums of Old York, Kittery Outlet Shopping

Maine Lobster Festival Rockland, Maine

July 30-Aug. 3, 2014 **CONTACT:** Chuck Kruger (207) 596-0376, (800) LOB-CLAW media@mainelobsterfestival.com www.mainelobsterfestival.com

What do you get when you mix nine tents, the world's greatest lobster cooker, a sea goddess, a big parade, top-notch entertainment, an international crate race, fine art, crafts people and vendors, U.S. Navy ship tours, all-youcan-eat pancakes, free shuttle service, cooking contests, marine heritage, road races, kids events, over 20,000 pounds of lobster, plus more than 1,000 volunteers and a group of dedicated directors. The Maine Lobster Festival! Five days of feasting and fun on the fabulous coast of Maine. **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Downtown Rockland Museums, Winery Tours & Tastings, Owl's Head Transportation Museum



The Newport Flower Show

Newport, R.I.

June 27-29, 2014

CONTACT: Dan Fryer (401) 847-2251

groups@newportmansions.org www.newportflowershow.org

Held on the grounds of Rosecliff, one of Newport's most spectacular mansions, the 19th annual Newport Flower Show's theme is Journey-Grand Vistas. The same titans who built Newport's summer cottages created luxurious travel while also building the infrastructure which would forever change industry in America. Shopping at the Oceanside Boutiques and the Gardener's Marketplace are a much anticipated Newport Flower Show tradition along with lunch overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. 🚫

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: The Elms Sunken Garden, The Breakers, Green Animals Topiary Garden

Pops by the Sea Concert

Hyannis, Mass.

Aug. 9, 2014 CONTACT: Kevin Howard (508) 362-0066 info@artsfoundation.org www.artsfoundation.org

For the past 28 years the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod has welcomed one of the nation's finest and best-loved musical ensembles, the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, to the Hyannis Village Green. Featuring an exciting celebrity guest conductor and nationally-recognized guest soloists, this fundraising concert regularly sells out to a live audience of more than 15,000. Cape Cod residents and visitors gather and enjoy this magical afternoon event, one which benefits art and culture on Cape Cod all year long. (T) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: JFK Museum, Hy-Line Harbor Cruise, Cape Cod Railroad

Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth

Portsmouth, N.H. Dec. 1-31, 2014

CONTACT: Kathleen Churchill (603) 433-1107

kchurchill@strawberybanke.org www.vintagechristmasnh.org

Vintage Christmas makes Portsmouth, N.H., the Christmas capital of North America where visitors enjoy a holiday experience that comes from the heart. Vintage Christmas incorporates live holiday shows at The Music Hall, a classic Candlelight Stroll at Strawbery Banke Museum (a 10acre outdoor history museum in a historic Portsmouth neighborhood), tax-free holiday shopping, free transportation on the City's Vintage Christmas trolley and the warmest hospitality from hotels to restaurants to shops. (2) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Strawbery** Banke Museum, Tax-Free Shopping, Holiday Programs At The Music Hall

Windjammer Days Festival

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

June 24-25, 2014

CONTACT: Cherie Scott, Catherine Wygant Fossett (207) 633-2353 cherie@boothbayharbor.com, catherine@boothbayharbor.com www.boothbayharbor.com/windjammer-days

...... The Windjammer Days Festival, located in the village of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, lets families view historic Windjammers of the late 19th and 20th century. At the Parade of Sail, the windjammers enter the harbor in their full splendor. Enjoy live concerts in the park, kid's tents, Artists Alley, craft shows, street parade, antique boat parade, Maine State Aquarium, U.S. Coast Guard tours, and fireworks over the harbor. (2) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Harbor Cruises, Sailing, Lobstering





Mid-Atlantic

18th Century Market Fair

Hagerstown, Md.

April 24-27, 2014

CONTACT: Betsy DeVore (301) 791-3246, (888) 257-2600 bdevore@marylandmemories.com www.marylandmemories.org

...... Travel back in time to an authentic 18th-century Market Fair at historic Ft. Frederick, an original stone fort built in 1756 during the French and Indian War. Mingle with hundreds of reenactors dressed in colonial attire: soldiers, longhunters, Native Americans, ladies, gentlemen, servants, artisans and children. Highlights of the event include musket and cannon firing presentations, hearth cooking demonstrations, history talks and children's military drills. (29 T) (2) (X) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Antietam National Battlefield, Premium Out-

lets, Wilson's Historical Village

2014 Finger Lakes Wine Festival

Watkins Glen, N.Y.

July 11-13, 2014 (tentative) **CONTACT:** Rob Murphy (607) 535-2486 rmurphy@theglen.com www.flwinefest.com

The Finger Lakes Wine Festival offers the largest showcase of New York state wines from more than 90 wineries paired with regional artisans, music and culinary classes all in one beautiful location. (1) (2) (8)

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NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Corning Museum of Glass, Corning's Historic Gaffer District, Finger Lakes Wine Country



Big Band Jam! Washington, D.C.

April 18-30, 2014

CONTACT: Neil Amrine (202) 628-2842 neil@dctourguides.com www.bigbandjam.org

The 10th Annual Big Band Jam! celebrates all things American and is held on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. April means Jazz Appreciation Month, the National Cherry Blossom Festival and the Big Band Jam! all on our National Mall. Big band music is our focus throughout the month of April with jazz clubs, concerts, cruises, dances, festivals, and brunches. The 2014 jazz theme will be the "Legacy of Count Basie" and will feature renowned composer/educator/musician Bob Mintzer in clinics and performing with a big band and with The Yellowjackets. (19) (17) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Blues Alley Jazz, Smithsonian Institution, National Mall

Christmas in Hershey Hershey, Pa.

Nov. 14, 2014-Jan. 1, 2015 **CONTACT:** Group Sales (717) 534-3145, (800) HERSHEY info@hersheypa.com www.hersheypa.com

...... Hershey becomes a magical winter wonderland illuminated with more than 4 million sparkling lights during the annual Christmas in Hershey Celebration. Attractions include Hersheypark Christmas Candylane, which becomes an enchanting holiday village with more than 30 rides and Santa and his nine live reindeer; "Hershey Sweet Lights: A Holiday Drive-through Spectacular," which features 600 enchanting displays; and "Christmas in Chocolate Town: A Holiday Dinner Musical" at Hershey Lodge. 🔘 🚫

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Hersheypark Christmas Candylane, Sweet Lights, Chocolate Town, Chocolate World, Hershey Museum



GlassFest 2014

Corning, N.Y.

May 22-26, 2014 contact: Coleen Fabrizi (607) 937-6292 coleen@gafferdistrict.com www.glassfest.org

GlassFest is a four-day celebration of glass and the fire arts in America's "Crystal City," Corning, New York! Visitors to the event will enjoy Finger Lakes wine and craft beer tasting, live glassmaking demonstrations, a flameworking competition, and an outdoor art show featuring glass, pottery, ceramics, metal, and a variety of fine artists from across the country. The weekend features live music from a number of nationally-renowned acts and Grammy-nominated entertainers, shopping and dining promotions, and an incredible fireworks display. (5) (1) (2) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Corning Museum of Glass, Finger Lakes Wine Country, Beautiful State Parks

Chrysanthemum Festival at Longwood Gardens

Kennett Square, Pa.

Oct. 25-Nov. 23, 2014

CONTACT: Michelle Ullman (610) 388-5275

mullman@longwoodgardens.org www.longwoodgardens.org

Chrysanthemum Festival features more than 20,000 blooming chrysanthemums grown in extraordinary ways, preserving an ancient art form while innovating techniques and displays. Wander through our Conservatory and see how our horticulture experts used these colorful fall favorites in their unique designs, including tall cloud forms, 13-foot arches, ball standards, and shields. Plus, there's the largest Thousand Bloom Mum in North America with more than 1,000 yellow flowers on one stem! **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Brandywine

River Museum, Winterthur Estate,

Hagley Museum and Library

Delaware Wine & Beer Festival

Dover, Del.

Oct. 19, 2014

CONTACT: Cindy Small (302) 734-1736, (800) 233-5368 csmall@visitdover.com www.delawarewineandbeer festival.com

The Delaware Wine & Beer Festival will celebrate its fifth anniversary on Oct. 19, 2014 in Dover. Festival-goers will "Drink Local, Eat Local, and Buy Local" at this blended event showcasing the First State's finest wineries, breweries, and distilleries. Learn about the art of fine wine and craft brew-making and enjoy live music. Indulge in mouth-watering fare by select local eateries. More than 50 of Delaware's favorite artists and artisans will display their works for sale. 🗐 👚 🛇

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Fordham-Dominion Breweries, Harvest Ridge Winery, Biggs Museum of American Art

Dover Days Festival Dover, Del.

May 2-4, 2014

CONTACT: Cindy Small (302) 734-1736, (800) 233-5368 csmall@visitdover.com www.doverdaysfestival.com

Visit our country's newest National Monument, as declared by President Obama. With a springtime bloom, and a large concentration of standing colonial and victorian homes and buildings, Dover sets the stage for a historical celebration of monumental proportions. Besides Maypole Dancing on the Green, the festival features more than 350 vendors, crafters, and food purveyors. Also experience a Civil War Era Baseball Game and free admission to the Old State House, Biggs Museum of Modern Art, and more. (1)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Delaware National Monument, Delaware Old State House, Biggs Museum of Modern Art

Historic Lewiston Jazz Festival

Lewiston, N.Y.

Aug. 22-23, 2014

CONTACT: Sandy Hays-Mies (716) 628-9583 sandyhays@verizon.net www.lewistonjazz.com

..... Hot Jazz-Cool Foods! This festival has it all. In addition to hearing more than 150 worldclass musicians, attendees at this free event can browse the premier jewelry show, find the perfect antique treasure, view classic vintage cars, stroll through unique boutiques, relax at the Honorary International Peace Garden and sample wine and culinary delights.



Smithsonian Folklife Festival

Washington, D.C.

June 25-29, 2014 and July 2-6, 2014

CONTACT: Michael Mason (202) 633-1141 masonm@si.edu www festival si edu

The Smithsonian Folklife Festival is an annual event that features many of the finest practitioners of diverse, authentic, living traditions. Produced by the Smithsonian Institution in cooperation with the National Park Service, this festival's activities, held on the National Mall, encourage the public to learn, sing, dance, try traditional foods and join in cultural conversations with artists and other visitors. The 2014 Smithsonian Folklife Festival will feature folklife from China and Kenya. 🚫

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NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Smithsonian Museums, Washington Monument, July 4th-National Mall

Winterfest of Lights Ocean City, Md.

Nov. 20, 2014-Jan. 4, 2015 **CONTACT:** Norma Dobrowolski (410) 289-2800, (800) 626-2326 ndobrowolski@ococean.com www.ococean.com

Enjoy this award-winning holiday paradise created for the whole family! More than one million holiday lights sparkle throughout your favorite beach resort. Tour the avenues of Ocean City to see seasonal décor. At Northside Park, see hundreds of animated lighted displays. Relax and sip hot chocolate in the heated Winterfest Village pavilion. Board the Winterfest Express to tour the lights, including the themed exhibits of your favorite fairy tales. The holiday display will get everyone in the mood for the holiday season! (1) (2) (8) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Famous Boardwalk, Wildlife & Assataque Ponies, Outlet & Specialty Shopping

World Championship Punkin Chunkin

Nassau, Del.

Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2014 **CONTACT:** Frank Shade (302) 645-1846 1punkinchunker@gmail.com www.punkinchunkin.com

The World Championship Punkin Chunkin is a thrilling pumpkin hurling event held in Bridgeville, Del. Contestants transport their homemade contraptions to this outdoor competition with one goal: hurling a 10-pound pumpkin as far as possible! The excitement begins on Friday with live bands and practice sessions. The official competition kicks off on Saturday and ends on Sunday with the crowning of a new World Champion. Plus, there's food, games, carnival rides, fireworks, pageants and a Chili Cookoff! (1) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Dogfish Head Brewery, Rehoboth Tanger Outlet Centers, Nassau Valley Vineyards Winery

East Central

Belle's Big Birthday Bash, A Centennial Celebration

Louisville, Ky.

Oct. 15-19, 2014

CONTACT: Ashley Smith (502) 574-3768 ashley.smith@louisvilleky.gov www.belles100.com

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The Belle of Louisville, our nation's oldest surviving steamboat, is turning 100 years old. To celebrate, nine riverboats from all over the country will meet in Louisville, Ky., to participate in a five-day festival. Free activities will take place at the river's edge at beautiful Waterfront Park. Experience this event featuring riverboat cruises, a balloon glow, concerts, fireworks, and more in honor of the Belle's unprecedented milestone. (20) (17) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Slugger Museum, Muhammad Ali Center, Kentucky Derby Museum



Busch Gardens Christmas Town™

Williamsburg, Va.

Nov. 21-Dec. 31, 2014 **CONTACT:** Jill Pongonis (757) 253-3361, (800) 343-7946 jill.pongonis@buschgardens.com www.buschgardens.com

...... Christmas Town™: A Busch Gardens Celebration is a season-long celebration where the spirit of Christmas comes alive. See the world's most beautiful theme park transformed into a Christmas wonderland, all set under more than six million twinkling lights. Guests will get into the holiday spirit with holiday shows, culinary specialties, a variety of unique shopping opportunities, animal encounters, and even a visit with the jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus. 📵 🚫

Colonial Williamsburg Grand Illumination

Williamsburg, Va.

Dec. 7, 2014 **CONTACT:** Renee White-Clark (757) 220-7534 rclark@cwf.org www.colonialwilliamsburg.com

Colonial Williamsburg's Christmas season officially begins with Grand Illumination, a spectacular evening where candles twinkle in the windows of Historic Area homes and buildings, fatwood crackles in street-side cressets, and the heavens explode with fireworks. Thousands of guests turn outfamilies, friends, and strangers crowd the streets-to "ooh" and "ah" and launch themselves on the Yuletide. (🗐

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Busch Gardens Christmas Town™, Jamestown Settlement, Yorktown Victory Center

A Country Christmas at Gaylord Opryland

Nashville, Tenn.

Nov. 21, 2014-Jan. 4, 2015 **CONTACT:** Tina Abellanosa (615) 458-2821, (888) 976-6779 tabellanosa@gaylordhotels.com www.christmasatgaylord opryland.com

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With more than 2 million lights, horse-drawn carriages, acres of stunning decorations, and exclusive shows and attractions, Nashville's iconic Gaylord Opryland Resort offers distinctive holiday entertainment. See the Rockettes in The Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the Grand Ole Opry House. Step into a whimsical winter wonderland at ICE!-a display of colorful sculptures hand carved from 2 million pounds of ice. The 31st Annual "A Country Christmas" is the ultimate holiday destination. (1) (2) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: General Jackson Showboat, Grand Ole Opry, Wildhorse Saloon

Elvis Week

Memphis, Tenn.

Aug. 11-17, 2014 **CONTACT:** Jen Swearingen (901) 332-3322 marketing@elvis.com www.elvisweek.com

Each August, Elvis fans from around the world gather in Memphis for a celebration of the music, movies and legacy of Elvis Presley. Elvis Week always includes traditional events such as the Elvis Fan Club Presidents Event, Elvis Insiders Event and Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest, plus special concerts, panel discussions, dances, and much more. (f) (a)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Graceland, Sun Studio, STAX Museum of American Soul

Christmas at the **Galt House Hotel** Louisville, Ky.

mium Outlets

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Colonial

Williamsburg, Jamestown, Pre-

Nov. 15, 2014-Jan. 1, 2015 **CONTACT:** Kelly Gream (502) 589-5200 kgream@galthotel.com www.christmasatthegalt house.com

"Christmas at the Galt House Hotel" is a holiday extravaganza. It features the "KaLightoscope" attraction with beautifully crafted Chinese luminaries. The Christmas Village includes Dickens-era storefronts, the Candy Cane Forest and the Peppermint Express Kiddie Train. New this year will be "Sing'n' Joy," an international Choral Festival and Competition. Also featured, "Colors of the Season Holiday Dinner Show" created specifically for the tour industry that's guaranteed to create wonderful memories. (2) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Derby Dinner Playhouse, Belle of Louisville, Frazier History Musuem



Kentucky Bourbon Festival

Bardstown, Ky.

Sept. 16-21, 2014

CONTACT: Linda Harrison (502) 348-3623, (800) 638-4877 info@kybourbonfestival.com www.kybourbonfestival.com

The 2014 Kentucky Bourbon Festival will be a six-day festival celebrating the history, art, and passion of making Kentucky Bourbon. We will celebrate the 23rd year in 2014. The festival started in 1992 with one event and has grown to more than 40 events including the Great Kentucky Bourbon Tasting and Gala, World Championship Barrel Relay, live music, southern cooking and a huge dose of southern hospitality. Attendance for 2012 included attendees from 41 states and 12 countries.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Getz Whiskey Museum, KY Bourbon Trail, My Old KY Home

New River Gorge Bridge Day

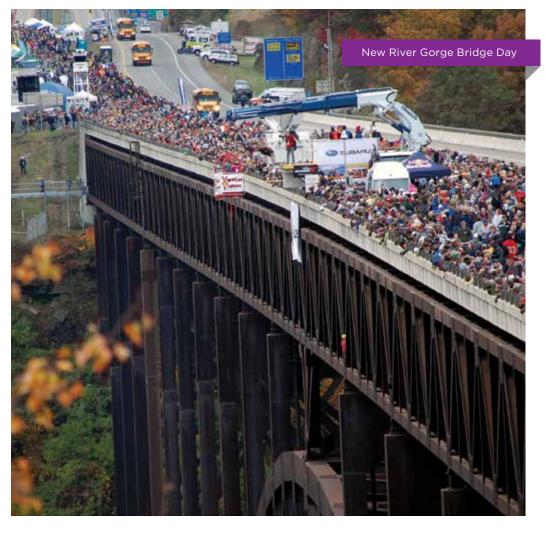
CONTACT: Fayette County

Oak Hill, W. Va.

Oct. 18, 2014

Chamber of Commerce (304) 465-5617. (800) 927-0263 bridgeday@officialbridgeday.com www.officialbridgeday.com

...... On the third Saturday of October each year, Bridge Day comes to West Virginia. Food, fun, culture and community all come together for an amazing experience, centered around the daredevil sport known as BASE jumping. Skydivers launch themselves from the bridge, as more than 150,000 onlookers enjoy and explore the amazing New River Gorge. With 200 vendors lining the roadway to the Bridge, there is something for everyone. (2) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: New** River Jetboats, BridgeWalk, Tamarack



Rivers & Spires Festival Clarksville, Tenn.

April 24-26, 2014

CONTACT: Jessica Goldberg (931) 245-4346 jessica@clarksville.tn.us www.riversandspires.com

Rivers & Spires Festival is a free music and arts festival in Clarksville, Tenn. More than 100 entertainers perform on five stages, with a major Country artist performing Saturday night. An Arts Galore area with handmade crafts and Quilts of the Cumberland showcases regional artists. The Family Fun Zone boasts nearly 60 interactive games for all ages. Families flock to the area every year for inflatables, zip lines, and train rides. Foodies enjoy Brewfest, an array of 80 craft brews and cooking shows. So much is happening, come be our guest! (1) (2)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Ft. Campbell Army Installation, Beachaven Winery, Customs House Museum

Southern Lights Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 21-Dec. 31, 2014

CONTACT: Lisa Jackson (859) 255-5727, (800) 678-8813 foundation@khpfoundation.org www.kyhorsepark.com, www. southernlightsky.org

...... Horses are not the only thing on display late November through December at the Kentucky Horse Park. For the past 20 years, miles of light displays adorn the park. The festivities include area performers, a petting zoo, miniature house display, pony and camel rides, model train exhibit, KHP Gift Shop, holiday merchants, and the International Museum of the Horse, a Smithsonian Affiliate. For a \$5 donation kids can have a photo opportunity with Santa Claus. 🗐 🚫

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Bourbon Distilleries, Historic Homes: Ashland, Waveland, Hunt-Morgan & Mary Todd Lincoln House

Virginia Beach **Neptune Festival** Virginia Beach, Va.

Sept. 25-28, 2014

CONTACT: Jim Coggin (757) 385-6642, (800) 700-7702 jcoggin@visitvirginiabeach.com www.neptunefestival.com

2014 marks the 41st anniversary of the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival. Daily concerts at festival stages are scattered along the boardwalk and feature a variety of live music and performers. Ignite your taste buds and satisfy your shopping savvy at this year's outdoor shopping and dining experience—from crab cakes to Italian ice, stained glass to pottery, there is sure to be something to delight everyone. Also included in the event is the International Sandsculpting Championship. (f) (a) (8) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Virginia

Aquarium & Marine Science Museum, Cape Henry Lighthouse, Virginia Beach Boardwalk

Southeast

Carolina Renaissance Festival

Huntersville, N.C.

Oct. 4-Nov. 23, 2014

CONTACT: Matt Siegel (704) 896-5544, (877) 896-5544 matt@renfestinfo.com www.royalfaires.com/carolina

...... The Carolina Renaissance Festival is a 16th-century European event combining outdoor theater, circus entertainment, an arts and crafts marketplace, jousting tournaments and feasts fit for royalty! Experience an unusual collection of people-powered rides, over 100 purveyors of crafts and food, and nonstop music and comedy shows. Don't miss the jousts at the King's Tournament Arena. Carolina Renaissance Festival has things to do for all ages. (1) (2) (8) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Michael** Waltrip Racing, Rural Hill



Dec. 1-23, 2014 **CONTACT:** Sonya Johnson (704) 401-3200 ssjohnson@bgea.org www.billygrahamlibrary.org

Christmas at the Library features a live Nativity; horse-drawn carriage rides through one of Charlotte's most beautiful light displays; and the heartwarming sounds of caroling and festive music and story time for children of all ages. Enjoy holiday goodies in the Dairy Bar, exclusive Library ornaments and holiday shopping in Ruth's Attic, and tours of the Journey of Faith at the Billy Graham Library. A special Christmas Dinner will be offered on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. (1) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, Narroway Productions



Florida Strawberry

Plant City, Fla.

Feb. 27-March 9, 2014 contact: Lee Bakst (813) 752-9194 lee@flstrawberryfestival.com

www.flstrawberryfestival.com

Each spring, the Florida Strawberry Festival rolls out the red carpet to welcome visitors from throughout the Sunshine State and the world. Guests come from near and far to enjoy exhibits of agriculture, commerce, industry, livestock, fine arts, horticulture, and crafts. The fabric of American life is woven into the Festival through social events, contests, youth developmental programs, top-name entertainment, and parades with glorious floats and high-stepping marching bands.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Keel & Curley Winery, Canoe Escape, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

Gasparilla Pirate Fest Tampa, Fla.

Jan. 1, 2014

CONTACT: Don Barnes (813) 251-8844 office@ymkg.com www.gasparillapiratefest.com

For over a century, pirates have invaded Tampa Bay in honor of legendary pirate Jose Gaspar. Each year the Mayor surrenders the Key to the City of Tampa into the hands of the Captain of Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla. More than 500,000 people watch the pirates display their treasures in a colorful parade on land and in the water. Dressed up in pirate gear, the 3.8-mile parade route features more than 90 elaborate floats and 14 marching bands. (11) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Historic Latin Quarter of Ybor City, Downtown Tampa Riverwalk, Waterfront Arts District

The Great Gulfcoast **Arts Festival**

Pensacola, Fla.

Nov. 7-9, 2014 **CONTACT:** J.O. Zachow (850) 723-4425 jaws1231@att.net www.ggaf.org

...... Since 1973, Seville Square in historic downtown Pensacola has hosted the Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival, which has become one of the region's most popular outdoor cultural events. Ranked consistently among the top 50 art festivals in the nation by Sunshine Artist Magazine, the Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival features the work of more than 200 national artists and includes live entertainment and performances, local food vendors, a heritage arts festival, and a children's art festival. Admission is free. 🕥 🔘 🚫 **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Historic Pensacola Village, National Naval Aviation Museum, Historic Pensacola Lighthouse

Myrtle Beach Holiday FantaSea

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Nov. 4-18, 2014

CONTACT: Sandy Haines (843) 916-7248, (800) 488-8998 sandy.haines@visitmyrtle beach.com

www.visitmyrtlebeach.com

The Annual Myrtle Beach Holiday FantaSea serves as a thank-you to our groups for booking at least one night in the Myrtle Beach area. It has become a wonderful value-added attraction for tour operators. The event is held on two days (9:30-11:30 a.m.) over two weeks during the holiday season. It showcases award-winning entertainment, spectacular give-a-ways, a grand prize shopping spree and a ton of Southern Hospitality; all at no cost. (1)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Palace Theatre, Ripley's Aquarium, Brookgreen Gardens

Queen's Cup Steeplechase

Mineral Springs, N.C. April 26, 2014

CONTACT: Macie Stratton (704) 843-7070 macie@queenscup.org www.queenscup.org

The Queen's Cup is held on the grounds of Brooklandwood Racecourse in Mineral Springs, N.C., which prides itself on providing first-class racing in a unique and inspiring setting. Sponsors and racegoers alike over the years have enjoyed not only fantastic hospitality and scenery but some of the highest level of steeplechase racing anywhere in the United States. $(\Box)(\otimes)$

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: U.S. National Whitewater Center, Ballantyne Resort

St. Patrick's Day **Parade**

Savannah, Ga.

March 17-18, 2014

CONTACT: Mindy Shea (912) 644-6419, (877) SAVANNAH mshea@savannahvisit.com www.savannahsaintpatricks day.com

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Savannah is known for hosting the second largest parade in the world. However, all who have seen it say it is the grandest in the world. Savannah's first St. Patrick's Day Parade was in 1813, only 80 years after the city was founded by General James Oglethorpe. A small group of Hibernians organized and marched on the streets of Savannah to remember the death of their Patron Saint, St. Patrick of Ireland. We are proud to carry on the tradition our ancestors began almost 200 years ago. **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** City Tour of Savannah. Visit to a Savannah Historic Home, Visit to Savannah Forts

Savannah Tour of Homes & Gardens Savannah, Ga.

March 27-30, 2014

CONTACT: Sally Roth (912) 234-8054 touradm@savannahtourof homes.org www.savannahtourofhomes.org

The Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens offers a rare opportunity to enter some of Savannah's finest private homes and admire the special furnishings that have been treasured by families for generations but are seldom seen by visitors. In addition to home and garden walking tours, you can also enjoy some exclusive special events as well as some of the best food and hospitality the South has to offer. **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Bonaventure Cemetery, Ft. Pulaski/Tybee Island Lighthouse, Riverstreet





CMA Music Festival

Nashville, Tenn.

June 5-8, 2014 **CONTACT:** Chris Harrington (615) 770-7814 www.cmafest.com

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The CMA Music Festival is Nashville's signature music event, consisting of four days and more than 100 hours of live music, autograph signings by country music's biggest names and up-andcomers, and celebrity events. Throughout a rich 40-year history, the Festival has never lost sight of its roots or its reason for existing: the unique and special bond that exists between the stars and their fans.

33rd Annual Boston Harborfest 2014

Boston, Mass.

July 1-6, 2014 **CONTACT:** Fiona Campbell (617) 227-1528 festival@bostonharborfest.com www.bostonharborfest.com

The 33rd Annual Boston Harborfest is a six-day Fourth of July Festival that showcases the colonial and maritime heritage of the cradle of the American Revolution: the historic city of Boston. The award-winning festival strives to honor and remember the past, celebrate the present, and educate the future with reenactments, concerts, and historical tours. The week includes Boston Chowderfest, Children's Day, and the July 4th Boston Pops Concert and fireworks.

The Big E

West Springfield, Mass.

Sept. 12-28, 2014 **CONTACT:** Jessica Castro (800) 334-2443 groupsales@thebige.com www.thebige.com

One million plus guests enjoy top-name entertainment, Big E cream puffs, Mardi Gras Parade, Circus Spectacular, Horse Show, the Avenue of States, Storrowton Village Museum, and competitions. Located at the crossroads of New England on 175 acres in West Springfield, The Big E attracts groups from across the country and beyond. More than 800 motorcoaches visit The Big E each year.

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Christmas at Biltmore®

Asheville, N.C.

Nov. 7, 2014-Jan. 4, 2015 **CONTACT:** Group Sales/ Leslie Brewer (866) 851-4661 groupsales@biltmore.com www.biltmore.com

Miles of ribbon and lights, sparkling ornaments, fragrant evergreen swags, and dozens of traditional Christmas trees decorate Biltmore House and the entire estate during the holiday season. A Candlelight Christmas Evening experience will be the highlight of your journey. Imagine the wonder of America's largest home illuminated after dark while musicians and choirs entertain our guests in the Winter Garden. Admission tickets for day or evening reservations include access to Biltmore House & Gardens, and Antler Hill Village & Winery.

Davtona 500

Daytona Beach, Fla.

Feb. 23, 2014 **CONTACT:** Brandon Little (386) 681-5514 blittle@daytonainternational speedway.com www.daytonainternational speedway.com

It's called "The Great American Race" but it's the race the entire world bears witness to. Because no race has the guaranteed power to elevate careers and change lives, generation after generation, like the Daytona 500 does. Many greats have captured the Harley J. Earl Trophy over the years such as Dale Earnhardt, Jeff Gordon, and most recently Jimmie Johnson. It doesn't matter if it's from the driver's seat or a grandstand seat-being a part of the Daytona 500 is the thrill of a lifetime.

Gettysburg National Civil War Battle Reenactment

Gettysburg, Pa.

July 4-6, 2014 **CONTACT:** Jenny McConnell (717) 334-6274, (800) 337-5015 jenny@gettysburg.travel www.gettysburgreenactment.com

Held on private farmland, the only Gettysburg Battle reenactment held to commemorate the 1863 Civil War Battle brings history to life. Visitors experience live mortar fire demonstrations, multiple battles each day, and expansive living history with villages and all-day activities. Experience camp life as you stroll through both the Union and Confederate camps where life is as it was in 1863. Visitors will also enjoy shopping in the 1860's "sutler" village. The event offers a variety of food and beverages.

Kentucky Derby Festival & Kentucky Derby

Louisville, Ky.

April 12-May 3, 2014 **CONTACT:** Dineene Bradley (800) 626-5646 dbradley@gotolouisville.com www.kentuckyderby.com, www.gotolouisville.com

...... The Kentucky Derby Festival is a whirlwind of 70 events starting with Thunder Over Louisville, the opening ceremonies of the three-week festival. With an estimated average attendance of half a million people, it is the largest annual event in the region, the largest annual pyrotechnics display in North America and one of the top five air shows in the country. Other highlights include a half and full marathon and live bed racing! The event that started it all, the Pegasus Parade, marches down Broadway the Thursday before the Derby.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

New York, N.Y.

Nov. 27, 2014

CONTACT: Kristin Esposito (646) 429-7432

kristin.esposito@macys.com www.nycgo.com

This annual tradition often signals the beginning of the Christmas holiday season. The Tom Turkey float leads the parade of more than 200 different elements, with Santa Claus in his sleigh as the grand finale. In between are giant balloons, marching bands and floats. Performers and marchers include celebrities, clowns, and costumed characters. On Thanksgiving Eve, visitors can watch the parade's signature giant character and novelty balloons come to life as they are inflated with helium.

MummersFest & Fancy Brigade Finale

Philadelphia, Pa. Jan. 1, 2014

CONTACT: Jim Julia (302) 893-4937

james.julia@exeloncorp.com, tourgroups@fancybrigade.com

www.fancybrigade.com

...... While the Mummers parade has been held in Philadelphia on New Year's Day since 1901, the Philadelphia Mummers Brigade Association decided in 1997 to move their show indoors. No weather concerns means a guaranteed event and reserved comfortable seating. Refreshments and restrooms are available as well as family-friendly events at MummersFest. Our venue, the Pennsylvania Convention Center in historic Downtown Philadelphia, offers the best place to see the Philadelphia Mummers. Come and see why the Fancy Brigade Division is called "Philadelphia's Best Kept Secret."



National Cherry Blossom Festival

Washington, D.C.

March 20-April 13, 2014 **CONTACT:** Diana Mayhew (202) 661-7596 diana@downtowndc.org, danielle@downtowndc.org www.nationalcherryblossom festival.org

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is the nation's greatest springtime celebration. The festival includes diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. Each year, the festival commemorates the anniversary of the gift of the cherry blossom trees and the enduring friendship between the United States and Japan. Events are mostly free and open to the public, and more than 1.5 million people take part each year in this annual rite of spring.

National Independence Day Celebration

Washington, D.C.

July 4, 2014 **CONTACT:** Morgan Maravich (800) 422-8644 morgan.maravich @destinationdc.com www.washington.org

The nation's capital celebrates the Fourth of July with a birthday party that starts with a parade of more than 100 marching units. There are also concerts at historic sites performed by local and military music groups. After sunset, the National Symphony Orchestra, along with guest stars and soloists, performs patriotic songs that set the stage for the spectacular fireworks display over the Washington Monument grounds. Visitors can also enjoy the Smithsonian's free Folklife Festival also located on the National Mall, which runs from the end of June to early July.

PHS Philadelphia Flower Show

Philadelphia, Pa.

March 1-9, 2014 **CONTACT:** Nick Pytel (215) 988-8814

npytel@pennhort.org

www.theflowershow.com

The long love affair between art and nature-and the artistic expression found in great garden and floral design-will be captured in an extraordinary presentation of the internationally renowned PHS Philadelphia Flower Show in 2014. Held in a 10-acre exhibition space of the Pennsylvania Convention Center on March 1-9, 2014, "ARTiculture" will explore how exquisite landscapes, gardens, and floral arrangements have inspired artists from the Old Masters to the Impressionists to the most creative forces working today. And the world's leading landscape and floral designers will show that horticultural design is itself a form of art.

Virginia International Tattoo

Norfolk, Va.

April 24-27, 2014

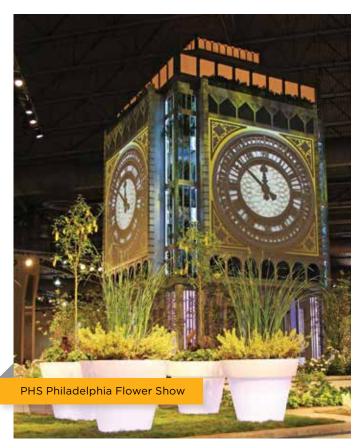
CONTACT: Dianna Starkey

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www.vafest.org

Presented by the Virginia Arts Festival, the Virginia International Tattoo has been designated as the 2014 Signature Event for the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration. Honoring Vietnam veterans and their families and highlighting the service of the U.S. Armed Forces, the Tattoo is a mass performance by military bands, color guards and drill teams, drum corps, bagpipers and dancers from around the world. With powerful displays of lighting, inspirational music and patriotism, Norfolk's Scope Arena comes alive for an extraordinary show, the largest tattoo of its kind in the U.S.



Pigeon Forge Winterfest

Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

Nov. 11, 2014-Feb. 28, 2015 **CONTACT:** Joy McNealy (865) 453-8574

jmcnealy@mypigeonforge.com www.mypigeonforge.com/ events/winterfest

...... Our festival features more than five million lights on display throughout the city. Our Trolley Tour of Lights, an event trademark, allows you to enjoy our holiday lights with guides for a tour you'll never forget. Wilderness Wildlife Week in January is the ultimate Smoky Mountain experience; it's a series of activities designed to connect visitors with the great outdoors. Get close to nature with more than 50 guided walks/ hikes, lectures, seminars and hands-on workshops. Forget the winter doldrums, let Winterfest embrace your holidays with our multiple events and celebration!

Winter Festival of Lights

Wheeling, W. Va.

Nov. 14, 2014-Jan. 4, 2015 **CONTACT:** David Flatley (304) 243-4000

dflatley@oglebay-resort.com www.oglebay-resort.com

...... The Winter Festival of Lights delights visitors of all ages. This annual light show is one of the nation's largest, covering more than 300 acres over a six-mile drive through the resort. The Winter Festival of Lights was listed as one of the 10 Best Christmas Light Displays in the U.S. by AOL Travel. The show was named as a top 100 event by Eventcrazy.com and was recently listed as one of the top 200 events in the country by Discover America. The festival was also featured on Travel Channel's Extreme Christmas Celebrations.



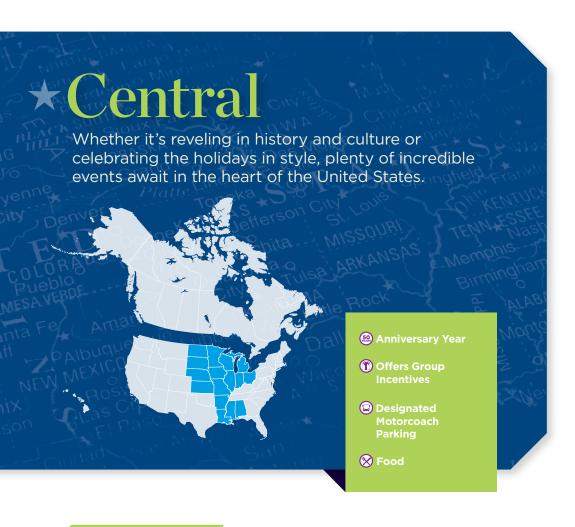
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52nd Annual Amish Acres Arts & Crafts Festival

Nappanee, Ind.

July 31-Aug. 3, 2014

CONTACT: Jenni Wysong (574) 773-4188, (800) 800-4942 amishacres@amishacres.com www.amishacres.com

More than 300 national vendors will sell their wares around the historic farm's pond. The event features wagon rides, marionettes and magic shows, family style Threshers Dinner in the century-old barn restaurant, and guided house and farm tours. Continuous free entertainment on four stages is planned throughout the four days along with festive food like kettle corn, steak tips, and breaded Hoosier tenderloins. (T) (2) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: The Round Barn Theatre, Amish Acres Historic Farm & Heritage Resort,

Dublin Irish Festival Dublin, Ohio

Aug. 1-3, 2014

CONTACT: Samantha Kennedy (614) 792-7666, (800) 245-8387 skennedy@irishisanattitude.com www.dublinirishfestival.org

You don't have to be Irish to enjoy the 27th Annual Dublin Irish Festival—you just need Irish Attitude! More than 100,000 guests are expected to attend this year's festival during the first weekend in August-making it one of the largest Irish celebrations in the world! With seven different stages, 65 acts and more than 500 performers, there truly is something for everyone. Guests enjoy world class entertainment, dance, food, cultural activities, Irish storytelling and more. Festival gates open at 4 pm on Friday at Coffman Park. (P) (□) (N)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Ohio Amish Country, U.S. Air Force Museum

Feast of the **Hunters' Moon**

West Lafayette, Ind.

Oct. 4-5, 2014

CONTACT: Leslie Martin Conwell (765) 476-8411

feastinfo@tippecanoehistory.org www.tippecanoehistory.org

...... The Feast of the Hunters' Moon is held on the grounds of the historic Ft. Ouiatenon Park, a primitive country setting just 4 miles southwest of West Lafayette. It is a re-creation of the annual fall gathering of the French and Native Americans which took place at Ft. Ouiatenon, a fur trading outpost in the mid-1700s and is held annually in early autumn. Thousands of participants re-enact this event creating a feast for your senses. Smell the wood smoke, hear the report of the rifles, savor authentic food and more! (2)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Tippecanoe Battlefield & Museum, Prophetstown State Park & the Farm at Prophetstown, Wolf Park

Festival of the Vine

Geneva, III.

Sept. 5-7, 2014 **CONTACT:** Geneva Chamber of Commerce (630) 232-6060, (866) 4GENEVA chamberinfo@geneva chamber com www.genevachamber.com/ festivalofthevine.html

Geneva restaurants create an array of specialties under an outdoor tent at the "Flavor Fare" partnered with wine and live musical entertainment. The Fall Harvest Market offers food and floral demos. An arts and crafts show, flower market, horse-drawn carriage rides and several exceptional wine tasting and dinner events also take place around the historic downtown.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Visit to Fabvan Forest Preserve, Kane County Cougars Baseball, Historic Shopping District

Galena Oktoberfest Galena. III.

Oct. 4, 2014

CONTACT: Greg Junge (815) 331-0180 lions@galenalions.org www.galenaoktoberfest.com

Wear your best lederhosen and dirndls and join more than 4,000 people-and 125 dogsat the eighth annual Galena Oktoberfest. Visitors instantly enter into a traditional German Festhalle where the polka music is booming and the bratwursts are simmering. Catch a seat to see the competitive wiener dog races or challenge yourself in the beer stein endurance contest. Proceeds from the event are contributed back into local charities through the Galena Lions Club. ⑪⊗

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: President Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site, Galena's Historic Main Street, Mississippi River

Grand Portage Rendezvous Days & Pow-Wow

Grand Portage, Minn.

Aug. 7-10, 2014 **CONTACT:** Beth Drost (218) 475-0123 elizabeth drost@nps.gov www.nps.gov/grpo/planyour visit/special_events.htm

The Grand Portage Rendezvous interprets the annual fur trade rendezvous of 200 years ago, including historic encampment, demonstrations, and activities. It showcases the Great Lakes Fur Trade, which influenced the history of North America. The Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Pow-Wow is an annual American Indian cultural gathering focusing on dance, song, and family celebration with traditional foods, music, crafts, and more than 350 dancers. (1) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Grand Marais, Gunflint Trail, Grand

Portage Casino

National Cherry Festival

Traverse City, Mich.

July 5-12, 2014

CONTACT: Mandy DePuy (231) 947-4230, (800) 968-3380 mandy@cherryfestival.org www.cherryfestival.org

Remember the sights, sounds and smells of a summer celebration in your hometown when you were a kid? Happy days return to Traverse City's beautiful Lake Michigan shores each summer with more than 100 events, including free air shows over the bay, colorful parades, wine and culinary galas, music shows, sporting events, marching bands, rides, pie-eating contests, classic car show, an arts and craft fair, orchard tours and loads of luscious cherries prepared every way you can imagine. (1)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes, Winery Tours, Lighthouses

Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail

Elkhart, Ind.

May 30-Oct. 1, 2014

CONTACT: Sonya Nash (574) 262-8161, (800) 517-9657 sonya@amishcountry.org www.quiltgardens.com; www.amishcountrytours.org

The Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail joins quilting, gardening, and art into a unique event in Amish Country of northern Indiana. A colorful patchwork of quilt-inspired gardens and murals linked by one of LIFE magazine's most scenic drives, the Heritage Trail. Each of seven unique communities that host quilt gardens & murals has its own special character and fun finds you'll want to explore. Exclusive group programming, attractions, and themes are found along the tour route. (1) (2) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Shipshewana Flea Market, Amish Acres

Swedish Days Geneva, III.

June 17-22, 2014

CONTACT: Geneva Chamber of Commerce (630) 232-6060, (866) 4GENEVA chamberinfo@geneva chamber.com www.visitgenevail.com/ swedishdays.html

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At Swedish Days, Geneva's Midsommar Festival, the whole family can enjoy a parade, great food, carnival rides, live music, a street devoted to all things Swedish, and children's activities. Spend a day or two at one of Chicagoland's premier destinations and experience Geneva's award-winning restaurants, fine accommodations, and unique shopping. Enjoy our hometown festival and all Geneva has to offer! (55) (17) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Visit to Fabvan Forest Preserve. Kane County Cougars Baseball, Historic Shopping District



Amelia Earhart Festival

Atchison, Kan.

July 18-19, 2014

CONTACT: Jacque Pregont (913) 367-2427, (800) 234-1854 aefestival@atchisonkansas.net www.atchisonkansas.net

...... Every summer, Amelia Earhart's hometown, Atchison, Kansas, celebrates the famed aviatrix with a two-day festival. The weekend opens with LakeFest, an outdoor concert featuring country music stars. Saturday activities include food, live music and crafts on Atchison's downtown pedestrian mall. The grand finale—on the scenic banks of the Missouri River-features live music, aerobatic performances and a spectacular fireworks show. (1) (2) (8) NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Amelia

Earhart Birthplace Museum, Atchison Historic Trolley Tour, St. Benedict's Abbey



Medora Musical Medora, N.D.

June 6-Sept. 6, 2014

CONTACT: Joslyn Reichert (701) 623-4444, (800) 633-6721 groupsales@medora.com www.medora.com

Enjoy the beauty of the Badlands while seated in the Burning Hills Amphitheatre. This high energy, professionally produced, westernstyle musical will have you singing along, clapping, and dancing in your seat. You'll be riveted by the performances of the Burning Hills Singers and Coal Diggers Band. There's a special patriotic tribute to our 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt. The Medora Musical also features nationally known comedy and variety acts, live horses on stage, and a gospel tribute. (1) 🔘 🚫

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit. Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cabin, Chateau de Mores State Historic Site

Christmas Traditions St. Charles, Mo.

Nov. 28-Dec. 24, 2014 **CONTACT:** Greg Maxon

(636) 946-7776, (800) 366-2427 gmaxon@historicstcharles.com www.historicstcharles.com/ things-to-do/christmas-traditions

Remember a time in America when life was simpler and Christmas was elegant and magical? With twinkling lights and the scent of roasting chestnuts, you'll stroll Main Street enjoying holiday music from Victorian Carolers and Lewis & Clark Fife and Drum Corps. Celebrating its 40th season, our charming village on the Missouri River comes alive with Christmas Legends and Santas from around the world. Shop and dine along the festively decorated brick-paved street. Christmas past is our present to you. 🕮 🔘 🚫 **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Missouri's First State Capitol, Lewis & Clark Boat House & Nature Center,

Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne

Custer State Park Annual Buffalo Roundup & Arts Festival

Custer, S.D.

Sept. 26-28, 2014

CONTACT: Craig Gill (605) 255-4772, (888) 875-0001 gkonechne@custerresorts.com www.custerresorts.com/ about/17th-annual-buffaloround-up

More than 14,000 spectators attend the Annual Buffalo Roundup and Arts Festival each year to experience true old West in action as Custer State Park's herd of 1,300 bison is rounded up by cowboys on horseback. Special bus parking. Free admission, open seating. Featured on ABC's "Born to Explore" 2012. NEW! Stay the weekend and join in on the Volksmarch up Crazy Horse Memorial! (f) (2)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Crazy Horse Volksmarch, Mt. Rushmore, Jeep Safari/Chuck Wagon Cookout

Dodge City Days Dodge City, Kan.

July 25-Aug. 3, 2014 **CONTACT:** Dan Schenkein (620) 227-3119 info@dodgechamber.com www.dodgechamber.com

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Visit Dodge City for a "New Twist on the Old West" during Dodge City Days! This 10 day festival hosts more than 50 events including concerts, parade, Kansas City Barbeque Society sanctioned contest, classic car and arts & crafts show, and much more! Embrace our western culture at the Dodge City Roundup Arena where we host a top ten PRCA rodeo. Then, at high noon, head on over to the Boot Hill Museum and watch the gunfight and Miss Kitty & Her Can Can dancers at the Long Branch Saloon! With so many activities, come "Get the Heck into Dodge!" (1) (2) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Boot**

Hill Museum, Boot Hill Resort, Roundup Rodeo

Norsk Høstfest Minot, N.D.

Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2014

CONTACT: Pamela Alme Davy (701) 852-2368 pamdavy@minot.com www.hostfest.com

...... Norsk Høstfest, North America's largest Scandinavian Festival, has been celebrated for 36 years. Tens of thousands of people attend this five-night four-day event to experience and partake in Scandinavian culture and entertainment. More than 200 internationally recognized artisans, craftsmen, and chefs participate every year. An eclectic array of contemporary and traditional, the event features Nordic cuisine, art, and jewelry. The main stage includes top country and comedic talent along with six free stages for entertainment. ⑪♀⊗

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Scandinavian Heritage Park, Pointe of View Winery, Dakota Territory Air Museum

North Platte Rail Fest North Platte, Neb.

Sept. 19-21, 2014 **CONTACT:** Don Kurre (308) 530-9486 donk05@gmail.com www.nprailfest.com

As the home of Union Pacific's Bailey Yard, the largest railroad yard in the world, North Platte's Rail Fest is one of the premier railroad attractions in America. Your motorcoaches are invited to join in the caravan of buses that are actually allowed to travel through the busy railroad yard. Live steam and various locomotives of the UP Heritage Fleet will be on hand for tours. From there you are invited to get a birds-eye view of all of the busy yard at the nearby Golden Spike Tower. (1) (2) (8)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Golden Spike Tower & Visitor Center, Lincoln County Historical Museum-North Platte Canteen, Buffalo Bill State Historic Park

Old Time Music Ozark Heritage Festival

West Plains, Mo.

June 20-21, 2014

CONTACT: Kathleen Morrissey (417) 256-8835, (888) 256-8835 info@westplainsarts.org www.oldtimemusic.org

The Old Time Music Ozark Heritage Festival in West Plains celebrates old-time music and the culture of the Ozark Highlands. Demonstrating the spectrum of art forms-from dance fiddling and local jig steps to the songs and ballads that tell the story of a place and a variety of occupational traditions such as blacksmithing and quilting-artists show how these arts are embedded in the experience of our daily lives.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Grist Mills & Picturesque World-Class Floating Streams & Rivers, Multiple Antique Shops & Malls. Customized Tours By Local Guides

43rd Annual Louisiana **Gumbo Festival of Chackbay**

Thibodaux, La.

Oct. 10-12, 2014

CONTACT: Joshua Falgoust (985) 859-4859, (877) 537-5800 josh@lagumbofest.com www.lagumbofest.com

The Louisiana Gumbo Festival offers the best in Cajun food, music, and dancing. The event offers live music including Cajun, country, Top 40, and swamp pop. The fun takes place under a huge 100' x 150' covered pavilion. The festival also features the BEST gumbo in the state along with many other traditional Louisiana foods. Other events include the Gumbo 5K and a live auction and parade. (f) (a) (x) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Swamp &

Plantation Tours, Distillery Tours,

Wetlands Cultural Center

Alabama Jubilee **Hot Air Balloon Classic** Decatur, Ala.

May 24-25, 2014

CONTACT: Leonard Morris (800) 232-5449 Imorris@decaturcvb.org www.alabamajubilee.net

The Alabama Hot Air Balloon Classic is held annually over the Memorial Day Weekend. Pilots from across the U.S. gather to compete in various races. This free event lets visitors mingle with the pilots as they inflate and launch their seven-story tall balloons. Races are held daily at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The festival also features live entertainment, an arts and crafts show, and an antique car, tractor, and engine show. Saturday night features the "Balloon Glow," and Sunday night includes fireworks. (1) (2) (X) NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Point Mallard Water Park. Wheeler Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Space & Rocket Center

BavFest Mobile, Ala.

Oct. 3-5, 2014

CONTACT: Shanna Jordan (251) 208-7835 info@bayfest.com www.bayfest.com

...... BayFest will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2014. BayFest is an annual music festival that is expected to draw more than 200,000 guests, who will make merry in the streets of downtown Mobile and see more than 125 live musical acts on nine stages during the weekend. BayFest offers continuous music for every taste, including country, classic rock, alternative, pop, jazz, R&B, rap, gospel, modern rock, and more. Mobile's BayFest music festival also includes a family activity area that has garnered rave reviews. (29) NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Exploreum,

U.S.S. Alabama Battleship, Bellingrath Gardens



Cruisin' the Coast® Biloxi, Miss.

Oct. 5-12, 2014

CONTACT: Lisa Burnett (228) 385-3847, (888) 808-1188 cruisinthecoast@cableone.net www.cruisinthecoast.com

Join us for a week's worth of bobby socks, poodle skirts, "greasers," and fun. Cruisin' the Coast® has become one of the most popular events on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Cruisin' the Coast® began in 1996 as a festival to celebrate antique, classic, and hot rod vehicles, nostalgic music, and related events. Car enthusiasts from around the world showcase their antiques, classics, and hot rods and cruise our beautiful 30mile stretch of beachside highway with designated stops in quaint coastal towns. (1) (2) (8)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Biloxi Visitors Center & Lighthouse, Biloxi Shrimping Trip & Tailgate Shrimp Boil, Rue Magnolia Arts District



Montgomery, Ala.

Jan. 1, 2014-Dec. 30, 2015 **CONTACT:** Rosemary Judkins (334) 242-4493, (800) ALABAMA rosemary.judkins@tourism. alabama.gov www.alabama.travel

Join us we commemorate the 50th anniversaries of the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama. Experience some of the most prominent landmarks and monuments of the era. From Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma follow the footsteps of the civil rights pioneers who triumphed in the struggle for Civil Rights. 🕮 闻 🚫 **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame, Hank

Williams Museum, Old Depot



First Ever 11th Annual World's Shortest St. **Patrick's Day Parade**

Hot Springs National Park, Ark. March 17, 2014

CONTACT: Cora Easterday, CTIS (501) 321-2277, (800) SPA-CITY ceasterday@hotsprings.org www.hotsprings.org

Hot Springs' First Ever Annual World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade was born, appropriately enough, in a local pub, among friends including an Arkansan of Irish descent over a few pints of malted beverage. That pub was fortuitously situated on the world's shortest street in everyday use, Hot Springs' own 98-foot-long Bridge Street. The World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade? That just seemed a natural for the Natural State. (1) (2) (8)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: The Gangster Museum of America, Garvan Woodland Gardens, Hot Springs National Park

Mardi Gras Bash Shreveport, La.

Feb. 22, 2014

CONTACT: Erica Howard (318) 429-0652, (800) 551-8682 ehoward@sbctb.org www.shreveport-bossier.org

The Shreveport-Bossier, Louisiana, Mardi Gras Bash is the party to be at during Carnival season. Group tours are treated to a private party in a climatecontrolled environment on the banks of the Red River. They'll enjoy red beans and rice, gumbo, and crawfish étouffée; live entertainment, Cajun dancing, and a premier spot on the parade route during the Krewe of Centaur Parade. It's affordable, convenient, and fun. Each group tour has an itinerary tailored around the Mardi Gras Bash to fit their particular needs. (1) (2) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Mardi Gras Museum, Tubbs Hardware, Spirit of the Red Cruise

Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival

Ocean Springs, Miss.

Nov. 1-2, 2014

CONTACT: Cynthia Dobbs Sutton (228) 875-4424 cynthia@oceansprings chamber.com

www.peterandersonfestival.com

The 36th Annual Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival, presented by Blue Moon, will be held on November 1 and 2,9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Ocean Springs, Miss. This award-winning festival attracts 400 vendors from around the continent who display everything from fine pottery, paintings, jewelry, and sculptures to woodwork, metal work, and handmade tile pieces. Attendees enjoy plenty of Southern music and the tastiest food around. (🕆 📦 🚫

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Blue Moon Dinner at Beau Rivage, Tour of Walter Anderson Museum, Visit Shearwater Pottery Shop

Museum



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Holland Tulip Time Festival

Holland, Mich.

May 3-10, 2014 **CONTACT:** Susan Zalnis (616) 396-4221, ext. 107 groupsales@tuliptime.com www.tuliptime.com

...... If you're looking for a May getaway there's no better destination than the Tulip Time Festival in Holland, Mich. In 2014 we will celebrate our 85th anniversary! One of the most entertaining treats is the Dutch Dance. More than one thousand dancers, dressed in authentic costumes and wooden shoes, high-kick their way through traditional dances. Three parades are premier events: the Perrigo Volksparade, the Johnson Controls Kinderparade, and the GMB Muziekparade. In addition, enjoy national and regional entertainment, dinner shows, a Dutch market, fireworks, and the stars of the show: our millions of tulips.

Indy 500 Celebration

Indianapolis, Ind.

May 25, 2014 **CONTACT:** Lisa Wallace (317) 262-8260 lwallace@visitindy.com www.visitindy.com, www.500festival.com

...... The Indy 500 Celebration features a three-week/four-weekend event schedule that provides an opening week of busy daily track activity, two pressure-packed days of qualifications and a traditional Race Week format that includes a parade and all of the pageantry of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." There will be 12 days of on-track action during the month of May at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, kicking off with the country's largest half marathon, the 500 Festival Mini Marathon on Saturday, May 3. The month will culminate with the world's largest single-day sporting event, the Indianapolis 500, taking place on May 25, 2014.

Mardi Gras

New Orleans, La.

March 4, 2014 **CONTACT:** Lisa Holland (800) 748-8695 Iholland@neworleanscvb.com www.neworleanscvb.com

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Celebrated as the city is for jazz, its cuisine, and the French Quarter, Mardi Gras eclipses all as New Orleans' most famous centerpiece. It has, arguably, the greatest economic and cultural impact of any city event. Fat Tuesday this year will be on March 4, but the festivities begin weeks in advance. A time of revelry, fraternity, festivity and unabashed indulgence, Mardi Gras reflects New Orleanians' rich heritage, unleashes the joyous soul of the city and invites everyone to join in the fun. The festival embraces the city's social and cultural variety, from the Mardi Gras Indians to the Zulu parade and the Endymion ball, and brings everyone together in the spirit of revelry.

Ozark Mountain Christmas

Branson, Mo.

Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2014 **CONTACT:** Lynn Berry (877) BRANSON lberry@bransoncvb.com www.explorebranson.com

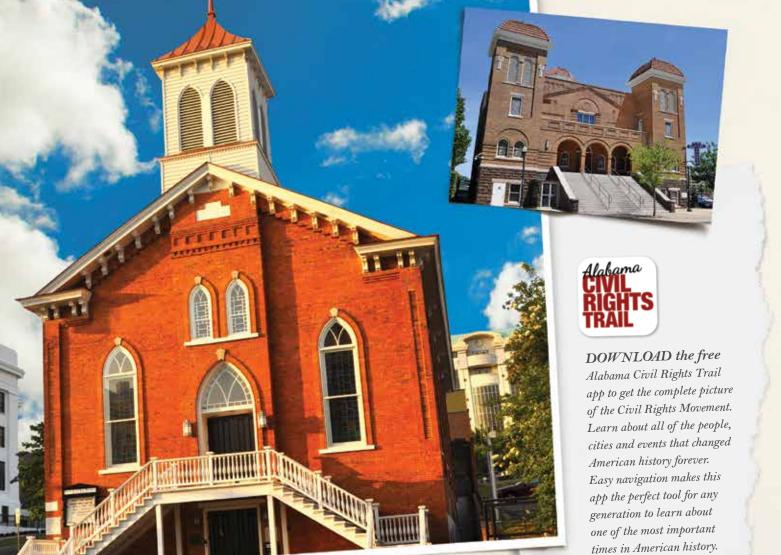
Just like the ending of a fantastic show, this nationally acclaimed holiday destination, with its broad mix of world-class entertainment and Christmas spirit, creates a grand finale for the year. See the Branson Area Festival of Lights and lots of Christmas shows. Silver Dollar City, the award-winning 1880s theme park, has its Old Time Christmas. The legacy continues with the Andy Williams Christmas Show featuring the Osmonds and the Lennon Sisters. Sight & Sound Theatre's production of The Miracle of Christmas will warm the hearts and bless the souls of everyone who sees it. Branson-It's YOUR Show!

St. Paul Winter Carnival

St. Paul. Minn.

Jan. 23-Feb. 2, 2014 **CONTACT:** Michael Hernandez (651) 265-4906 mhernandez@visitsaintpaul.com www.winter-carnival.com

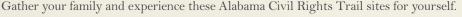
The St. Paul Winter Carnival is an 11-day winter festival that fosters a sense of community, pride, belonging and connectedness by celebrating St. Paul's unique history and emerging heritage through fun and educational experiences. The carnival receives more than 400,000 people to St. Paul and creates \$3.5 to \$5 million in economic activity. The St. Paul Festival & Heritage Foundation maintains an ongoing administration. This year-round management provides the volunteer support, programming continuity and fiscal administration necessary to assure the continued growth and success of the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

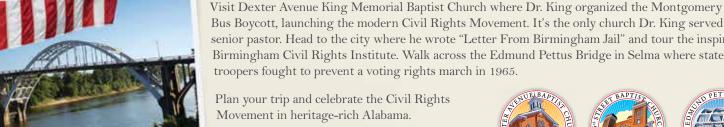


Alabama - Where the dream began.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of events that forever changed American history.

In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. made it clear that Alabama and its citizens would be strong partners in his dream of racial equality for all. As he fought peacefully across the state, he transformed Alabama into the home of some of America's most historic landmarks.





Bus Boycott, launching the modern Civil Rights Movement. It's the only church Dr. King served as senior pastor. Head to the city where he wrote "Letter From Birmingham Jail" and tour the inspiring Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma where state



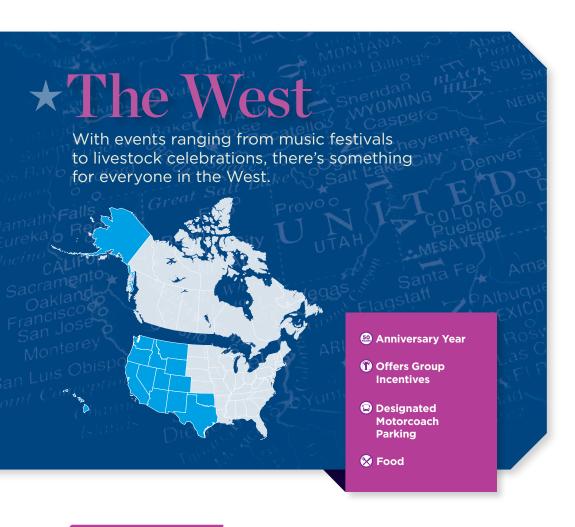






To learn more about these historical events and how your group can experience this legacy today, contact Rosemary Judkins at rosemary.judkins@tourism.alabama.gov or 334-242-4493, or visit www.Alabama.Travel.





Crow Fair & Rodeo

Crow Agency, Mont.

Aug. 16-17, 2014 **CONTACT:** Hank Rides a Horse/ Cotton Real Bird (406) 638-3708 h.rideshorse@yahoo.com www.visitmt.com

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The Annual Crow Fair Celebration, one of the largest gatherings of the year for the Apsáalooke Nation, is considered the largest modern-day American Indian encampment in the Nation. It is deemed the "Teepee Capital of the World" because of the approximately 1,200 to 1,500 teepees in the encampment during the weeklong celebration when the Crow Fair is held. 🗭 🕅

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Battle of the Little Bighorn National Monument, Pompey's Pillar

The Rockies

Buffalo Bill Cody Stampede

Cody, Wyo.

July 1-4, 2014

CONTACT: Cherain Richmond (307) 587-5155, (800) 207-0744 admin@codystampederodeo.com www.codystampederodeo.com

The Buffalo Bill Cody Stampede, started in 1919, is the largest one-head rodeo in the world. This epic and historical event is the ultimate family activity-wild western action combining top cowboys, cowgirls, and animal athletes, all vying for the prestigious titles and payouts. Add rodeo to your vacation and bucket list. You can also enjoy our worldfamous Cody Nite Rodeo, held every night from June 1 through Aug. 31. (25) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Cody Nite** Rodeo, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Yellowstone National Park

Cherry Creek Arts Festival

Denver, Colo.

July 4-6, 2014 **CONTACT:** Terry Adams (303) 355-2787 terryadams@cherryarts.org www.cherryarts.org

...... For three days during the July 4th holiday weekend, Colorado's signature cultural event is presented in Denver's Cherry Creek North. The festival is a world-class and award-winning annual celebration of the visual, culinary, and performing arts and and enjoys an annual attendance of 350,000 visitors. Special exhibits, art and culinary demonstrations, and interactive family activities on "Artivity Avenue" complement the festival experience. (T) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Denver Botanical Gardens, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Denver Art Museum

Colorado **Balloon Classic**

Colorado Springs, Colo. Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 2014

CONTACT: Patsy Buchwald (719) 471-4833 patsy@balloonclassic.com www.balloonclassic.com

...... The Colorado Balloon Classic has grown to be the largest and longest continuously running hot air balloon festival in the Rocky Mountain Region as well as in Colorado. Visitors can enjoy this free, family-friendly event held in Memorial Park, in Colorado Springs, near the shores of Prospect Lake. Mass ascensions of dozens of balloons are scheduled for Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings with a Balloon Glo® scheduled for Saturday and Sunday evenings. 🔘 🚫

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Pikes Peak-America's Mountain, Garden of the Gods, U.S. Olympic Training Center

Donkey Derby Days Cripple Creek, Colo.

June 28-29, 2014

CONTACT: Pat Martin (719) 689-3461 pmartin@cripple-creek.co.us www.visitcripplecreek.com

Donkey Derby Days, now in its 83rd year, tops the list of favorite Cripple Creek events. People from all over the world descend on our mountain town, drawn by a race inspired by the town's resident free-roaming donkey herd. They are thought to be descendants of the original donkeys from the town's 1900s gold rush. Families can enjoy watching or participating in the donkey races. This two-day event is free and packed with activities such as heritage competitions, live entertainment, children's games, vendors, and so much more. (T) (2)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak Cog Railroad

The Southwest

2014 Albuquerque **American Indian Arts Festival**

Albuquerque, N.M.

Oct. 4-5, 2014

CONTACT: Tazbah McCullah (505) 843-7270, (866) 855-7902 tmccullah@indianpueblo.com www.indianpueblo.org/indian artsfestival

This arts festival features established and emerging American Indian artists who work in various media. Held at the iconic Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, N.M., it includes a juried art show, tribal dance performances, demonstrations, music, food, and entertainment. The Cultural Center also offers a museum, a "Native Fusion" restaurant, and gift shop filled with authentic goods. (2) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Pueblo of Acoma Sky City

Christmas Capital of Texas

Grapevine, Texas

Nov. 14, 2014-Jan. 4, 2015 **CONTACT:** Heather Boehm (817) 410-3184, (800) 457-6338 hboehm@grapevinetexasusa.com www.grapevinetexasusa.com/ christmas

...... See Grapevine as the city becomes blanketed with millions of lights, enormous decorations, animated characters, and a whole lot more! Festivities include ICE! at the Gaylord Texan Resort; Christmas on Main; North Pole Express®; and the largest lighted Christmas parade in north Texas. There are also musical performances, the Grapevine Opry's Christmas Spectacular, family Christmas movies, Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, and Lone Star Christmas at the Gaylord Texan. (1) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Christmas Musicals & Christmas Spectacular at the Historic Palace Theatre, Parade of Lights

Christmas on the Pecos

Carlsbad, N.M.

Nov. 28-Dec. 31, 2014 contact: Lisa Boeke (575) 887-6516, (866) 822-9226 lboeke@carlsbadchamber.com www.christmasonthepecos.com

This magical vista is created by more than 100 homeowners who spend hours decorating with care. Each house is unique-from a Christmas in the Desert Southwest theme at one home to Santa's Playland at another. Carlsbad residents show their creativity as much as community pride. Each year the Pecos Riverfront shimmers with color, illuminated backyards, boat docks, islands, wise men, and angels aglow on sloping lawns. 🕥 😡 🚫 **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park. **Guadalupe Mountains** National Park

Denton Arts & Jazz Festival

Denton, Texas

April 25-27, 2014

CONTACT: Dana Lodge (940) 382-7895, (888) 381-1818 dana@discoverdenton.com www.dentonjazzfest.com

Jazz it up by attending the annual Denton Arts & Jazz Festival. Great music, good food, beautiful art, and many activities are planned during this weekend celebration, where fun is the thing and jazz is king! This free festival is held in a beautiful 20 acre park in the heart of downtown Denton, Texas. Move to the beat at one of the seven stages where more than 2,700 musicians, artists, and performers attract more than 200,000 annually to enjoy culturally diverse music and art. (1) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** North Texas Horse Country. Texas Motor Speedway, Bureau of Engraving and Printing



Ft. Worth Stock **Show & Rodeo**

Ft. Worth, Texas

Jan. 17-Feb. 8, 2014

CONTACT: Shanna Weaver (817) 887-2400 shanna@fwssr.com www.fwssr.com

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The Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo is a 23-day extravaganza offering a unique atmosphere rich in tradition and history. Tarrant County's largest annual event and the nation's oldest livestock show, it attracts more than one million visitors yearly. The Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo is home of the World's Original Indoor Rodeo®. Experience this legendary event full of western heritage, family entertainment, and lasting education each January and February at the Will Rogers Memorial Center. (1) (2) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Billy Bob's Texas, Kimbell Art Museum, Modern Art Museum

Gathering of Nations

Albuquerque, N.M. April 24-26, 2014

CONTACT: Derek Mathews (505) 836-2810 tsunami@gonmail.com www.gatheringofnations.com

...... The Gathering of Nations Powwow is North America's largest Native American competition and powwow. The event celebrates Native American pageantry and culture with more than 500 tribes represented from across the U.S. and Canada. The powwow features Indian singing and dancing, shopping, Native foods and music, and the crowning of Miss Indian World. The event attracts individuals and groups from across the country and gives the audience access to an intimate and diverse piece of Native American culture. **(†)** (□) (⊗)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC), Native American Owned Casinos, Acoma Pueblo

Havasu Balloon Festival & Fair

Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

Jan. 17-19, 2014

CONTACT: Marquita McKnight (928) 453-3232, (877) 505-2440 hbffhelp@gmail.com www.havasuballoonfest.com

The Havasu Balloon Festival & Fair hosts more than 60 hot air balloons, including shaped balloons. The magical ships launch from the island, where onlookers can chat with pilots as they prepare for flight. Experience Splash & Dash, where balloons dip their baskets ever so lightly into Lake Havasu. Events, skydivers, rides, concerts, exhibitions, and participatory activities make this festival special. At our picturesque Night Glow, balloons are left on the ground after dark to glow like giant Chinese lanterns. (f) (a) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: London Bridge Tour, Copper Canyon Boat Tour, Topock Gorge Boat Tour

Texas Rose Festival Tyler, Texas

Oct. 16-19, 2014

CONTACT: Susan Travis (903) 592-6978, (800) 235-5712 stravis@tylertexas.com www.visittyler.com; www.texas rosefestival.com

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Since its beginning in 1933, the Texas Rose Festival has represented the spirit that brings Tyler together as a community. Rich in heritage and tradition, the Festival offers enchanting ceremonial events-the Queen's Coronation, the Rose Show, Queen's Tea and Rose Parade-all against a backdrop of brilliant roses. Along with the Rose Festival events there's an Arts & Crafts Fair, a Harvest Festival and Grape Stomp at Kiepersol Winery, Palette of Roses Art Show, horticulture workshops, and more. (1) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Goodman LeGrand Home & Museum. Tyler Rose Garden & Museum. Kiepersol Estates Winery

The West

Farm-to-Fork Festival Sacramento, Calif.

Sept. 20-27, 2014

CONTACT: Nick Leonti (916) 808-7304

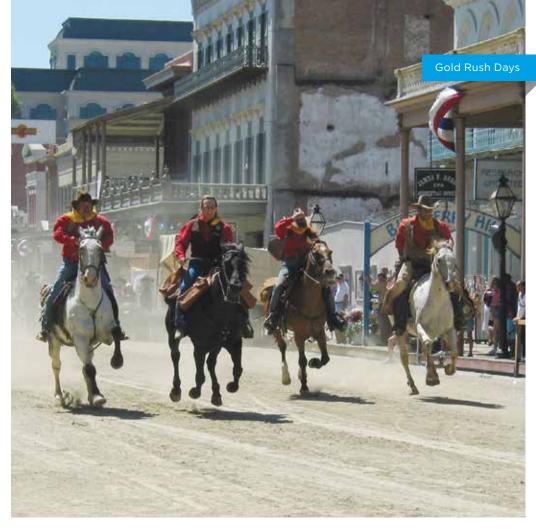
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The Farm-to-Fork Festival, held at Capitol Mall, celebrates Sacramento's abundance. Farmers and producers of all types display their products and educate attendees on how to eat local as well as the importance of sustainability. The free outdoor festival features a large farmers' market, educational displays, livestock, food and drink, live music, and much more. Events take place at local restaurants and farms throughout the city during the week before the final festival date. (11) (2) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Wine/Beer Tasting, Visit to a Local Farm, Local Roots Food Tour





Indian Wells Arts Festival Indian Wells, Calif.

April 4-6, 2014

CONTACT: Dianne Funk (760) 346-0042 dianne@indianwellsarts festival.com

www.indianwellsartsfestival.com

There's something for everyone at the Indian Wells Arts Festival. There's sidewalk chalk drawing, children's activities, wine tasting, live musical entertainment, and refreshments throughout the day. Taking place on the grass garden plaza of the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, 200 award winning artists set up their displays to create a unique artisan village with thousands of hand-made, oneof-a-kind painting, drawings, ceramics, glass, photography, sculpture, jewelry, apparel and other wares. (11) (2) (X) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Kraft**

Feast Portland Portland, Ore.

Sept. 2014 (TBA)

CONTACT: Mike Thelin (503) 719-7992 info@feastportland.com www.feastportland.com

Feast Portland is the flagship food and drink festival in the Pacific Northwest, capturing the current energy and enthusiasm driving America's food revolution. Feast showcases local culinary talent and Oregon ingredients, alongside nationally recognized chefs and influencers during a fourday celebration. Join us in September.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: International Rose Test Gardens, Columbia River Gorge, Wine Country & Mt. Hood

Festival of Native Arts Fairbanks, Alaska

Feb. 27-March 1, 2014

CONTACT: Cathy Brooks (907) 474-6889, (888) 574-6528 festival@uaf.edu

www.fna.community.uaf.edu

The Festival of Native Arts is a celebration of Native cultures through dance, music, and traditional arts. The festival features performances from Alaska's main cultural groups—Alutiiq/ Unangax, Tlingit/Haida/Tsimshian, Yup'ik, Iñupiaq and Athabascan—as well as other groups from outside Alaska and the U.S. Visitors can see traditional dances (and get involved during invitationals), view art demonstrations, watch films about different cultures, and purchase artisan crafts. 🗐 🚫

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: World Ice Art Championships, University of Alaska Museum of the North, Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center

Gold Rush Davs Sacramento, Calif.

Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2014

CONTACT: Nick Leonti (916) 808-7304 nleonti@visitsacramento.com www.sacramentogoldrush days.com

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Organized by the Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau each Labor Day weekend, Gold Rush Days is a four-day celebration of California's rich gold rush history. Cars and parking meters are eliminated from Sacramento's Historic Old Town and the streets are covered with 167 tons of dirt for an authentic Old West look. Plus, a colorful cast of living history players—including miners, bandits, Pony Express riders, and an "ethnic village"—celebrating the cultures which came together to shape the West and entertain the crowds. (1) (2) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Wine/ Beer Tasting, Museums, CA Gold Country

Midnight Sun Festival Fairbanks, Alaska

Nabisco Championship

June 22, 2014

CONTACT: Kara Nash

(907) 452-8671 info@downtownfairbanks.com www.downtownfairbanks.com/ events/midnight-sun-festival

..... Celebrate summer solstice in downtown Fairbanks, Alaska, boasting 24-hours of daylight just 200 miles from the Arctic Circle. The Midnight Sun Festival is Alaska's largest single-day event. The 12-hour street fair is marked by 30,000 attendees enjoying hundreds of vendors and 33 live performances, and is host to gold panning, break dancing, and a climbing wall. Musical guests, an impressive array of food, and a family friendly atmosphere make this a definite "don't miss" for Alaskans and visitors.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Goldpanners Midnight Sun Baseball Game, Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum, Riverboat Discovery



Fiesta San Antonio

San Antonio, Texas

April 17-27, 2014 **CONTACT:** Dustin Turner (210) 227-5191 dustin@fiesta-sa.org www.fiesta-sa.org

Fiesta San Antonio celebrates the Alamo City's diverse history and culture with 100 events over 11 days. Fiesta includes parades, parties, coronations, fashion shows, athletic events, art exhibits, and much more. Fiesta is the party with a purpose because every official event is produced by a local nonprofit which uses the proceeds from its event to fund programs year-round in the community.



Portland Rose Festival

Portland, Ore.

May 23-June 8, 2014 **CONTACT:** Carol Ross (503) 227-2681 carolr@rosefestival.org www.rosefestival.org

For more than 100 years, the Portland Rose Festival has brought together families and individuals from Oregon and beyond with events and programs that spotlight the riches of the Pacific Northwest while offering colorful examples of many international cultures. Attended by more than two million people, the Rose Festival was named "Best Festival in the World" by the International Festivals & Events Association (IFEA) in

> 2011 and features the Grand Floral Parade as its centerpiece on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Albuquerque, N.M.

Oct. 4-12, 2014 **CONTACT:** Kelly Ryan (800) 733-9918 trade@itsatrip.org www.itsatrip.org, www.balloon fiesta.com

...... For nine days in October, the New Mexico skies are painted as hundreds of balloons lift off from Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Park. For ballooning fans worldwide, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is a pilgrimage. There is something for everyone to enjoy - whimsical special shapes filled with equal parts hot air and wonder, and Balloon Glows that create a magical night landscape for spectators to wander. No matter who you are, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta will leave you awestruck and wanting more.

Cheyenne Frontier Days Cheyenne, Wyo.

July 18-27, 2014

CONTACT: Nicole Gamst (307) 778-7200 nicole@cfdrodeo.com

www.cfdrodeo.com

Since 1897, Cheyenne has celebrated its Old West roots with this eye-popping festival. Central to this Western celebration is the world's largest outdoor rodeo. Complementing the daily rodeo action are behind-the-chutes tours, trick riding, and a wild-horse race. A Native American Village, an Old West town called "Wild Horse Gulch," a chuck wagon cook-off, pancake breakfasts, and an art show carry through the frontier theme. Rounding out the program are a carnival midway, an air show, top-name entertainment, professional bull riding shows, and several parades that include antique carriages and automobiles.

Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race

Anchorage, Alaska (start), and Willow, Alaska (restart)

March 1-18, 2014 **CONTACT:** Starre Szelag (907) 376-5155 sszelag@iditarod.com www.iditarod.com

...... You can't compare it to any other competitive event in the world! A race over 1,049 miles of the roughest, most beautiful terrain Mother Nature has to offer. She throws jagged mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forests, desolate tundra and miles of windswept coast at the mushers and their dog teams. Add to that temperatures far below zero, winds that can cause a complete loss of visibility, the hazards of overflow, long hours of darkness and treacherous climbs and side hills, and you have the Iditarod. A race extraordinaire, a race only possible in Alaska.

Tournament of Roses

Pasadena, Calif.

Jan. 1, 2014 **CONTACT:** W. Gravely (626) 449-4100 wgravely@rosemail.org www.tournamentofroses.com

...... The Pasadena Tournament of Roses is a volunteer organization that annually hosts the Rose Parade®, Rose Bowl Game® presented by Citi, and various associated events. The 125th Rose Parade themes "Dreams Come True" will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014, featuring majestic floral floats, high-stepping equestrian units and spirited marching bands. Following the Rose Parade, the 100th Rose Bowl Game presented by Citi will kick off at 2:10 p.m. and feature an exciting match-up between two of the top collegiate football teams in the nation.

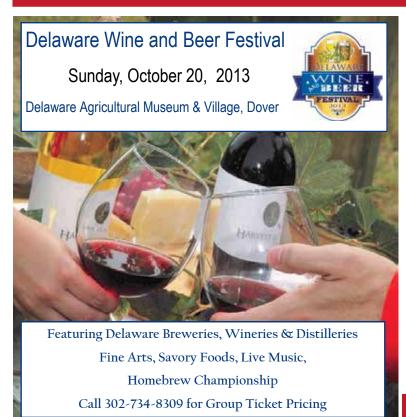
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The Canadian **Badlands Passion Play 20th Anniversary**

Drumheller, Alberta

July 10-19, 2014 **CONTACT:** George Smith (403) 299-1950 george.smith@shaw.ca www.badlandsplay.com

Travel back 2000 years to the land and events that changed the course of history. This dramatic portrayal of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in an acoustically superb natural bowl amphitheater will make you feel like you're actually there. The Scripture-based script and music, sets, costumes, quality performances, and the site's remarkable similarity to the Holy Land all add to the experience. "One of Alberta's Top Cultural Attractions"-Attractions Canada (29) (X)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Dinosaur Provincial Park, Royall Tyrrell Museum. Rosebud Theatre

Fall Okanagan Wine Festival

Kelowna, British Columbia

Oct. 4-14, 2014 **CONTACT:** Blair Baldwin (250) 861-6654 info@thewinefestivals.com www.thewinefestivals.com

Warm, desert days and cool nights-just what the viticulturist ordered to ripen our grapes and prepare for harvest. It also makes a great time to visit the Okanagan. For 10 days in October the annual Fall Okanagan Wine Festival celebrates earthly delights. We're the only festival in North America to happen at the heart of harvest and feature more than 100 events. Enjoy a vineyard tour, lunch among the vines, dine on a waterfront patio, or take in a wine pairings seminar. Find the wine experience that's right for you and create your own wine story. (1) (2) (X) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Wineries, Golf. Skiina

Festival du Voyageur Winnipeg, Manitoba

Feb. 14-23, 2014

CONTACT: Rachelle Normand (204) 237-7692 info@festivalvoyageur.mb.ca www.festivalvoyageur.mb.ca/ festival-du-voyageur

...... The Festival du Voyageur is held in Saint-Boniface, Winnipeg's French Quarter, in the month of February and was once a threeday event. The largest winter festival in Western Canada has evolved into a 10-day provincewide celebration of sights and sounds. It is a celebration of the fur traders who established the Red River Colony and the joie de vivre of the French Canadian community in Western Canada. Join us as we celebrate with numerous historical, educational, and entertaining activities. **45 Q X**

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Manitoba Museum, Hermetic Code Tour, City Tour

GlobalFest

Calgary, Alberta

Aug. 15-24, 2014 **CONTACT:** Ken Goosen (403) 569-9679 contactus@globalfest.ca www.globlafest.ca

Calgary's second largest annual festival, GlobalFest attracts more than 100,000 international visitors. Global Fest is the umbrella for the OneWorld and Trico Homes International Fireworks Festivals. The OneWorld Festival presents diverse music and dance, food and drink, and arts and crafts. The OneWorld Festival boasts cultural pavilions, ethnic food booths, performance stages, an international bar, a Night Market, and children's activities. Every year, the Trico Homes International Fireworks Festival presents five pyromusicals that light up the night sky. (2) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Calgary

Zoo, Heritage Park, Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology

Heritage Park Historical Village's 50th Anniversary

Calgary, Alberta

Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2014 **CONTACT:** Sandy Wilde (403) 268-8500 info@heritagepark.ca www.heritagepark.ca

What began as a community effort to share Western Canada's unique past has grown into Canada's largest living history museum. Celebrate the events and achievements that define who Western Canadians are today through engaging and entertaining experiences. We can provide onsite catering for your groups, and there are plenty of hotels nearby. Check our website for new and exciting 50th Anniversary events all year long in 2014! (20) (11) (20) (20) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Calgary

Tower, Calgary Stampede, Glenbow Museum

New Brunswick Highland Games Festival

Fredericton, New Brunswick

July 25-27, 2014

CONTACT: Alana MacFarlane (506) 452-9244, (888) 368-4444 highlandgames@nb.aibn.com www.highlandgames.ca

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The New Brunswick Highland Games is a Celtic infusion of music, bagpipes, highland dance, traditional Scottish athletics, Scottish foods, whiskies, crafts and more. Enjoy an evening Ceilidh, workshops, a Kids Corner, and a Souvenir tent. The New Brunswick Highland Games Festival is one of the largest events of its kind in Atlantic Canada. The event features the Highland Games (piping and drumming, highland dancing and traditional athletics) and the Scottish Festival (entertainment, clans, and workshops). (2) (8) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Government House, Historic Garrison District,

Ottawa Folk Festival Ottawa, Ontario

Sept. 4-7, 2014

CONTACT: Mark Monahan (613) 230-8234, (877) 730-8234 mmonahan@ottawabluesfest.ca www.ottawafolk.org

The Ottawa Folk Festival is located at Hog's Back Park, adjacent to the breathtaking Hog's Back Falls, recognized as a must-see location along the Rideau Canal system (an official UNESCO site). The festival is family-friendly, culturally diverse, and environmentally aware and encourages audience involvement through free participatory and music education activities. It features hundreds of performances on multiple stages and an 8,000-squarefoot dance tent with a "sprung" dance floor. 🙉 🚫

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Canada's Parliament Buildings, Canadian War Museum of Civilization, Rideau Canal

Pacific Rim Whale Festival Ucluelet, British Columbia

March 22-30, 2014

CONTACT: Allie Bonner (250) 726-7798, (604) 992-7732 info@pacificrimwhalefestival.com www.pacificrimwhalefestival.com

A celebration of the West Coast lifestyle, the Pacific Rim Whale Festival has been a huge success for 27 years. The 28th year will embody the festival's core mandates to inspire, educate, and entertain through workshops and events that focus on coastal traditions. talented artists, the unique local environment and the spring return of the Grey Whale. With activities for all ages and interests, the festival runs for nine days and features more than 60 events. 🔘 🚫

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Ucluelet Aquarium, Pacific Rim National Park, Whale Watching Tours

Snow Days Banff, Alberta

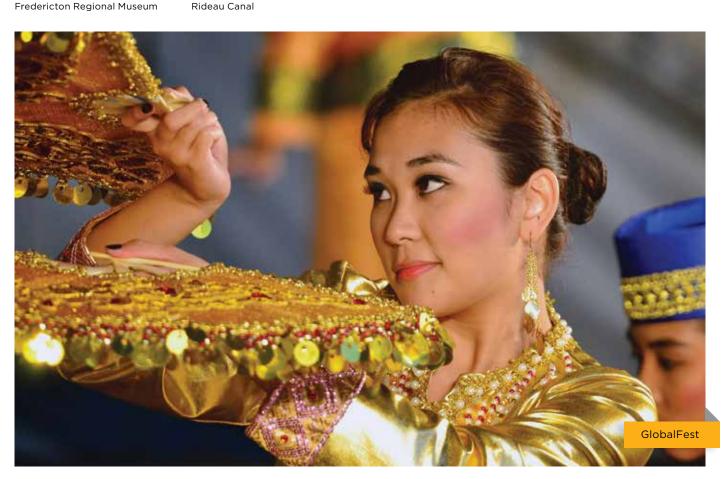
Jan. 11-Feb. 9, 2014

CONTACT: Diana Gould (403) 762-0270 diana@banfflakelouise.com

www.banfflakelouise.com/areaevents/festivals/winter/snowdays

With heaps of snow and funfilled activities, Banff National Park knows how to do winter best. Enjoy this exciting season with the third annual Snow-Days, a month-long festival jam-packed with midweek events and weekend festivals that celebrate Banff's historic love for winter. 🔘 🚫

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Banff National Park, Museums/ Galleries, Historic Sites





Folklorama

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Aug. 3-16, 2014 **CONTACT:** Murray Greenfield (800) 665-0234 greenfieldm@folklorama.ca www.folklorama.ca

Folklorama gives you the chance to travel the globe-all without leaving Winnipeg. The 14-day festival showcases more than 40 diverse cultural pavilions. Be inspired by rich and vibrant cultures found yearround in Manitoba through song, dance, food, drink, and cultural displays. You will be welcomed by generations of people passionate about sharing their traditions and truly experience Folklorama's strong sense of community while enjoying world-class entertainment and delicious cultural dishes. Group tours can experience Folklorama in style with air-conditioned transportation. reserved seating, a progressive cultural meal and more.

Calgary Stampede

Calgary, Alberta

July 4-13, 2014 **CONTACT:** Lindsay Jardine (403) 261-0366 ljardine@calgarystampede.com www.calgarystampede.com

...... The Calgary Stampede is called The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth for good reason. Each year, more than 1 million visitors come to Calgary to experience the world's roughest and richest Rodeo, featuring bull riding and barrel racing. The GMC Rangeland Derby boasts 36 teams of horses and drivers competing in Chuckwagon Races. And it's all capped off with the nightly Grandstand Show and fireworks finale that lights up the sky for all 10 days. Beyond the Grandstand is one of Canada's largest music festivals, with five stages and 300 performers, including a slate of international country music headliners.

Canadian Tulip Festival

Ottawa - Gatineau Region

May 2-18, 2014 **CONTACT:** The Canadian Tulip Festival Inc. (613) 567-5757 info@tulipfestival.ca www.tulipfestival.ca; www.outaouaisgroup.com, www.ottawatourism.ca/travel trade

Each May since 1953, Ottawa and Canada's Capital Region celebrates the friendship between the Netherlands and Canada with more than 1 million tulips, including 300,000 blooms in Commissioner's Park alone. The nine-mile Tulip Route winds throughout Ottawa and Gatineau and features live music, buskers, and interactive events for all ages. The Canadian Tulip Festival, which celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2013, has grown to become the largest Tulip Festival in the world.

Festival International de Jazz de Montréal

Montréal, Québec

June 27-July 6, 2014 **CONTACT:** Normand Paquette (514) 525-7732 normand.paquette@equipe spectra.ca www.Montréaljazzfest.com

The gigantic summer music celebration features 11 days of nonstop entertainment, from noon to midnight, in the heart of Montréal. Several city blocks are closed to traffic, creating a festive and secure spot with cafes and bistros, an art gallery, street performers and a musical park for children. It's the summer celebration par excellence for people of all ages and origins, a cultural breath of fresh air, and a place for incredible musical discoveries with influence such as jazz, blues, Latin-jazz, Brazilian, Cuban, African, reggae, contemporary, and electronica.

Just for Laughs Montréal Comedy Festival presented by Videotron in association with Loto-Québec

Montréal, Québec

July 1-31, 2014 CONTACT: Laurence Roy-Blouin (888) 244-3155, ext. 5034 tourism@hahaha.com www.hahaha.com

The world's largest comedy festival features more than 2,000 shows and artists from 25 different countries performing in both English and French. Each summer features the biggest names in comedy and the brightest up-andcoming talent and showcases all forms of comedy, including standup, film, theater, sketch, improv, and a unique comedy conference, ComedyPro. The festival's magic transforms the streets into a giant open-air theatre with more than 1,200 free performances spread through the month of July.

Québec Winter Carnival 60th Anniversary

Québec City, Québec

Jan. 31-Feb. 16, 2014 **CONTACT:** Patrick Lemaire (866) 4CARNAVAL patrick.lemaire@carnaval.qc.ca www.carnaval.gc.ca. www.québecregion.com

...... From Jan. 31 to Feb. 16, 2014, the Québec Winter Carnival will confirm its significant role as a unique worldwide festive winter event. Over the 17 days of the Carnival, visitors will participate in a wide range of amazing new activities and reinvented classics that will dazzle everyone! Carnival-goers are invited to take part in numerous family activities, witness captivating sporting competitions, and come and experience the Carnival's nightlife. For only \$15 CAN, let yourself get carried away by the frenzy of festivities and discover the numerous traditions of the Carnival.

Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo

Halifax, Nova Scotia

June 30-July 6, 2014 **CONTACT:** Brent Ritchie (902) 420-4620 britchie@nstattoo.ca www.nstattoo.ca

A different show every year, the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo is a national treasure featuring more than 2,000 world-class performers. In this two-and-a-half hour show, prepare to be amazed by everything from the traditional pipes and drums to intense acrobatics. The Tattoo strikes a unique balance featuring military and civilian bands, historic reenactments, dancers, choirs, military displays and competitions, drama, and comedy.

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Stratford Festival

Stratford, Ontario

April 1-Oct. 31, 2014 **CONTACT:** Stratford Festival (800) 567-1600 groups@stratfordfestival.ca www.stratfordfestival.ca

North America's largest repertory theater festival presents classic works, spectacular productions of Broadway-style musicals, and contemporary plays, including world premieres, boasting around a dozen titles on the playbill each year. On most days two different shows can be seen at each of the festival's four theaters. Other events include music concerts, discussions, and lectures. Visitors can also take tours of backstage areas, the extensive costume warehouse and the Shakespearean gardens. In addition, the festival offers themed packages that include performances, discussions and other activities.

Winter Festival of Lights

Niagara Falls, Ontario

Nov. 9, 2013-Jan. 31, 2014 **CONTACT:** Dino Fazio (905) 374-1616, ext. 246 dino@wfol.com www.wfol.com

Enjoy the Winter Festival of Lights, Canada's foremost illumination festival at its most famous address—Niagara Falls. The Winter Festival of Lights includes more than 125 animated lighting displays and 3 million tree and ground lights which can be seen within the Niagara Parks Winter Wonderland and throughout the city. Displays include the world-famous Enchantment of Disney® and the world's largest illuminated Canadian-American Flags. There are also festive events and activities including the TD RINK at the Brink and fantastic theater productions and dinner theater options.



Events to Watch Keep an eye on these new motorcoach-friendly events that show great potential to be included in future Top 100 listings. Anniversary Year **Offers Group Incentives** Designated Motorcoach Parking **S** Food

South Carolina Apple Festival Walhalla, S.C.

Sept. 2-7, 2014

CONTACT: Whitney Ellis (803) 275-6151, (877) 685-2537 whitney@scmountainlakes.com www.scapplefestival.com

The South Carolina Apple Festival celebrates the beginning of apple harvest season in Oconee County, the largest appleproducing area in the state. In the foothills of the beautiful Appalachian Mountains, Westminster is a lovely small town full of charm. Whether you enjoy whitewater rafting, shopping for arts and crafts, browsing antique shops, or just kicking back and listening to live music, the Apple Festival offers something for everyone in the family. Most of the events are free. 🗭 💢

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Chattooga Belle Farms, Lake Keowee



Birthplace of Route 66 Festival Springfield, Mo.

Aug. 9, 2014

CONTACT: Rusty Worley (417) 831-6200 rusty@itsalldowntown.com www.facebook.com/birthplaceof route66festival

The festival includes a classic car show and local bands along with food and craft vendors. Two new features this year will be a Friday night cruise from the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel along St. Louis Street to the square. There also will be a Butterfield stagecoach in the center of the square, and at 2:45 p.m. there will be a recreation of the Historic Wild Bill Hickok-Dave Tutt gunfight that took place on Park Central Square in 1865.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Fantastic Caverns, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

Christmas at Beauvoir— **Festival of Trees**

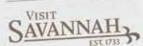
Biloxi, Miss.

Nov. 6, 2014-Jan. 5, 2015 **CONTACT:** Bert Hayes-Davis (228) 388-4400 bhayesdavis@beauvoir.org www.beauvoir.org/events/ christmas_at_beauvoir.html

Imagine viewing 100-year-old oak trees, alive with warm white lights, during the holiday season while children ride the HNH Express, our trackless train across the estate. Tour the mansion decorated as it was in 1898, and meet Jefferson Davis and his wife, Varina. Enjoy gingerbread cookies and hot chocolate and create your own holiday decoration. Santa Claus, dressed in a long, beautiful Father Christmas robe, will surprise each person with a special gift. (1) (2) (8) **NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:** Old Town Ocean Springs, Snowflakes in the Bay, Biloxi Visitor Center & Lighthouse







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Montréal, Québec 7/1/2014-7/31/2014 Buffalo Bill Codv Stampede

> Cody, Wyo. 7/1/2014-7/4/2014

33rd Annual Boston Harborfest 2014

> Boston, Mass. 7/1/2014-7/6/2014

National Independence Day Celebration

Washington, D.C. 7/4/2014

Cherry Creek Arts **Festival**

> Denver, Colo. 7/4/2014-7/6/2014

Gettysburg National Civil **War Battle Reenactment**

Gettysburg, Pa. 7/4/2014-7/6/2014

Calgary Stampede

Calgary, Alberta 7/4/2014-7/13/2014

National Cherry Festival

Traverse City, Mich. 7/5/2014-7/12/2014

The Canadian Badlands **Passion Play**

> Drumheller, Alberta 7/10/2014-7/19/2014

2014 Finger Lakes Wine **Festival**

> Watkins Glen, N.Y. 7/11/2014-7/13/2014 (tentative)

Amelia Earhart Festival

Atchison, Kan. 7/18/2014-7/19/2014

Cheyenne Frontier Days

Cheyenne, Wyo. 7/18/2014-7/27/2014

New Brunswick Highland Games Festival

> Fredericton, New Brunswick 7/25/2014-7/27/2014

Dodge City Days

Dodge City, Kan. 7/25/2014-8/3/2014

Maine Lobster Festival

Rockland, Maine 7/30/2014-8/3/2014

52nd Annual Amish Acres Arts & Crafts Festival

Nappanee, Ind. 7/31/2014-8/3/2014

Dublin Irish Festival

Dublin, Ohio 8/1/2014-8/3/2014

Annual League of NH Craftsmen Fair

> Concord, N.H. 8/3/2014-8/11/2014

Folklorama

Winnipeg, Manitoba 8/3/2014-8/16/2014

Grand Portage **Rendezvous Days &** Pow-Wow

> Grand Portage, Minn. 8/7/2014-8/10/2014

Birthplace of Route 66 **Festival**

Springfield, Mo. 8/9/2014

O Pops by the Sea Concert

Hyannis, Mass. 8/9/2014

Elvis Week

Memphis, Tenn. 8/11/2014-8/17/2014

GlobalFest

Calgary, Alberta 8/15/2014-8/24/2014

Crow Fair & Rodeo

Crow Agency, Mont. 8/16/2014-8/17/2014 Québec City International **Festival of Military Bands**

Québec City, Québec 8/19/2014-8/24/2014

Historic Lewiston Jazz Festival

> Lewiston, N.Y. 8/22/2014-8/23/2014

Gold Rush Days

Sacramento, Calif. 8/29/2014-9/1/2014

Colorado Balloon Classic

Colorado Springs, Colo. 8/30/2014-9/1/2014

Feast Portland

Portland, Ore. 9/2014 (TBA)

South Carolina Apple **Festival**

Walhalla, S.C. 9/2/2014-9/7/2014

Ottawa Folk Festival

Ottawa, Ontario 9/4/2014-9/7/2014

Festival of the Vine

Geneva, Ill. 9/5/2014-9/7/2014

 Hampton Beach Seafood **Festival**

> Hampton, N.H. 9/5/2014-9/7/2014

Star-Spangled Spectacular

> Baltimore, Md. 9/6/2014-9/16/2014

O The Big E

West Springfield, Mass. 9/12/2014-9/28/2014

Kentucky Bourbon **Festival**

> Bardstown, Ky. 9/16/2014-9/21/2014

Bourne Scallop Festival

Buzzards Bay, Mass. 9/19/2014-9/21/2014

North Platte Rail Fest

North Platte, Neb. 9/19/2014-9/21/2014

Farm-to-Fork Festival

Sacramento, Calif. 9/20/2014-9/27/2014

O Virginia Beach Neptune **Festival**

> Virginia Beach, Va. 9/25/2014-9/28/2014

Custer State Park Annual **Buffalo Roundup & Arts Festival**

> Custer, S.D. 9/26/2014-9/28/2014

Norsk Høstfest

Minot, N.D. 9/30/2014-10/4/2014

Haunted Happenings

Salem, Mass. 10/1/2014-10/31/2014

BayFest

Mobile, Ala. 10/3/2014-10/5/2014

Galena Oktoberfest

Galena, Ill. 10/4/2014

2014 Albuquerque American Indian Arts **Festival**

> Albuuqerque, N.M. 10/4/2014-10/5/2014

Feast of the Hunters' Moon

> West Lafayette, Ind. 10/4/2014-10/5/2014

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

> Albuquerque, N.M. 10/4/2014-10/12/2014

Fall Okanagan Wine **Festival**

> Kelowna, British Columbia 10/4/2014-10/14/2014

Carolina Renaissance **Festival**

> Huntersville, N.C. 10/4/2014-11/23/2014

Cruisin' The Coast

Biloxi, Miss. 10/5/2014-10/12/2014

43rd Annual Louisiana **Gumbo Festival of** Chackbay

> Thibodaux, La. 10/10/2014-10/12/2014

Belle's Big Birthday Bash, A Centennial Celebration

Louisville, Ky. 10/15/2014-10/19/2014

Texas Rose Festival

Tyler, Texas 10/16/2014-10/19/2014

New River Gorge Bridge Day

> Oak Hill, W.Va. 10/18/2014

Delaware Wine & Beer **Festival**

> Dover, Del. 10/19/2014

Chrysanthemum Festival at Longwood Gardens

> Kennett Square, Pa. 10/25/2014-11/23/2014

World Championship Punkin Chunkin

> Nassau, Del. 10/31/2014-11/2/2014

Peter Anderson Arts & **Crafts Festival**

> Ocean Springs, Miss. 11/1/2014-11/2/2014

Ozark Mountain Christmas

> Branson, Mo. 11/1/2014-12/31/2014

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> Myrtle Beach, S.C. 11/4/2014-11/18/2014

Christmas at Beauvoir -Festival of Trees

> Biloxi, Miss. 11/6/2014-1/5/2015

The Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival

> Pensacola, Fla. 11/7/2014-11/9/2014

Christmas at Biltmore®

Asheville, N.C. 11/7/2014-1/4/2015

Pigeon Forge Winterfest

Pigeon Forge, Tenn. 11/11/2014-2/28/2015

Winter Festival of Lights

Wheeling, W.Va. 11/14/2014-1/4/2015

Christmas in Hershev

Hershey, Pa. 11/14/2014-1/1/2015

Christmas Capital of Texas

> Grapevine, Texas 11/14/2014-1/4/2015

Christmas at the Galt **House Hotel**

> Louisville, Kv. 11/15/2014-1/1/2015

Winterfest of Lights

Ocean City, Md. 11/20/2014-1/4/2015

Busch Gardens **Christmas Town**

> Williamsburg, Va. 11/21/2014-12/31/2014

Southern Lights

Lexington, Ky. 11/21/2014-12/31/2014

A Country Christmas at **Gaylord Opryland**

> Nashville, Tenn. 11/21/2014-1/4/2015

America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration

Plymouth, Mass. 11/22/2014-11/24/2014

Bright Nights at Forest Park

> Springfield, Mass. 11/26/2014-1/1/2015

Macy's Thanksgiving Day **Parade**

> New York, N.Y. 11/27/2014

Christmas Traditions

St. Charles, Mo. 11/28/2014-12/24/2014

Christmas on the Pecos

Carlsbad, N.M. 11/28/2014-12/31/2014

Vintage Christmas in **Portsmouth**

> Portsmouth, N.H. 12/1/2014-12/31/2014

Christmas at the Library

Charlotte, N.C. 12/1/2014-12/23/2014

Kennebunkport **Christmas Prelude**

> Kennebunkport, Maine 12/5/2014-12/13/2014

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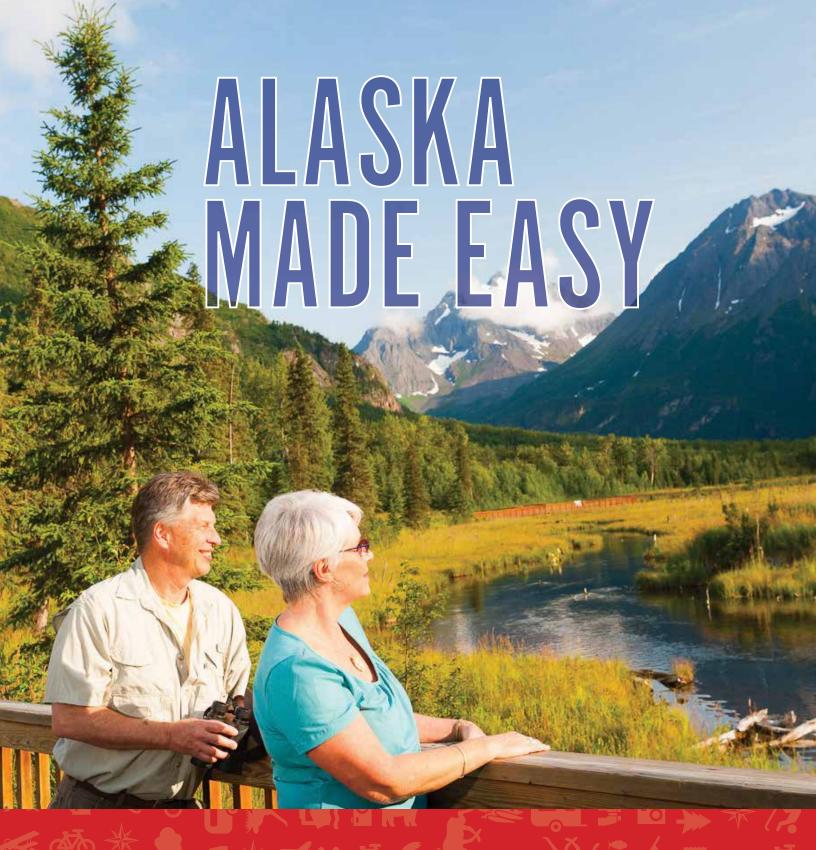
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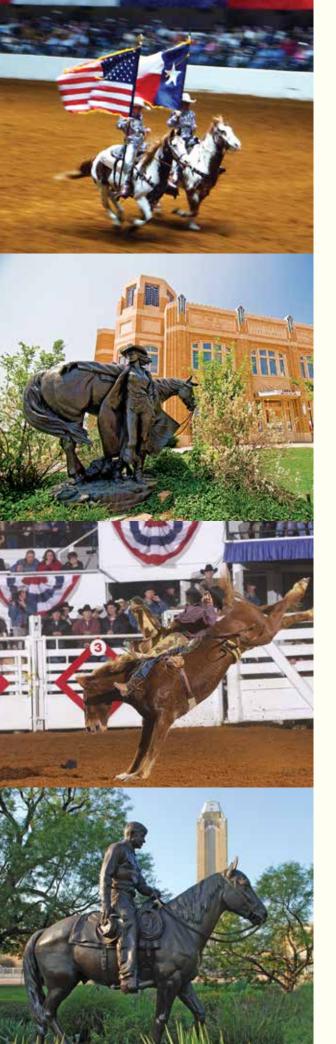








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